

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow



We 'know not the hour nor the day' and when death finally catches us out, we can all too often be filled with regrets and "if only's". 'If only ...' we say after the death of a loved one. If only we'd spared our ageing parents more time. If only we'd made up that old family rift. If only we'd told our children that we loved them. And what of the deceased themselves? Every day people die unexpectedly. Every day people die in road accidents, as the result of violent crime, sudden illness or as the result of natural disaster. Thousands of people wake up every morning not suspecting that this day might be their last. Death is the final curtain by which time we must be prepared to meet our maker. It's a message we've heard over and over .... so why don't we heed it?

Life is full of deadlines. We have deadlines by which we must finish essays, complete projects, submit job applications, apply for loans or make payments. Life is always demanding that we make preparations. We make preparations for work, for exams, for holidays, for visitors, for weddings, birthdays and a hundred and one other occasions. But for the greatest test of all, that of meeting our maker we are curiously unprepared. Deep down we all know that we could be better Christians. Deep down we know there are things that we should be getting round to, but somehow, we never do. Those great deeds we are planning can always wait until tomorrow, after all, unexpected death is only something that happens to other people, isn't it? Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow!

The five foolish virgins in today's gospel were caught wanting. When the bridegroom they were awaiting arrived unexcitedly in the middle of the night, they were caught unprepared. Their lamps were empty. In a panic they tried to borrow oil from the five wise virgins, but the five wise virgins were unable to help. The message here is that we cannot borrow our way into heaven; we can only enter the kingdom by our own merits. Today's gospel promotes urgency. We must not put off until tomorrow what we can do today. Do we make the most of opportunities to do good deeds as and when they arise? Do we make the right choices conscientiously on a daily basis? Do we live every day as though it were our last? If we are doing all of these things, we have no need to fear the unexpected.



**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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**– Year A [Remembrance Sunday]**  
 [32<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 4]

### MASSES in the PARISH

<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<i>In Remembrance of those whose funeral services or Masses are held in the parish</i>
18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
09.00 MASS	For the People of the Parish
11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	For the War Dead
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 MASS	Rosemary Oakes+ (CP)
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 MASS	John Robinson+ & Joan Robinson's Ints. (TB)
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 MASS	Peter John Bussey+ (JB)
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 MASS & ADORATION	
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
- No Mass today	
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
09.00 MASS	For Emily Rose Bingham (Ints.) (JB)
11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Phyllis+ & Ron Thurstance+ (JD)

**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 link on the parish website.*

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Nora Teresa Holliday, Fred Moorcroft, Harry Dyer, Joseph Monks, Hilda Baldry, Pat Westall, Pamela O’Kane, Tommy Durkan, Andree Whitlam. *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.

**Fr. Brendan** has moved to 110 Cryspen Court, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1EP.

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £360.51. Thank you.

To make 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**. For tax payers, **Gift Aid forms** are available at the back of church.

<b>Parish Events for the week 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
Sunday: 11:00 Mass	<b>Children’s Liturgy</b> (for children <i>in Y1 to 1st Holy Communion age</i> )
Monday: 14:00-1600	<b>Tea Buddies:</b> Monthly get-together for a friendly natter over a cuppa – Emmaus Room. All welcome. Every second Monday of the month. 
Tuesday: 19:00	<b>Youth Club Chess &amp; Table Tennis</b> – Emmaus Room.
Thursday 17:30-18:30	<b>First Communion Class</b> – Emmaus Room
Friday: 10:00	<b>Parish Gardening Club</b> – Parish grounds & garden. Volunteers welcome.
Friday: 19:15-20:30	<b>Altar Servers Group</b> – Emmaus Room

**Please note** – There will be **no Mass**, on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November** to allow for transitional preparation for Advent.

**Filipino Simbang Gabi** (Traditional Filipino Christmas Dawn Mass) – **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 19:00.**

**Parish Music Practice** - Judy Reid is happy to offer her time and talent to teach us hymns that will be used at the Mass. This will be happening twice a month starting next year after the Epiphany on Tuesdays at 10:30.

**Vocation Invitation** - A note for young men who may have considered a vocation to the priesthood. There will be a gathering of those who feel that God may be calling them to be a priest, even if this desire is in its very early stages. Come to St John's Cathedral in Norwich for the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> and afterwards in Cathedral House (attached to the Cathedral) to meet Bishop Peter Collins and others for lunch and an informal meeting about vocations. If you intend coming, please email our Vocations Director, Canon Patrick Cleary, [vocations@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdea.org.uk), by Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, so that we know how many will be present for lunch.

For last week’s Church’s flower decoration, we thank Jan Duffield, our foodbank regular givers, Mass collection counters, church cleaners’ team, and the greeters’ guild.



**Remembrance Sunday** - On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918 the guns of Europe fell silent. After four years of the most bitter and devastating fighting, The Great War was finally over. The Armistice was signed at 5am in a railway carriage in the Forest of Compiègne, France on November 11, 1918. Six hours later, at 11am, the war ended.

- Pray for peace and reconciliation between nations, that enemies may put aside all differences.
- Pray for all those who have died through war or acts of violence in defence of our country; may we never forget their sacrifice.

**Call for a ceasefire in the Holy Land: CAFOD Online Petition** - Thousands of people have been killed across Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory as the region witnesses the deadliest days in recent history. We know more violence cannot be the answer. CAFOD is urging us to email the UK Foreign Secretary to urge the UK to play its part in upholding international law, ensuring humanitarian aid can reach people in need, and works with other world leaders to secure a lasting peace for the region. Go to: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**Homes for Ukraine Matching Service** – Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we’d love to hear from you. Please visit <https://slog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

**Bitesize** - You may delay, but time will not. ~Benjamin Franklin