

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

### Being Accountable



If we are honest none of us relish the idea of judgment or accountability. Perhaps we have this uncomfortable feeling that we are not really doing all we could or all we should. The even more frightening realisation is that if we suspect we are not doing all we could .... we probably aren't!

On the Day of Judgment humankind will be assembled and the good will be told "Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you .... I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." The criteria for final judgement is crystal clear, we

will be simply judged on very simple acts of love and compassion. We are asked to see Jesus in the beggar on the street, the starving children on our TV sets, the refugees in our city hostels and the sick or vulnerable people in our parishes and communities. It sounds easy, so why do we so often fail to respond?

We fail to respond to need, when we find it difficult to share our resources or our time. We fail to respond when we cannot recognise need or when we jump onto some kind of moral high ground. We fail to respond when we are so wrapped in our own lives that opportunities to recognise need in others simply passes us by. Worst of all, we fail to respond when we simply can't be bothered.

Today's gospel is like a sneak preview of an exam paper, but having a sneak preview isn't enough, if we want to pass the test, we need to respond to the needy on a daily basis in order to recognise Jesus in our lives.

**Bitesize** – 'The one thing I would guess about the Lord of Judgment is that He probably won't blame your parents.' ~ *Robert Brault*



**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 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year A

[34<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 2]

#### MASSES in the PARISH

<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i> Sam Preston (KP)
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Christ the King (Youth Day)</b>
09.00	MASS For the People of the Parish
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i> Raymond Wong Wai Bun (KP)
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00	MASS Jean Maine Galimam (KP)
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00	MASS Jonathon Cheah Wei Jen (KP)
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
-	No Mass today
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>St Andrew, Patron of Scotland</b>
-	No Mass today
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Feria</b>
-	No Mass today
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>Feria</b>
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i> Rosemary Preston (KP)
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent (Migrants' Day)</b>
09.00	MASS John Merrick+ (Foundation Mass)
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i> For the People of the Parish

#### 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 link on the parish website.

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Emma Jane Talmadge, Evelyn Goodenough, Winifred Lovesay, Joseph Barker, Madeline Lambert, Mary Lambert, Frederick Shelock, Charles O’Kane, Mona Murphy, John Lawrence, James Hooper, Jean English, Brenda May, Phyllis Howell. *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.

**Funeral Service of Vincent Gauci** – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vincent Gauci, whose Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 13:30 in the Parish, as we offer our heartfelt condolences to the family.

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £283.60. Thank you.

**Changes to Mass Times this Week** – Please note there will be **NO Mass on Wednesday and Thursday this week (29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November)** to allow for transitional preparations for the commencement of the Advent season. From the First Sunday of Advent, the Lectionary changes to Year B on Sundays (Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1), and to Year II on weekdays.

**The Creed in Advent** - This coming Advent, we shall be using the Apostles’ Creed at Mass until Christmas Day.

**Posada** – There is still time to sign up to host Posada this Advent. If you would like to house the Posada in your home for a night or two, a form is provided at the back of church for you to sign up (contact details only).

**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.

**Latin Mass in Ordinary Form** - It has been suggested to have a Latin Mass in Ordinary Form, (different from the Tridentine Mass), every Thursday at 1000

which could begin after the Epiphany next year. If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to speak with Fr Jay about this matter.


**Parish Christmas Party on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at Yaxham Village Hall, at 12:45pm to 6:00pm** - This is a ticket only event so that sufficient food with minimum waste is provided. Tickets are £5 adults and £2 children. If providing food, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church and claim your FREE ticket for each dish you will bring. Tickets will be available after each Mass on weekends. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December. Looking forward to seeing you there and to having a jolly time together.

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

**Christmas Masses: Readers and Eucharistic Ministers** are required for the Masses over Christmas. Can volunteers please place their name on the roster, on the notice board at the back of the Church. Thank you.

<b>Parish Events for the week 26<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	
Sunday: 1100	<b>Children’s Liturgy</b> (for children <i>in Y1 to 1st Holy Communion age</i> )
Tuesday: 1900	<b>Youth Club Chess &amp; Table Tennis</b> – Emmaus Room.
Thursday, 1730-1830	<b>First Communion Class</b> – Emmaus Room
Friday: 1915-2030	<b>Altar Servers’ Group</b> – Emmaus Room
<b>Friday Garden Club</b> – Volunteers are asked to please contact Sonia on 07985 521578 for next meeting date.	

**Articles for ‘The Shack’ December issue** - The theme will focus on the Incarnation as God’s gift. Deadline for articles is 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Any items either to Elaine (elainewilkes182@btinternet.com) or Fr. Jay at parish email, please.



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

- 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 very kindly will be 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).