

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**No Pain No Gain** - The third servant in today's parable was trying to bury a responsibility that he wished to avoid. The treasure he had been given was an opportunity for him to invest and please his master, but instead of putting himself out, he buried the treasure where he could forget about it and go about his own affairs. Buried deep, the treasure was no longer an uncomfortable reminder of his master's expectations. Meanwhile, the other two servants, realising

that there is no gain without pain, risked everything on their master's account. They invested and multiplied their gifts, and their master was pleased by their efforts.

Like the three servants in this story we too have been given talents and gifts, and with those talents comes a responsibility to use those talents as an opportunity to make the world a better place. Our talents are varied, some great some small but we are all gifted in some way. Some have high profile and very obvious talents ... there are those who are great musicians, surgeons, sports people and scientists. The rest of us might have less obvious talents. We might have a talent for caring, listening, speaking, growing things or solving practical problems. Whatever our particular gift we are urged to step out with it ... stick our neck on the line and invest our gifts in God's cause. God will not be so impressed if we are too afraid, embarrassed or lazy to use our talents. Ever heard the expression 'Use it or lose it.' If we ignore our gifts long enough, there will come a time when we can no longer rely upon them. This is what happened to the third servant.

One of the excuses that the third servant made for not investing his gift was that he was fearful of losing it. But the message today is not to be fearful. God never asks us to do something we are not capable of doing, and he is not judging us by our levels of productivity. The master in the story did not judge the third servant for producing nothing from his gift, but rather for being lazy and for his bitter indifference to his master's generosity. The master would not have judged him harshly, if he had tried his best but failed.

Today we are invited to look again at what gifts we have been given and how we are using them for the benefit of all. We are asked to examine what gifts we might be ignoring because we are too embarrassed or afraid, and we are asked to live a little dangerously and invest more of ourselves in God's cause.



**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 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A [33<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 1]

### MASSSES in the PARISH

<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b> 18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish <b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>- World Day of the Poor -</b>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b> 09.00 MASS 11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	For Emily Rose Bingham Ints. (JB) Phyllis & Ron Thurstance+ (JD) <b>St Edmund, King, Martyr</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b> 10.00 MASS	<b>The Presentation of the BVM</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b> 10.00 MASS	<b>St Cecilia</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b> 10.00 MASS	<b>Feria</b> For Elvira Lobo (Thanksgiving)
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b> 10.00 MASS & ADORATION	<b>Ss Andrew Dúng-Lac &amp; Companions</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b> - No Mass today	<b>Feria</b>
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b> 18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Solemnity. (Youth Day)</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b> 09.00 MASS 11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	

**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:** Renée Howard, Kathleen Burrows, Inacio Lapa, William Goodwin, Gwen Lovelace, Tom Thorpe, Elsie Smart, Anna Tompkins, Bridget Moorcroft, Florence Thorpe, Rita Smith. *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 £308.12. 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.

**130 Club Draw for November 2023** - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Ticket No. 58, Peter Clough; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Ticket No. 85, Nora Fahy; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 29, Richard Grout; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 171, Andrew Cwiczek; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 90, Marion Ring-Davies.

**NO MASS** on the following dates – **28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November**, to allow for transitional preparation for the coming Advent season.

<b>Parish Events for the week 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
Sunday: 1100	<b>Children's Liturgy</b> (for children in Y1 to 1st Holy Communion age)
Tuesday: 1900	<b>Youth Club Chess &amp; Table Tennis</b> – Emmaus Room.
Thursday: 1730-1830	<b>First Communion Class</b> – Emmaus Room
Friday: 10.00	<b>Garden Club</b> – Volunteers are asked to please contact Sonia on 07985 521578 for next meeting date.

**Filipino Simbang Gabi** (Traditional Filipino Christmas Dawn Mass) – Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1900.

**The Creed in Advent** – During this coming Advent, we shall be using the Apostles' Creed at Mass until Christmas Day.

**Articles for 'The Shack' December issue:** If you have an article for the parish magazine, *The Shack*, this December, please submit it to Elaine or forward it to Fr Jay at the Parish email. The theme will focus on the Incarnation as God's gift. Deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**Christmas Mass Times** – Please note the following arrangements:

- **24<sup>th</sup> December: Fourth Sunday of Advent** - Sunday Mass times will be as usual, i.e. (Saturday) 1800, Sunday 0900 and 1100. Fr. James Walsh will be kindly celebrating the 0900 & 1100 Masses for us.
- **24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Eve:** 1800 Carols  
1830 Christmas Eve Mass  
2230 Midnight Mass
- **25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day:** 1000 Christmas Day Mass
- **26<sup>th</sup> December: St Stephen, Feast** (Boxing Day) - 1030 Altar Servers' Mass (and afterwards chess & table tennis tournament and pizza).



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

**Parish Stewardship** - Thank you to those of you who have returned forms. Just a last call to anyone who would still like to return them. Copies are available at the back of the church. We will then contact people offering time or talents. Just give to Fr Jay, place in the collection basket next weekend or post through the presbytery letterbox.

**A Day of Prayer for Peace before the Blessed Sacrament**, here on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 8:30am to 5:30pm**. The Rota consisting of one-hour slots for the day is available at the back of the church – please put down the time(s) when you can take part, and please be generous in the giving of your time to honour Our Lord in the Holy Sacrament and in praying that His peace may reign in our hearts, in our homes and throughout the world.

**Parish Christmas Party Planning Meeting** - Anyone willing to be involved in planning the Parish Christmas Party is invited to a meeting in the Emmaus Room on **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7:00pm**.

**Wanted:** suitable items for a Christmas Raffle to be drawn at the Christmas Party. These can be left with Fr Jay.

**Advent Calendars, Christmas cards and other Greeting Cards** for sale after all Masses this week-end and next week-end.