

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Job Vacancy

It's at this time of year, when the Christmas holiday is well and truly over and it's time to go back to work, that we wonder what we are really doing with our lives. When we meet the first disciples in today's gospel, they are wondering pretty much the same thing. Were they going to spend out the rest of their lives catching fish, or were they going to follow Jesus and become 'fishers of men'? The early disciples were unerring in their discipleship. They left their nets and followed Jesus 'at once' .... 'immediately'. There was no doubt in their minds about how they wanted to live out their lives. Discipleship was a job for life.

Jesus' work is never done and there will always be vacancies for new disciples. Discipleship is something akin to an army. Without active supporters, a cause can grow faint. We are not asked to keep Christ's teaching to ourselves, we are asked to be 'fishers of men' always opening up God's opportunities to others. The world is a dangerous place full of greed and extremism. There are too many people in the world who feel that money and coercion are the way to get what they want. There are not enough people who believe that love and respect for every human being they meet might be a better answer.

We might feel uncomfortable with the idea of being 'fishers of men'. It conjures the idea of notching up conversions like some kind of biblical salesperson. Today we are asked to sweep our preconceptions aside. Being a 'fisher of men' needs to be about making a real difference in other people's lives by demonstrating our discipleship. Discipleship is a job for life.

**Bitesize** - Remember, if you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns!  
~Allison Gappa Bottke



**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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**  
[3<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 3]

### MASSES in the PARISH

<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Jim Fahy+ (PF)
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
09.00	MASS	T. & M. O'Donoghue ( <i>Foundation Mass</i> )
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>		<b>Feria</b>
10.00	MASS	Elvira Lobo+
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>St Francis de Sales</b>
11.30	<i>Thanksgiving and farewell Mass for Bishop Alan Hopes on at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich.</i>	
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>The Conversion of St Paul. Feast.</b>
10.00	MASS	Hannah Jossy Birthday Ints. (CC)
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus</b>
-	No Mass today	-
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>Feria</b>
-	No Mass today	-
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>St Thomas Aquinas</b>
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Jack & Ena Connolly ( <i>Foundation Mass</i> )
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
09.00	MASS	For the People of the Parish
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	Anisha Cyriac+ (CC)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 17.30**

*For Live Streamed Masses Search for Dereham Catholic Church on YouTube, or use the following link:*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbzezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** Gwen Dawes, Betty McGee, Maisie Aylin, Queenie Minnie Hogan, Stanley Brocklesby, Anne Cairns, Laura O'Halloran, Bill Sibley, George Mayer, Ivor Vincent, Magdolna Toth, Carol Lydia Whitesides, Hilda Stearman, William Harrell, Kenneth Rayner, Joe Kennedy, Sheila Christie. *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, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Collette Barro-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Fr. Brendan, William Dunn, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Marco Johnson.

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £364.71 and £150.85 for SPUC. 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.

**Retiring Collection for Bishop Alan** – There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend as a tribute to Bishop Alan for his dedicated and loving service to the Diocese.

**World Mission Sunday and Dereham Foodbank** – We have collected £188.91 for Missio and 316kgs of food for the Foodbank. Truly, we have a Parish with a heart for the Mission. Thank you.

**Changes to Mass Times** – There will be no Mass in the Parish on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January in view of Bishop Alan's thanksgiving & farewell Mass at the Cathedral that day. There will also be no Mass on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January as Fr. Jay will be away for his holiday.

**Holiday** – Fr. Jay will be away in the coming weeks for his holiday to the Philippines. Locum priests will be covering the weekend Sunday Masses until 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

**Thursday Liturgy of the Word** – During Fr. Jay's holiday, instead of Thursday Mass, the parish will be having a Liturgy of the Word, followed by an hour of Exposition.

**Ash Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023: Mass Times** – Please note that there will be two Masses on 22<sup>nd</sup> February for Ash Wednesday at 1000 and 1730.

<b>Parish Events this week</b>		
Weds. 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	17.00-18.00	<b>First Communion Class</b> – Emmaus Room
Fri. 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<i>Please note there is no Altar Servers' meeting this week.</i>	
Sundays	After 1100 Mass	<b>Youth Club Table Tennis</b> – Emmaus Room.
<i>Please note that the <b>Saturday Youth Tennis and Tuesday Chess</b> sessions are taking a winter break and will resume again in March 2023.</i>		

**Thank You from the Mid-Norfolk Foodbank** – The Mid-Norfolk Foodbank have written to thank the parish for its continuing support this past year. Sacred Heart's donations in 2022 totalled 316kg and helped provide 632 emergency meals for people in crisis. They write: "It has been another extremely busy year at Mid-Norfolk Foodbank. The cost-of-living crisis and other global factors have sadly produced queues out the door at times at all three foodbanks in our network. Thankfully, our donors have – as ever – been incredibly generous and we have been able to meet the needs of all those seeking emergency food parcels. Since January 2022 we have fed 4,290 people – a 50% increase on 2021. Total annual donations have weighed an astonishing 55.5 tonnes. Your support has enabled us to continue this vital work. We simply couldn't have done it without you! On behalf of everyone at Mid-Norfolk Foodbank... Thank You."

**Columba Mission Appeal** – The Columban Missionaries will be making their annual Mission Appeal in the Parish on the weekend of 25-26<sup>th</sup> February 2023. One of their priests will be saying Masses that weekend. There will be a donation box for the week of the appeal.

**The Conversion of Saint Paul, 25th January** - When we are struggling to find change in our lives, we could hardly do better than look to the story of Saul, the great persecutor of Christians, who saw the light on the road to Damascus. The story of the conversion of Saul, from the persecutor of Christians to the zealous and holy instrument of evangelisation, Paul, shows the strength of God's power in our lives, and how he can change anything. For each of us there is a job to do. For God, nothing is impossible.

**Ordinary People is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023** - There are also extraordinary people in every genocide, remarkable and unusual people, who went to extreme lengths to help, to rescue, to save and in every genocide, there were extraordinary people, who went to extreme depths to cause harm, to persecute, to murder. The HMD theme will also prompt us to consider how ordinary people, such as ourselves, can perhaps play a bigger part than we might imagine in challenging prejudice today. In order to explore the theme of Ordinary People, we are invited to look at some specific categories (perpetrators, bystanders, rescuers).