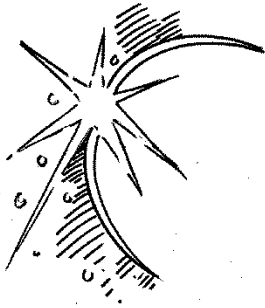


## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Hedging Our Bets

Is it human nature only to do our best when the chips are down? We work our hardest when there's an exam or an inspection on the horizon. We struggle to finish our accounts when the tax department deadline is looming. We rush round putting the house in order when visitors are announced, and sadly, many of us leave it until we are elderly or ill before we patch up relationships. In a way we live our lives like a game of roulette, not living the way we ought all of the time, but only when we get some kind of wakeup call and the chips are down.

Today's gospel warns us to be alert to the signs of the end of the world and the coming of judgment day, but not in a 'hedging our bets' kind of way! It would be immature discipleship to prepare for judgment day only when we suspected that we were close to the end of life. In any case we are warned that we do not know the hour nor the day of the world's end, and therefore we must live every day as though it were our last. We do not aim to live in a state of permanent readiness for fear of being caught out, but because we know that abiding by Jesus' teaching is the only way to live.

Everything in the heavens and earth will pass away. Everything that we consider important will end, but Christ's teaching will endure forever. Are we living our best in the here and now, or are we gambling on a some 'comfortably far off date' on which to hedge our bets?

**Bitesize** - A man should not leave this earth with unfinished business. He should live each day as if it was a pre-flight check. He should ask each morning, am I prepared to lift-off?

~Diane Frolov and Andrew Schneider, *Northern Exposure, All is Vanity*, 1991



**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 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 [Sundays Year B, 33<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 1]

### MASSES in the PARISH

<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	<b>(World Day of the Poor)</b>
09.00	MASS
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
10.00	MASS
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
10.00	MASS
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
10.00	MASS
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	
10.00	MASS & ADORATION
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	
-	No Mass today
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
09.00	MASS
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>

+Kathleen Carroll

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**(World Day of the Poor)**

For the People of the Parish  
 +Paul Coram (DC)

**Feria**

+Josephine (CC)

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+U.K. Matthew (CC)

**St Edmund**

J. Thomas (birthday thanksgiving) (CC)

**The Presentation of the BVM**

+Anisha Cyriac (CC)

**St Cecilia**

**Feria**

For the People of the Parish

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Youth Day)**

+Periyapputh Addka Makkil  
 Abraham Addakar

**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:** Pamela O’Kane, Tommy Durkan, Andree Whitlam, Renée Howard, Kathleen Burrows, Inacio Lapa, William Goodwin, Gwen Lovelace, Tom Thorpe, Elsie Smart, Anna Tompkins, Bridget Moorcroft. *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, Greta Cummings, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Kevin Pugh, Joy Bussey, Dorothy Edwards, Pat Grout.

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £347.71 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Projector £194.41. 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.

**Orientation and Introduction for the New Lectionary** – Commencing at the new time of **1830** on **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November** at the parish.

**Resist the Assist (on Assisted Suicide Bill)** – Please speak and vote against the Bill on 29<sup>th</sup> November. Flyers to sign available at the back of church.

<b>Diary for the week 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024</b>	
Sunday: 1100 Mass	<b>Children’s Liturgy</b> – for children in Yr1 to 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion age.
Monday: 1900-2030	<b>AA Group Meeting</b> - Emmaus Room
Wednesday: 1430	<b>Queen of Peace Prayer Group</b> – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Wednesday: 1830	<b>Introduction to the New Lectionary</b> – Emmaus Room
Thursday: 1730-1830	<b>First Communion Class</b> – Emmaus Room
Friday: 1915-2030	<b>Altar Servers’ Group</b> – Emmaus Room
<b>Parish Garden Club</b> – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	

**Advent Scripture Study: Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Advent** - Have you ever felt that when Christmas comes around that you’re just not ready? Of all the liturgical seasons of the year, Advent is certainly the most stressful, and it may be the most confusing. Learn how a deeper understanding of the ancient Jewish prophecies of the Messiah can help unlock the hidden meanings of the season

of Advent. There are four weekly sessions: **27<sup>th</sup> November, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 11<sup>th</sup> December and 18<sup>th</sup> December, at 1830-2030** in the Emmaus Room.

**Baptism** | James Peter Bamforth on the 24<sup>th</sup> November at 1100 Mass

**A Day of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will take place in our church on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 8:30am to 5:30pm.** A Rota consisting of half hour slots for the day is available at the back of the church – please put down the time 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 for the many needs in the world.

**7<sup>th</sup> Sacerdotal Anniversary of Fr Jay | 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1100 Mass and Lunch afterwards** - Grateful for this precious gift of Priesthood from the Lord, Fr Jay is inviting you to join us at this celebration. He’s hoping to exhibit some of his paintings and half of the proceeds will go to EACH.


**Parish Projector** for Catechism Classes, i.e. Baptism, Confirmation, RCIA, also for Parish Meetings | Many thanks for the donation, we have a proper projector now. Many thanks for all your help.

**Diocesan School Vacancies, please see website for more details:** <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

**Feast of the Presentation of Mary: 21<sup>st</sup> November** - As with Mary’s birth, we read of Mary’s presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Protoevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was three years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses the important truth that from the beginning of her life, Mary was dedicated to God.

**Saint Cecilia, Patron Saint of Music: 22<sup>nd</sup> November** - Modern scholars have discovered that Saint Cecilia’s reported interest in music has no foundation other than in a misinterpreted Latin translation. For all we know St Cecilia could have been completely tone deaf! If this is true, we wonder what she would make of the tributes sent heavenwards every November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tone deaf or virtuoso musician, Saint Cecilia would be very happy that every November she reminds us of the power of music as part of our prayer. Hymns have the power to inspire and stir us. Most importantly, we are reminded that our hymns are not intended as some kind of entertainment, but as an integral part of the liturgy.





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.