

**GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Wisdom's Banquet**

Wisdom and Folly are personified in the book of Proverbs. Each has laid on a banquet and we are invited to choose which to attend. Those who share the bread and wine offered at Wisdom's banquet will learn from the Lord and gain wisdom and life. Those who choose Folly's banquet will learn nothing more than to live by one's own thoughts and desires. The drama provides a backdrop for today's gospel reading.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Jesus is describing a spiritual diet in which we can achieve a union with him. We are what we consume. If we consume a diet of pulp fiction, junk television, consumer catalogues and gossip, our heads will end up full of trivia and poor priorities. If we consume a diet of thoughtful conversation, prayer selective reading and action based on faith we will be

worthier people as a result. So too when we celebrate the Eucharist, we become what we consume. We become God's people.

The invitation to eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood was too much for some of Jesus' earliest disciples. They turned their backs and walked away. Today we are given the same choice. The banquet is set and the guests are invited. We can choose between Wisdom and Folly. We can accept the invitation to spiritual nourishment through the Eucharist, or we can find our sustenance elsewhere.

**Bitesize** - We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future. ~George Bernard Shaw



**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 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 [Sundays Year B, 20<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 4]

<b>MASSES in the PARISH</b>		
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	09.00 MASS	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	+Norah Ryan (CP)
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>		In thanksgiving ( <i>Mariana Moniz</i> )
	10.00 Service of the Word & Holy Communion	<b>Feria</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>St Bernard</b>
	10.00 MASS	+Anisha Cyriac (CC)
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>		<b>St Pius X</b>
	10.00 MASS	+Lily Jose (CC)
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>		<b>The Queenship of the BVM</b>
	10.00 MASS & ADORATION	
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>		<b>Feria</b>
	- No Mass today	
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>St Bartholomew. Feast.</b>
	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	09.00 MASS	For the People of the Parish
	11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30</b> <b>EXPOSITION &amp; BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass</b>		

*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:** William Albert Schmidt, Julian Peter Spetch, Mary Porter, Richard Burrows, Catherine Todd, Adrian Sheath. *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, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Kevin Pugh, Joy Bussey, Dorothy Edwards, Pat Grout.

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £305.39. Offertory by Standing Order for July 2024: £2,370.00. 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.

**Parish BBQ** - The annual Parish BBQ will be taking place on **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 after the 11:00 Mass**, if you will be attending, please place your name on the list at the back of the church for catering purposes.



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**First Communion 2025** - Application forms are available at the back of the Church and on the website for children who are aged 7 starting Year 3 or above in September 2024. There will be a meeting for parents in September; classes will start in October 2024.

<b>Diary for the week 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
Monday: 1900-2030	<b>AA Group Meeting</b> - Emmaus Room
Wednesday: 1430	<b>Queen of Peace Prayer Group</b> – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
<b>Parish Garden Club</b> – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	

**Upcoming Activities:**

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August** | Parish Altar Servers' Bowling and Lunch

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September** | Parish BBQ and Lunch after 1100 Mass

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September** | Deanery Meeting at the Parish

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September** | Parish Yard Sale from 10.00 a.m.

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September** | Ordination of Dcn John Morrill at 1130 at the Cathedral

**Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** - For more information on how to take part go to <https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride-walk/> or see the poster & forms at the back of church. Volunteers will be needed on the day to welcome visitors. There will be a rota for this nearer the time. Please sign up if you are able to help.



**Parish Yard Sale, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September** – Thanks to everyone for the great response for donations of goods so far for our Yard Sale in September, with all proceeds going to church funds. To ensure the success of the sale, we are now in need of volunteers to help with the setting up and running of the sale on the day. If you can help, please let us know by signing the list at the back of church. There will then be a meeting for all volunteers on **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 2.00pm in the Emmaus Room**, to plan the arrangements for the day. With grateful thanks.

**International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition, 23<sup>rd</sup> August** - Slavery Remembrance Day is important because it helps us to commemorate the lives and deaths of millions of enslaved



Africans and their descendants who were central to the rise of Britain as an industrial power. We are asked to remember that slavery is not something for the history books. Slavery still exists today. Modern day slaves are not free to come and go. Many are chained or kept in locked rooms. They are forced to work without pay and are deprived of basic human rights. They have been kidnapped, sold or tricked into a life of suffering and deprivation. Modern day slaves are bought and sold as 'possessions' and are often abused and mistreated by their 'owners.'

We thank all our many parish volunteers and groups for their help each week in supporting the running and daily and spiritual life of the parish.