GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR TRINITY SUNDAY



Within or Without

What makes a good parent? Lots of parents endeavouring to home educate during these days of pandemic might be struggling at the moment with feelings of doing their best only to meet with huge resistance and even resentment. Could this be more to do with our own motivation rather than our children's unwillingness to sit and study? Might it be true that we want something back from our children? Could it be true that we've got one eye on the space on the mantelpiece where we want our child's graduation photo to sit? Today we are taught that the love of a good parent is unconditional. Giving

unconditional love isn't easy. Unconditional love means caring about our children's happiness in every circumstance. Unconditional love means expecting nothing back. A good parent gives us unconditional love and a sense of true worth and importance. A good parent gives us the confidence to tackle life and all its challenges head on.

God is our heavenly Father, and as such we are promised his unconditional love. "God did not send the son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved." Despite our faults, despite our endless mistakes, despite the mess we make of things, and despite our reluctance to change, God works always to transform us through his son's example and the subsequent guidance of his Holy Spirit.

Lest we become complacent, it is still possible to be condemned despite God's unconditional love. Everyone knows of children who have come off the rails despite all the efforts of loving and exemplary parents. Similarly, those who do not turn to God are condemned already we are told, not by God, but by the poor choices they themselves have made.

As ever, the choices are there for the making. God does not ever remove his love; we simply choose to live within it, or without it.



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.

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

 $\hbox{Daily Liturgy Website} - \underline{www.universalis.com}$

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THE CHURCH REMAINS CLOSED AT THIS TIME

Mass Times for the coming week			
10 th Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 2 Although celebrated without a congregation, the times of Mass are as follows:			
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Sun. 7 th June	11:00 am	The Most Holy Trinity	The People of the Parish
Mon. 8 th June	12:00 Noon	Feria	Josephine Goodwin
Tues. 9 th June	12:00 Noon	Feria	Helena Jossy (Ciji Cyriac)
Weds. 10 th June	6:00 pm	Feria	Janice Tinney (Sanderson)
Thurs. 11 th June	12:00 Noon	S Barnabas	Robert Nicol (Morris)
Fri. 12 th June	12:00 Noon	Feria	Robert Nicol (Meehan family)
Sat. 13 th June	12:00 Noon	S Anthony of Padua	The U.C.M.
Sun. 14 th June	11:00 am	The Most Holy Body	The People of the Parish
		and Blood of Christ	
		(Corpus Christi)	

Anniversaries this week: William Finn, Desirée Jenkins, George Francis Buxton, Mary Horsburgh, Josephine Reeves, Dee Turner, Barry Williams, Francis McCarthy, Arthur & Marguerite Dunkley, Vincent Stewart. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace*.

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

Hospital Visits: If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, King's Lynn (QEII), and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St. John's Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or call the NNUH Hospital Chaplaincy direct on 01603 287470 for people needing urgent spiritual attention, or for visits to QEII Hospital, call Fr. Peter Rollings on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament or Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] — **Please pray for:** Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Carol Whitesides, Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Una McWeeny, Derek Williams, Teresa Kendall, Greta Cummings, Deacon Ron O'Toole (former Deacon at Dereham).

Money Matters - Thanks you to all of you who have sent cheques for the maintenance of our parish. These have all been banked. Thank you also to those who have attempted to set up a Standing Order and couldn't because of a typo in the bulletin or website. The wrong number was given for the Sort Code. To repeat, the information you need is: Name of Account Catholic Church of Dereham, Sort Code 40-20-08, and the Account Number 11311115.

Diary Dates for this week – All parish group meetings are currently suspended while the church remains closed at this time.

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.

Resources: The bishop recommends the latest talks given by Fr. Adrian Graffy, a Scripture scholar and a parish priest, on St. Paul in Acts. The whole of the Acts of the Apostles has been read during the Easter Season at the daily Mass. It is from Scriptures such as these, which point to the priorities of Christian faith lived in the world, that we can invigorate our faith as we go forward from Pentecost to face new problems for the world and the Church. It can be accessed by going to: http://www.whatgoodnews.org/faith-talks.

Another thing from the bishop for your consideration: **Research Survey of the Catholic Community under/post COVID-19** - This is in partnership with Catholic Voices, Professor Francis Davis at the University of Birmingham, together with Professor Leslie Francis of the University of Warwick and Professor Andrew Village of York St. John University, are currently undertaking a major survey of UK Christian responses to the present crisis and its potential impact on the future perspectives of UK Christians. The survey is intended to capture specifically Catholic experience and help us understand it better. It takes the form of an online questionnaire. Naturally they need to secure as wide a response as possible and are very keen to make sure that 'ordinary' Catholics get a chance to take part so that the findings are as rich as possible. If you would like to participate in this the survey link is: https://tinyurl.com/y6vvn3hn.

Preparations for the Re-Opening of our Churches – Please see the letter from the Bishop on our parish website - http://www.sacredheartdereham.org.uk – regarding the

preparations that are to be made in readiness for the re-opening of our churches. There will be a need for volunteers to help us meet these requirements.

Mass for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care - The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales recognise that this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting every person in our countries. Those who are sick, and their families, are suffering many hardships of isolation from contact with those they love. Our front-line workers in hospitals and in care homes all over our lands are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable at this time. In order to show a spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved in the ways described above, each week from next Thursday, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join. This will take place every Thursday at 7.00pm:

- 4th June Bishop John Arnold -Salford Cathedral
- 11th June Bishop Patrick McKinney Nottingham Cathedral
- 18th June Archbishop Bernard Longley Birmingham Cathedral
- 25th June Bishop Alan Hopes Norwich Cathedral
- 2nd July Archbishop John Wilson Southwark Cathedral
- 9th July Bishop Tom Williams Liverpool Cathedral

Heart of Jesus." www.jesuit.org.uk

By visiting the Cathedral webpage (Norwich: https://www.sjbcathedral.org.uk/) or the Bishops' Conference Webpage, www.cbcew.org.uk, links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for June: *The Way of the Heart* - Our prayer with the Pope is always oriented towards changing our own hearts, preparing ourselves for mission in whatever life-situation we're in. For almost every person, that situation changed drastically this year. We are only just beginning to learn and to reflect on how much of that change is permanent, on how much life has changed forever. Many are suffering, whether through illness or by watching loved ones sicken. Part of us longs for a return to normal, leading us to examine what we meant by that normal, and to face our fears that it might never return. Therefore, it is important not to let fear control us; the love of the Heart of Christ will be our great strength. This month we are invited to join Pope Francis' prayer intention "... that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the

Bitesize – "If we could raise one generation with unconditional love, there would be no Hitlers. We need to teach the next generation of children from Day One that they are responsible for their lives. Mankind's greatest gift, also its greatest curse, is that we have free choice. We can make our choices built from love or from fear."

Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross