

Rise Up – A special event for young people and catechists, Saturday November 11th - A special event for young people (Year 7 upwards), catechists and youth leaders to be empowered to *Rise Up* and celebrate World Youth Sunday in their own parishes, later in the November. Amongst other activities, there will be live music, inspiring talks and good food! Held at St. John's Cathedral, Norwich. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service. See www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more details.

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Torn - We live our lives torn in many directions. From the moment we wake up there are a hundred and one claims on our time. We have to look after our homes and our families. We have to go to work and deal with a whole range of tasks from the very important to the totally banal. We have to fill in forms, pay bills, make calls, answer emails, maintain the car, and pick up the shopping. If we're very lucky we might just squeeze in a bit of leisure time.

The Pharisees and the Herodians in today's gospel decided to set a trap for Jesus. "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor," they asked, "or not?" they were confident that they had put Jesus in a 'no win' situation. If Jesus said "taxes should be paid to Caesar, then this was something akin to treason. If however Jesus said that the taxes should be paid, he would be denounced by the strict Jews. Jesus replied, "Give to the emperor, the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's."

It is tempting to imagine that Jesus might have been talking about compartments. We imagine a compartment for things belonging to Caesar, and a compartment for things belonging to God. Of course there could be no such compartments, because as we know everything comes from God, so everything must belong to God. So had Jesus really answered the question, or merely sidestepped it?

Perhaps today we struggle with Jesus' answer as much as the Pharisees and Herodians must have done. Perhaps we see life as a conflict between God's claim on us and all life's other claims in just the way God's enemies were suggesting. Perhaps we try to put God into a Sunday morning compartment and even that will conflict with the children's football and the D.I.Y. What Jesus tells us today is liberating. Once we learn to allow God into every corner of our lives our lives become whole instead of torn and fragmented. Once we know that our only loyalty is to God there can be no conflict.



Don't forget! – Clocks go back one hour next weekend.

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Sunday 22nd October 2023 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
 [29th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 1]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 21st October 18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	
Sunday 22nd October 09.00 MASS 11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (World Mission Day) For the People of the Parish Halina Rafalska+
Monday 23rd October 10.00 MASS	Feria
Tuesday 24th October 10.00 MASS	Feria
Wednesday 25th October 10.00 MASS	Feria
Thursday 26th October 10.00 MASS & ADORATION	Feria
Friday 27th October - No Mass today	Feria
Saturday 28th October 18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Ss Simon & Jude
Sunday 29th October 09.00 MASS 11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People of the Parish

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: Catherine Foley, Peter Giles, Winifred King, Bernadette Winstanley, Fr. Harry Wace, Francis Perrin, Marie Jones, Thelma Mary Therese Duval, Thelma Jones, George Marshall. *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.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £285.99 and £10 for CAFOD. Thank you.

World Mission Day – This Sunday is World Mission Day and there is a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for *Missio (APF)*.

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, 27th October at 1930**. Please deliver items for sale to the church by Wednesday for listing. The auction will be preceded by a light supper at **1830**. Please indicate on the list provided if you wish to eat (for catering purposes).

The Book of Remembrance will be out during the month of November - Please write the name/s of your beloved dead on the Book to be prayed for and for your donation, little envelopes are provided next to it.

Wednesday, 1st November - Solemnity of All Saints (Holyday of Obligation) – Mass will be at 1730.

Ken May's Funeral Mass: Thursday, 2nd November in the Parish, 1100am. As we mourn for the passing of Ken May, please acknowledge by joining us in this sad moment of the Parish.

1800 Mass Saturday, 11th November 2023 - This Mass is dedicated in remembrance of those whose Funeral Services or Masses are held in the Parish during the year. Please remember them in your prayers, as some of their family member will be joining us at this Mass:

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| +Jose Antonio Pereira | +Peter Francis Brown |
| +Frances Saville-King | +Julian Spetch |
| +Ken May | |

Remembrance Sunday: 12th November at the 1100 Mass.

8th December: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - As this is also the 6th Sacerdotal Anniversary of Fr Jay, **Mass will be at 1130**, followed by lunch in the Emmaus Room. You may bring your food to share. This falls on a Friday, but also as this is a Solemnity, eating meat is dispensed.

Parish Events for the week 22 nd – 28 th October	
Sunday: 1100	No Children's Liturgy – half-term break
Tuesday: 1900	Youth Club Chess & Table Tennis – Emmaus Room.
Wednesday: 1730	No 1st Communion Class – half term break
Friday: 10.00	Parish Gardening Club – Parish grounds & garden. Volunteers welcome.
Friday: 1915	No Altar Servers' Group – half term break
Saturday: 1600-1930	All Saints' Celebration – Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, House of Divine Will Convent, Dereham. A drop-in event. Activities include: bring & share buffet, adoration, games & crafts, a Catholic quiz at 1730, hymns & prayers at 1830. All ages welcome. Optional come dressed as a saint! RSVP to office@walsinghamcommuniity.org or 01362 692574.

Posada – The Posada is back. Families are invited to house the Posada at their homes for a night or two. Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (3rd December) and finishing on 23rd December. To take part, please sign up on the form provided at the back of church (name & contact details only).

Christmas Masses:

- 24th December -1800 Carols
1830 Christmas Eve Mass
1030 Midnight Mass
- 25th December - 1000 Christmas Day Mass
- 26th December - 1030 St Stephen (*Feast*): Altar Servers' Mass, & afterwards chess and table tennis tournament and pizza

SVP – Terri Sanderson writes that the Ukrainian centre in Dereham is now hosting help for Afghanistan people who fled the Taliban regime because they were involved with the British. There is great need here, especially for underwear, socks and large saucepans.

Many thanks for your positive response to the Parish Stewardship Programme. It only expresses the community's concomitant commitment to the welfare of the Parish in all levels. Also, for last week's Church flower decorations, we thank Jan Duffield, our foodbank regular givers, Mass collection counters, and the greeters' guild.

