

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Must Try Harder!

Do we fondly imagine that people ought to love us just the way we are? We are told often enough that God loves us, warts and all. But do we carry this belief through life with not much thought of betterment?

In today's parable a king invites guests to his son's wedding. When the guests refuse to turn up, the king extends the invitation to a different set of guests, both good and bad. The guests fill the wedding hall, but as they do so, the king notices one man not wearing a wedding robe and he has him bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness! The consequences for not wearing the right outfit seem overly harsh as far as this poor guest is concerned, but of course the parable has not really very much to do with wedding receptions and even less to do with wearing the right tie. The overriding theme in this story is to do with standards.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is open to all but that doesn't mean that anyone and everyone can stroll into heaven. Just as guests make an effort to be correctly dressed for a wedding, so too must we put in the preparation and effort to be accepted into God's Kingdom.

The guest who was thrown out of the wedding feast for his cavalier 'accept me just the way I am' attitude presents a warning for us all. Too often we go about our daily routines not feeling any need to live life better. Far too often we look on our Christianity as making choices between good and evil, and we are confident that we rarely choose evil. But Jesus is asking more of us than simply choosing between right and wrong, he is asking us to choose between good and an even greater good. What we imagine is our 'best' very rarely is.

Just as the guest in today's parable did little more than turn up to the wedding, so we live life going through the motions but not much more. Accepting God's invitation to join him is only the first step, it's how we live out that acceptance that really matters.



**PARISH PRAYER** – Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love might grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**  
 [28<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 4]

### MASSES in the PARISH

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| <b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>  | 18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i> | For the People of the Parish   |
| <b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | 09.00 MASS                        | <b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>K.A. Cyriac, Henessa Jossy & Jossy<br>Thomas (Birthday int's) (CC)<br>Elaine Smith+ (JD) |
|  | 11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>   |  |
| <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | 10.00 MASS                        | <b>Feria</b><br>Anisha Cyriac+ (CC)  |
| <b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | 10.00 MASS                        | <b>St Ignatius of Antioch</b><br>Breda Byrne+ (AB)   |
| <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b> | 10.00 MASS                        | <b>St LUKE</b><br>Brendan Clohessy+ (AB)   |
| <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>  | 10.00 MASS & ADORATION            | <b>Feria</b><br>Des Butterfield (90 <sup>th</sup> birthday int's) (BW)   |
| <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | - No Mass today                   | <b>Feria</b>   |
| <b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>  | 18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i> | <b>Feria</b>   |
| <b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>    | 09.00 MASS                        | <b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>For the People of the Parish   |
|  | 11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>   | Halina Rafalska+   |

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30**  
**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass**

*Rosary & Morning Prayer are said weekdays before Mass from 09:15.*

*For Live Streamed Masses Search for Dereham Catholic Church on YouTube, or use the following link:*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbzezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** James Gallagher, Julian Attenborough, Elaine Smith, Michael Reavey, Josephine Kendrick, Monica Hodac, James Reavey, Barbara Kellett, Bertha Credland, Michael Hogan, Rosina Izzy, Percy Thompson. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Hospital Visits:** If you or any member of your family is admitted to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and would like to have a visit from a Catholic Priest, please inform a nurse on the ward and contact will be made through the Chaplaincy. If you are admitted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn, please contact Fr. Peter Rollings at the Presbytery on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before going into hospital, please contact Fr. Jay either by phone or by email.

**Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for:** Shirley Liebenhals, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Colette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Fr. Brendan, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Ena Marie Mifsud, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Kevin Pugh, Joy Bussey, Diana Conney.

**Ken May+ - The Funeral Mass for Ken May+ will be held in the parish at 1100 on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023.**

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £303.85 and £104.10 for CAFOD. Offertory donations by Standing Order for September 2023 amounted to £1,876.00. Thank you.

**World Mission Day: 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023** – Next Sunday is World Mission Day and there will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend for *Missio (APF)*.

**130 Club Draw for October 2023** - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Ticket No. 51, Peter Duffield; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Ticket No. 95, Kate Crowley; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 47, Stephen Smith; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 184, Maureen Jessup; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 26, Mad. Knight. (*Winnings will be available from 1100 Mass, 15<sup>th</sup> October, onwards.*)

**Parish Auction & Fundraising** – in aid of the Parish and 'Let the Children Live.' Forms are available at the back of church for those who have items for the auction on **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October at 1800 for 1830** in the Emmaus Room. Please deliver items for sale to the church a week before the auction.



Thanks to Helen Wood for last week's church flowers decorations, and to our regular donors to the foodbank, our church cleaners, and our Mass collection counters.

**And from the SVP** – Many thanks to all who made our Mass of the Sick on Thursday a memorable occasion. Firstly, thanks to Fr. Jay for facilitating in such a moving way, secondly to our sick who we couldn't do without, your prayer life

keeps the Parish going, we need Marys as well as Marthas. To the parishioners who supported, those who gave lifts or contributed to the day. God Bless you all.

**All Saints Celebration: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October** - The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham invites you to join them at their convent in Dereham to celebrate the upcoming Solemnity of All Saints! You can drop in anytime from 4pm – 7:30pm. Throughout the evening there will be a bring & share buffet, adoration, games and craft activities, a Catholic quiz at 5:30pm, hymns and prayers at 6:30pm, along with an optional come dressed as a saint! All ages welcome. Please RSVP to [office@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto:office@walsinghamcommunity.org) or call 01362 692574.

| Parish Events for the week 15 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> October |  |
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| Sunday: 1100   | <b>Children's Liturgy</b> ( <i>for children Yr.1 to 1<sup>st</sup> Communion</i> ) |
| Tuesday: 1900  | <b>Youth Club Chess &amp; Table Tennis</b> – Emmaus Room.                          |
| Wednesday: From 1830 for 1900 start                                    | <b>Film Showing:</b> 'Sound of Freedom' PG13 – Emmaus Room                         |
| Thursday: 1730-1830  | <b>First Communion Class</b> – Emmaus Room   |
| Friday: 10.00  | <b>Parish Gardening Club</b> – Parish grounds & garden. Volunteers welcome.        |

**Parish Diary – Please note the following dates:**

- **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023** – All Saints' Day. Holyday of Obligation – Mass will be at 1730.
- **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023** – Mass at 1800 will be dedicated in remembrance of those whose Funeral Services or Masses are held in the Parish
- **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023** - Remembrance Sunday will be marked at the 1100 Mass
- **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023** – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: As this is also the Sacerdotal Anniversary of Fr. Jay, Mass will be at 1130, followed by lunch in the Emmaus Room.
- **Christmas Masses:**
  - \* **Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December**
    - 1800 Carols
    - 1830 Christmas Eve Mass
    - 1030 Midnight Mass
  - \* **Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December**
    - 1000 Christmas Day Mass

**Don't Forget! The Parish Christmas Party** will be taking place on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at Yaxham Village Hall from 12 noon – 6.00 p.m.

**Shared Accommodation Needed** – A parishioner is looking for a shared accommodation as she wants to transfer to a quieter place. If you know of such a place, please contact the parish office.