

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exam Result Mentality



Can you remember the thrill of a good exam result? The trouble with exam results is, that despite the knowledge that exams are about measuring our own potential, we still like to compare our marks against those of our classmates. Our success is made all the more meaningful by the fact that others have done less well. If this mentality stopped at exams this wouldn't be so bad, but what happens when the same attitude spills over into the rest of our lives? Do we look down on others because they have more menial jobs, because they're on benefits, because they don't go to church or haven't given as much to charity as we have? Do we look down on those who have made mistakes in life, who drink too much, take drugs or end up in prison? Do we measure our own righteousness against the poor decisions of others? When this mentality afflicts us, we are in danger of becoming smug, unfeeling and self-righteous.

There's a big difference between being righteous and self-righteous. The Pharisee in today's parable is a good man, but his mistake is in thinking that he is a better person than the sinner who prays next to him. The Pharisee fails to see the sinner's worth and he completely fails to see his own shortcomings. It comes as no surprise that it's the sinner's humble prayer that God hears and not the Pharisee's proud boasts. Is God going to love us more because we are getting things right? Is God going to love the vagrant or the criminal less because they have made mistakes or enjoyed fewer privileges?

As we forge our individual relationships with God we are asked to do it not by comparing our progress with those around us, but by keeping one eye on our own failings.

Bitesize – 'If thou desire the love of God and man, be humble, for the proud heart, as it loves none but itself, is beloved of none but itself. Humility enforces where neither virtue, nor strength, nor reason can prevail.' ~Francis Quarles



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 23rd October 2022 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
 [30th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 22nd October		
18.00	First MASS of Sunday	+Thelma Jones (Kendall)
Sunday 23rd October		
09.00	MASS	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish
Monday 24th October		
10.00	MASS	Brenda May (Sick)
Tuesday 25th October		
14.00	Funeral MASS of Thelma	Feria
1630-1730	EXPOSITION	Holy Souls (<i>Sillence</i> – 8/10)
18.00	MASS for the Installation of Fr Jay as Parish Priest by Bishop Alan	Feria
Wednesday 26th October		
10.00	MASS	Holy Souls (<i>Sillince</i> – 9/10)
Thursday 27th October		
10.00	MASS & ADORATION <i>Live streamed</i>	Feria +Fr. Harry Wace (Foundation Mass).
Friday 28th October		
-	No Mass today	SS Simon & Jude. Feast
Saturday 29th October		
18.00	First MASS of Sunday	Feria
Sunday 30th October		
09.00	MASS	For the People of the Parish
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
		Holy Souls (<i>Sillince</i> – 10/10)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30
EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

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

Anniversaries this week: Peter Giles, Winifred King, Bernadette Winstanley, Fr. Harry Wace, Francis Perrin, Marie Jones, Thelma Jones, George Marshall. *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 Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Fr. Brendan, William Dunn, Pauline Buckland, Diana Cater, Gretta Cummings, Brenda May.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £252.35, plus an additional donation for the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day of £100. Thank you. **Stella Maris** – A letter of thanks has been received for the parish's support of the 2022 Sea Sunday collection earlier this year. The parish collection raised £106.71 for the charity.

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.

World Mission Sunday – Today is World Mission Sunday, which is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting *Missio*, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Maria witness to their faith and offer vulnerable women in Ethiopia hope for a better future. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. **There is a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend.** Envelopes are available at the back of church and please Gift Aid your donation if possible. Or you can donate direct on *Missio's* website– www.missio.org.uk or by telephone: 0207 821 9755.

Missio Red Boxes - It is time once again for your Red Box donations to be counted and the money sent off to Missio (APF). So please will you bring your red boxes to church over the next two Sundays, so that there can be another count and the monies sent to Missio. Thank you.

Parish Priest Installation - Fr Jay will be installed by Bishop Alan on the **25th October at a Mass at 1800** as Parish Priest in Sacred Heart and Margaret Mary Catholic Church, and we are all invited. The Mass will be **preceded by**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 1630 – 1730. A convivial light supper will follow after the Mass. Fr. Jay hopes you could stay for a bit and meet and greet Bishop Alan. *(Please note, as a consequence there is no morning Mass on this day and no Tuesday Chess Club this week.)*

Remembering our Dead - A Book of Remembrance is provided inside the Church to write the names of your beloved dead to be prayed for at Mass for the whole month of November.

Wednesday Study - A short video course presented by Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, the papal household preacher, **every Wednesday at 1045 and at 1900 in the Emmaus Room.** Come and enjoy this 35 mins. presentation and exploration of the richness of our faith in all its wonder and mystery.

All Saints Celebration - The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham invites you to join them at **House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, NR20 4AQ** for a **Celebration of All Saints on October 29th!** There is an **optional Saturday Mass at 3pm** with arrivals for everyone else at 4pm and departures at 7pm. There will be a **bring and share** meal, time for prayer, fellowship and also the option of coming dressed up as a saint, we are hoping to conduct some interviews with any 'heavenly visitors,' later in the evening. For further information, email Catherine on freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org

Parish Events this week		
Tues. 25 Oct.	No Chess Club this week.	
Wed. 26 Oct.	10.45 & 1800	Faith Study Course (Session 2) – Emmaus Room – <i>see item above</i>
Sat. 29 Oct.	1100	Tennis every Saturday at the Dereham Leisure Park
Sun. 30 Oct.	After 1100 Mass	Youth Club table tennis – Emmaus Room

130 Club Draw for October 2022 - 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 6, Joan Wells; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 110, Muriel Harmer; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 70, Anne Sibley; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 150, Penny Howell; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 126, Brian Liebenhals.

Mass Count – The recent annual Mass count over four weeks in the parish gave an average total weekly Mass attendance of 169.

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. If 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 Andy Stone, Director of Schools' Service by email andy.stone@rcdea.org.uk or by phone on 07500 701977 if this could be something of interest to you.