

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Love, Love, Love

In that inimitable pop song, the Beatles tell us, “All you need is love...,” but is that just a sentimental ideal? Don’t we need other things as well like food, homes, jobs, clothes, education and laws to make a happy and safe society?

In today’s gospel a lawyer employed by the Pharisees asks Jesus a question. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” It’s another ‘loaded’ question. The religious leaders had devised six hundred and thirteen commandments. If Jesus were to pick on one commandment as being more important than another then it would be to negate one of the other six hundred and twelve. But Jesus manages not to invalidate any one of the commandments. Rather, he chooses the commandment that underpins all the others. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

It is difficult to think of a human situation that can’t be remedied by a mutual love. Love in this context is not the warm fuzzy feelings that come in a Valentines card, but a deep empathy and compassion for fellow human beings. “It’s easy ...” sing the Beatles. Well not at first perhaps. It’s sometimes difficult to even like the people we meet, let alone love them. Love takes practice. Love is seeing the similarities between ourselves and not the differences. Love sees that everyone wants the same things and needs the same things. Love starts by the little things we do for each other and gradually turns into a permanent state of being. Only then can we really claim to love God. We cannot claim to love God if we dislike or have a deep disdain for those around us.

Love starts in the mind, so start thinking today and every day how best to love and serve our neighbours.

Bitesize - ‘Never look down on anybody unless you’re helping him up.’
~Jesse Jackson



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 29th October 2023 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
 [30th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH		
Saturday 28th October		
18.00	First MASS of Sunday	
Sunday 29th October		
09.00	MASS	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Kathleen Carroll+ (CC)
		For the People of the Parish
Monday 30th October		
10.00	MASS	Feria
Tuesday 31st October		
10.00	MASS	Feria
Wednesday 1st November		
16.30-17.15	EXPOSITION	ALL SAINTS. Solemnity. Holyday of Obligation.
17.30	MASS	For the People of the Parish
Thursday 2nd November		
11.00	Funeral Mass for Ken May+.	All Souls’ Day
Friday 3rd November		
-	No Mass today	Feria
Saturday 4th November		
18.00	First MASS of Sunday	St Charles Borromeo
		For the People of the Parish
Sunday 5th November		
09.00	MASS	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Ken May+ & Brenda May+ (MK)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 17.30

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: Thomas Bane, Minnie Andrews, Filippo Salamone, Anna Petruzzello. *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, John Richardson.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £328.11 and £114.27 for the *Missio* collection. Thank you.

For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: **Catholic Church of Dereham**. The Sort Code is: **40-20-08** and the Account number is: **11311115**. If you are a tax payer, please also consider **Gift Aid**. **Gift Aid forms** are available at the back of church. This will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

Book of Remembrance – The book of Remembrance will be out during the month of November for you to write in the names of your beloved dead to be prayed for during Mass and for your donation, little envelopes are provided.

Weds. 1st November: Solemnity of All Saints (Holyday of Obligation) – Mass will be at 1730, preceded by Exposition from 1630.

Ken May+ - The Funeral Mass for Ken May takes place in the parish this Thursday, 2nd November at 1100.

Parish Music Practice - Judy Reid is happy to offer her time and talent to teach us hymns that will be used at Mass. This will be happening twice a month. Dates and time will be confirmed in the coming weeks. Please, make time for this important aspect of the Liturgy, the Sacred Music.



For last week's Church flower decorations, we thank Beth Theedam, and also our regular foodbank givers, Mass collection counters, and the greeters' guild.

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.

Parish Events for the week 29th October – 4th November	
Sunday: 1100	No Children's Liturgy – half-term break
Tuesday: 1900	Youth Club Chess & Table Tennis – Emmaus Room.
Thursday: 1730-1830	First Communion Class - Emmaus Room
Friday: 10.00	Parish Gardening Club – Parish grounds & garden. Volunteers welcome.
Friday: 1915-2030	Altar Servers' Group – Emmaus Room

Posada – Making Room for Jesus this Christmas – Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib. Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each 'host' the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives. Will you be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night? If you'd like to be a host, please add your name & contact details to the Journey Rota by 1st December.

CAFOD Emergency Appeal - Donate to the Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal. The terrible situation in Israel and occupied Palestinian territory is tearing lives apart. Your donation today will allow CAFOD to provide urgent, practical help to the families who need it, as soon as it's safe to do so. You can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/?form=israelipalestiniancrisis

Red Wednesday 2023: Break the silence on Christian Persecution - Red Wednesday, an annual initiative from Aid to the Church in Need returns again this year on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 with a special focus on Africa. Christians in Africa are enduring a 70% increase in violence. Africa is now a priority for ACN with 9 countries in the emergency category. In a bid to seek awareness and justice, Aid to the Church in Need is asking Christians to light up and speak out for our brothers and sisters around the world, by wearing red, lighting up our churches, schools, buildings, and landmarks in red again this year.