

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Flawed Treasure - We all know those people who are so crippled inside that they seem incapable of bringing a fair or rational perspective to a situation. Perhaps we are one of those people ourselves but totally fail to see it? Perhaps we are all crippled inside to lesser or greater degrees but would strongly argue it, bringing to bear all those flawed arguments we have stored in our hearts for as long as we can remember.

Our hearts are where our treasure is stored. If we have good heart our words and actions will be good. It follows if our hearts are flawed our treasure will be flawed too, and our thoughts and actions will be misguided.

So how should we care for our hearts? Just as in our physical diet, we get out what we put in. If we live on a diet of pulp fiction, pulp fiction is all we will know. If we listen only to those with selfish agendas, greedy and selfish motives are all we will know. If we do only what is comfortable and safe, 'comfortable and safe' is all we will ever know. It is more than easy to become egocentric without ever seeing it coming. To those closest to us, our faults will be screamingly obvious. Sadly we will be the last to see what other people see.

Today's gospel is an invitation to start challenging the views that blind us to the possibility of becoming better and more productive people. Do we complain or gossip too often? Do we fail to forgive and forget? Do we hold views about groups of people of whom we know nothing at all. Do we spend too much time working and too little time with those we love? Do we have very set or narrow views on religion, politics, money, or society as a whole?

It is hard to change our beliefs, especially if we don't even recognise them as 'planks'. A good starting point might be to open our eyes to someone we hugely admire and model our thinking on theirs. What starts off as an exercise could quickly become a life changing habit.

Bitesize - If my heart could do my thinking, and my head begin to feel, I would look upon the world anew, and know what's truly real. ~*Van Morrison*



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.

Permanent Deacon: Rev. Martin Sanderson

Parish Music team: Judy Reid, Kathleen Edmunds & William Preddy.

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Sunday 2nd March 2025 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Sundays Year C, 8th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 4]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 1st March	
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>
Sunday 2nd March	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00	MASS
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>
Monday 3rd March	Feria
-	No Mass today
Tuesday 4th March	Feria
10.00	MASS
Wednesday 5th March	ASH WEDNESDAY
10.00	MASS
19.00	MASS
Thursday 6th March	Lent Feria
10.00	MASS & ADORATION
Friday 7th March	Lent Feria – World Day of Prayer
-	No Mass today
Saturday 8th March	St Felix, Secondary Diocesan Patron
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>
Sunday 9th March	1st Sunday of Lent
09.00	MASS
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: Dorothy Ann Gordon, Michael Joseph Carroll, Thomas Arbuthnot, Billy Reavey, Thomas Donaghue, Francis Langham, John Gaylard, Ernest B. Shaw, Archbishop Peter Smith, Esther Rawe, Robert Patrick, Kenneth Gaylard, Robert Nimmo Nicol.

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, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Greta Cummings, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Pat Grout, George Mealy, Peggy Mealy, Richard Allison, Marion Ring-Davies, Patsy Thompson, Ann McWilliams, Diana Banks-Conney.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £303.63. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday, 5th March 2025 – Masses will be at 1000 and 1900. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Resumption of the Adoration - The Holy Adoration resumes on Thursday, 6th March.

World Day of Prayer: Friday, 7th March 2025 at 2.00 p.m. – This annual event takes place around the World and this year in Dereham, the Salvation Army are hosting the event at their chapel at 3 St Nicholas Street, Dereham NR19 2BS. Everyone is invited to support this important occasion.

We are deeply saddened to share the passing of the following members of our community. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families and loved ones.

- +Joan Wells – Funeral Service on 17th March at St Faith's Crematorium
- +Kathleen Mohan – Funeral Service on 25 March at Breckland Crematorium
- +Joy Bussey - date to be confirmed
- +Betty Reavey – date to be confirmed

May their souls and all the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of Christ rest in peace.

Diary for the week Sunday 2 nd – Saturday 8 th March	
Sunday: 1100 Mass	Children's Liturgy – for children in Yr1 to 1 st Holy Communion age.
Monday: 1900-2030	AA Group Meeting - Emmaus Room
Monday: 1730-1830	Baptism Group – Emmaus Room

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Wednesday: 1430	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Thursday: 1730-1830	First Communion Class – Emmaus Room
Friday: 1915-2030	Altar Servers' Group – Emmaus Room
Parish Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	

130 Club Draw for February 2025 - 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 189, Eleanor Teale; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 100, Betty Williams; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 41, Richard Grout; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 159, Stella Crouch.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March 2025: *For families in crisis* - This month, Pope Francis invites us to pray, “... *Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts even in their differences.*”

Friday Stations of the Cross & Lent Lunches will begin on **14th March 2025** – **mornings at 1130**, followed by soup & rolls; **and again at 1730**, to be led by different Parish committees or individuals (a form is provided for the dates at the back of church). There are Stations of the Cross books available for use as guides during the Friday Stations but please return these to the box for use each week, as copies are limited. This year, the Lent Lunches will be in aid of the orphanages & schools in Cambodia recently visited by Myrna & Judy and other members of the Diocese.

Chrism Mass Coach to the Cathedral | 15th April at 1130 - This year's Chrism Mass, for a 33-seater coach could cost us £370. We shall proceed with hiring once we have at least 25 confirmed interests. If this number is not reached, we shall consider other options. A form is provided at the back until the 3rd week of March.

Easter Triduum Schedule

- 17 April, Maundy Thursday: 1930 - Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 18 April, Good Friday: 1030 - Children's Stations of the Cross
1500 Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 19 April, Holy Saturday: 2000 – Easter Vigil
- 20 April, Easter Sunday 0900 – Mass
1100 – Mass

Volunteer Lectors and Washing of the Feet are also needed for the Easter Triduum. Forms for this are available at the back of church.

Easter Sunday, 20th April | Parish lunch and BBQ after the 1100 Mass - Bring and share lunch in the Parish Garden

Best Design Easter Egg Contest - We shall be having the best design Easter Egg Contest on Easter Sunday at the 1100 Mass. Open to kids to young adults. Further details to follow.