

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Midas Touch



Remember the story of King Midas? He was invited to make a wish, and he wished that everything he touched be turned to gold. At first the king had a whale of a time turning pots, vases, and simple household utensils into valuable objects. It didn't take him long however to work out that his love of gold was about to destroy everything most precious to him, as he turned food, butterflies and finally his beloved daughter into solid lumps of metal.

In many ways we are just as foolish as Midas. How many people do you know who won't go anywhere unless it's safe to park their brand-new car? How many of us watch the aid agency adverts and sympathise, yet decide we can't part with any cash right now? How many of us cannot get up and get involved in worthy causes because our work commitments come first? We are just the same as Midas. Our material concerns stand in the way of what is really important.

The man in today's gospel story was not a bad man; he had kept all God's commandments. This makes the story all the sadder, that he couldn't follow Jesus because of the one thing that stood in his way, his wealth. The man turned away, because he had much wealth and couldn't let go.

Today's gospel invites the question, 'Do we own our possessions, or do our possessions own us?'

Bitesize - A man is usually more careful of his money than of his principles.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.,



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 13th October 2024 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Sundays Year B, 28th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 4]

MASSES in the PARISH		Int.
Saturday 12th October		
18.00	First MASS of Sunday	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 13th October		13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00	MASS	+Paul Morris
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	+Elaine Smith (JD)
Monday 14th October		Feria
-	No Mass today	
Tuesday 15th October		St Teresa of Jesus
10.00	MASS	
Wednesday 16th October		Feria
10.00	MASS	
Thursday 17th October		St Ignatius of Antioch
10.00	MASS & ADORATION	For Betty & Ted Williams on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary
Friday 18th October		ST LUKE. Feast.
-	No Mass today	
Saturday 19th October		Feria
18.00	First MASS of Sunday	Harris Family's ints. I (JH)
Sunday 20th October		29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		World Mission Day
09.00	MASS	For the People of the Parish
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: Pat Rushton, James Gallagher, Julian Attenborough, Elaine Smith, Michael Reavey, Josephine Kendrick, Monica Hodac, James Reavey, Barbara Kellett, Bertha Credland, Michael Hogan. *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.

Funeral Mass of +Vivianne Soddy – Thursday, 24th October 2024 at 1100, in the Parish.

Funeral Service for +Frederick Beaven – Monday, 28th October at 1400, at Breckland Crematorium.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to the families of +Vivianne and +Frederick as we commend their souls to our merciful God.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £300.11 and £264.68 for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Thank you.

Next Sunday is World Mission Day and there will be a retiring collection for *Missio* (the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) after each Mass next weekend.

Prisons' Week – This week we are asked to pray for prisoners and their families.

Anti-slavery week, 18th October – Please be aware that this date is the UK's anti-slavery day. It is part of Anti-slavery Week running from 16th – 22nd October 2024.

Mass Count| (4/4) Every Sunday now until the 19th October - If we could at our best attendance on these Sundays.

Church Volunteer Cleaners Needed - Please contact Catherine Perkins or Fr Jay if you can spare two hours once every six weeks on a rota basis. Thank you.

Diary for the week 13 th – 19 th October 2024	
Sunday: 1100 Mass	Children's Liturgy - for children in Y1 to 1 st Holy Communion age.


Diary for the week 13 th – 19 th October 2024	
Monday: 1400-1600	Tea Buddies: Monthly get-together for a friendly natter over a cuppa – Emmaus Room. All welcome. Every second Monday of the month. 
Monday: 1730-1830	Baptism Group – Emmaus Room
Monday: 1900-2030	AA Group Meeting - Emmaus Room
Wednesday: 1430	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Thursday, 1730-1830	First Communion Class – Emmaus Room
Parish Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	

House Mass and Thanksgiving | Tuesday, 22nd October 1100 at the Pugh Residence, Old Hall, Dumpling Green, Dereham NR19 1HP. ***NB. If you are attending, please put your name on the sheet at the back of church so we can know how many are coming.*** Please also note parking is very limited. Where possible, please share cars. If you can, please offer a lift to someone. If you need directions, you can contact Elaine at elainewilkes182@btinternet.com or tel. 01362 851159 or by txt to 07711 407289.

SVP Parish Mass for the Sick | 23rd Oct at 1330 - Please join us at the Parish Mass for the Sick led by the SVP on the 23rd October at 1330. Lunch is provided after the Mass.

Get equipped - likely vote on assisted suicide in Parliament before Christmas - Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, *Better Off Dead?* where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. Watch for free online (you do not need a TV licence): righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead

Could you be a Foundation Governor in one of our Catholic Schools - The Diocese of East Anglia is responsible for 26 schools across the diocese. They all need foundation governors to provide support and challenge and oversight of the work of the school. We need more practising Catholics to put themselves forward to serve as foundation governors. If this is something you feel you might be able to contribute to (and full training and support will be provided) we would love to hear from you. Please contact me, Andy Stone, Director of Schools' Service by email andy.stone@rcdea.org.uk or by 'phone on 07500701977 if this could be something of interest to you.

	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.
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