

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR CORPUS CHRISTI



### Living Memory

What if we forgot the sacrifices people have made for us? What if we forgot all about the martyrs who died so that we could have religious freedom? What if we forgot all about the soldiers who fought and died so that we could enjoy political freedom? What if we forgot the grandparents and parents who have sacrificed their own comforts to make our lives better? The answer is obvious. If we forgot the sacrifices others have made for us, we would have little or no appreciation of what is important in our world. We would have no understanding of what has made us who we are.

At the Last Supper, Jesus charges us to keep his memory alive. We must break bread and drink wine in his name. In celebrating the Eucharist, we celebrate the memory of his passion and death. As we break bread and drink wine in his name we recall Jesus' opposition to religious sham, his commitment to forgiveness and inner healing, his determination to overcome sin, his promise to feed us, and his ultimate sacrifice.

When we remember the soldiers who have died for our freedom, we remember how important it is to fight against oppression and injustice. When we remember the sacrifices our parents have made for us, we remember to do them credit in everything we achieve. When we come together to share in Holy Communion, we remember that we are offered the sustenance to step out of church and live Christ's memory in everything we do.

**Bitesize** – "The patriot's blood is the seed of Freedom's tree." ~Thomas Campbell



**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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### 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021 – THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) – Year B

[10<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 5 June	6.00 pm	CORPUS CHRISTI	Holy Souls
Sun. 6 June	9.00 am 11.00 am		Holy Souls The People of the Parish
Mon. 7 June	10.00 am	Feria	Joan Wells
Tues. 8 June	-	Feria	<b>No Mass today</b>
Weds. 9 June	10.00 am	Feria	Francis & Bernadette Buxton
Thurs. 10 June	10.00 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Fri. 11 June	10.00 am	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	Holy Souls
Sat. 12 June	-	Immaculate Heart of the BVM	<b>No morning Mass</b>
Sun. 13 June	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time	Private Int. Holy Souls The People of the Parish

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - from 9.25 a.m. – 9.55 a.m.  
before each weekday Mass.**

*The Church is open daily until 6:00pm*

Useful links: Diocesan Safeguarding – <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding/>  
Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>  
Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>  
Daily Liturgy Website – [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

**ALL MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON YouTube –**

Search for **Dereham Catholic Church** on YouTube, or use the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbzeZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

The parish newsletter (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** Fr. Thomas K. Phillips (*2<sup>nd</sup> priest in Dereham*), William Finn, Desirée Jenkins, George Francis Buxton, Mary Horsburgh, Josephine Reeves, Dee Turner, Barry Williams, Francis McCarthy, Arthur & Marguerite Dunkley. *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. Brendan either by phone or by email.

**Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for:** Carol Whitesides, Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Greta Cummings, Patsy Gray, Allan Michael Howard, Collette Barrow-Nessian.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your offering of £232.70 last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish.

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**. This is a great way for the parish to get additional funds from the tax reclaim benefits scheme; with this scheme you do not need to commit to a fixed amount as it will just be based on your total annual contribution. Let Fr. Brendan know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.



**Newsletter by Email** - Please let Fr. Brendan know if you would like to receive the parish's weekly bulletin by email. We have a GDPR compliant list of names for this purpose.

**The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Abstinence this Friday is dispensed because of the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place before each weekday Mass from 9.25 to 9.55 am unless there is a funeral taking place. I have to say that the atmosphere in the church is absolutely wonderful during Exposition and it is the perfect preparation for Mass. The silence/quiet is not just an absence of talk or of noise but a full sense of being in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. There is no sense of straining for it to be over in order to do the next thing, but it is a relaxed time spent in silent prayer.

**Month of the Sacred Heart** - Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of June is set apart for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is the celebration of God's love for us. The Sacred Heart is the symbol of the eternal love by which "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son". (Jn 3:16)



**Inviting Young People and Young Adults on Pilgrimage** – Aged 16-30? Come and join a 'Covid Safe' walking and camping pilgrimage to Walsingham in the last week of July. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service and Radio Maria England. Registration just £50 (plus booking fee). Walk one of the ancient pilgrim routes which will lead from Ely and through a number of our parishes including Brandon, Swaffham and Fakenham. More details at [www.englishway.org](http://www.englishway.org).

**Give Thanks for Your Vaccine: A Christian Aid Appeal** - As more of our family, friends, and neighbours receive their COVID vaccinations, we rejoice and are glad that our loved ones are protected. We give thanks for all the NHS staff and key workers who continue to save lives across the UK. For the poorest and most vulnerable communities across the world, there is little hope of a vaccine rollout. These people already face a lack of water, food, and healthcare. Some are homeless. Some are living with underlying health issues such as HIV. Christian Aid is already on the ground, helping keep people safe from coronavirus with practical support – but with your gift of thanks Christian Aid can do more. Consider making a donation to help protect our global neighbours while the vaccine is out of reach. You can make a donation at [www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-donate/give-thanks-your-coronavirus-vaccine](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-donate/give-thanks-your-coronavirus-vaccine)

**Cyclone Yaas** – Following the Tropical Cyclone Yaas, which ravaged parts of India's eastern coast two weeks ago, a spokesperson for UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said the world body and its agencies stood ready to support the response efforts, but expressed concern that lack of social distancing in emergency shelters and temporary suspension of vaccination campaigns amid the COVID-19 pandemic could further complicate the health crisis. You can continue to support India with your donations at [www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/India-coronavirus](http://www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/India-coronavirus)

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June 2021: *The Beauty of Marriage*** - Marriage preparation emerged as a key topic of discussion during the 2014-2015 synods on the family, with the Pope arguing that it ought to be given more attention, Both short and long-term marriage preparation "should ensure that the couple do not view the wedding ceremony as the end of the road, but instead embark upon marriage as a lifelong calling based on a firm and realistic decision to face all trials and difficult moments together." We are invited to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention for June, *"...to pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness, and patience."*



#### **Prayer for the Election of a Bishop**

*O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.*