

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



Making A Stand - We tune in to the news to elicit some kind of truth, but we suspect what we are viewing is 'fake news'. A television interviewer tries to elicit the truth from a politician. We recognise of old the politician's strategies for avoiding the interviewer's questions.

We are called to do jury service and determine to get to the bottom of the case, but suddenly everyone's version of the same truth is slightly different.

We pick up on a charged atmosphere at home, but when we quiz our children or spouse, we are met with evasion and equivocation.

The opposite of truth is not always a lie. Truth can be avoided, twisted, disguised, or simply not recognised. One thing is for sure though; we all have some kind of sixth sense for knowing when we are not getting the truth. That's why it's so refreshing and so powerful when somebody gets up and speaks a simple truth from the heart. The truth makes us sit up and listen. Perhaps this is what Jesus meant when he told Pilate, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Standing in front of Pilate, Jesus doesn't back down or compromise the truth because the truth is too important. The trouble with earthly kingdoms is that the truth is not always of paramount importance. In earthly kingdoms the truth gets in the way of our personal agendas. In our quest for territory, power, resources and a comfortable life style, the truth takes second place. We might think that we are truthful people and that we never tell lies, but it is all too easy to live a lie without admitting it even to ourselves.

Pilate was not able to understand the kingdom Jesus alluded to, and he was not able to see Jesus as King. Pilate failed to recognise the truth. Today's challenge is to recognise truth in all of life's circumstance, to stand up for the truth in all of life's difficulties, and to live by the truth to the best of our ability.

Bitesize - Dare to be true: nothing can need a lie. A fault, which needs it most, grows two thereby. ~George Herbert



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 24th November 2024 – Christ the King

[Sundays Year B, 34th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 23rd November		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 24th November		Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.
09.00	MASS	+Periyapputh Addka Makkil
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Abraham Addakar
Monday 25th November		Feria
10.00	MASS	+Josephine
Tuesday 26th November		Feria
10.00	MASS	+U.K. Matthew (CC)
Wednesday 27th November		Feria
10.00	MASS	J. Thomas (Birthday thanksgiving) (CC)
Thursday 28th November		Feria
10.00	MASS & ADORATION	+Anisha Cyriac (CC)
Friday 29th November		Feria
-	No Mass today	
Saturday 30th November		St Andrew, Patron of Scotland
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 1st December		First Sunday of Advent
09.00	MASS	+Sr Clare Bridgette, English Convent, Bruges (H. & P.)
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	+Frederick Beaven (PB)

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: Florence Thorpe, Rita Smith, Emma Jane Talmadge, Evelyn Goodenough, Winifred Lovesay, Joseph Barker, Madeline Lambert, Frederick Shelock, Mary Lambert, Charles O’Kane, Mona Murphy, John Lawrence. *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, Joy Bussey, Dorothy Edwards, Pat Grout.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £223.26. 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.

Baptism | James Peter Bamforth on the 24th November at 1100 Mass

Advent – Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the Liturgical cycle begins anew. The Sunday readings will be taken from Year C (iii) and the weekday readings from Year I. During the Season of Advent, the Gloria is not said, unless otherwise noted, and until 16th December, the Preface of Advent I is used at all Masses (except Masses for the dead) unless otherwise noted. Eucharistic Prayer is not permitted.

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: **27th November, 3rd December, 11th December and 18th December, at 1830-2030** in the Emmaus Room.

No Mass on Mondays starting December until advised.

Parish Mass Books will set to become redundant - On the Solemnity of Christ the King, we shall be turning the final page of our Parish Mass books. The alternative would be to purchase **The CTS New Sunday Missal 2025 (£9.95).** Fr Jay is encouraging every family to have a copy to bring during Sunday Mass.

Presentation of the Parish Orientation to the New Lectionary can be found on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/OjCcYGDc5Mk?feature=shared>

Diary for the week 24th – 30th November	
Sunday: 1100 Mass	Children’s Liturgy – for children in Yr1 to 1st Holy Communion age.
Monday: 1900-2030	AA Group Meeting - Emmaus Room
Wednesday: 1430	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Wednesday:1830-2030	Advent Scripture Study: Jesus & the Jewish Roots of Advent – Emmaus Room
Thursday: 1730-1830	First Communion Class – Emmaus Room
Parish Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	

A Day of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will take place in our church on Saturday, 30th 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.

7th Sacerdotal Anniversary of Fr Jay | 8th 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.

Our Parish Christmas Party takes place on **Sunday 15th December at Yaxham Village Hall, from 12:30 to 4:30pm** - 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. 1st and 8th December. Looking forward to seeing you there and to having a jolly time together.



This year we are hoping to include a small talent show after the meal starring YOU, our parishioners. If you have a talent to show case, either solo or as a group, please give details to Fr Jay.

Wanted: suitable items for a Christmas Raffle to be drawn at the Christmas Party. These can be left in the sacristy but please inform Fr Jay.



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.