

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### The Master's Voice



How often do we hear the phrase, "We believe what we want to believe"? It's equally true that we refuse to believe what we don't want to believe. In today's reading the Jews are pushing Jesus to state his case. "If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus replies, "You do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep." In other words, the questioners are not his followers, they are hostile towards him and therefore they are not open to

believing in him even though they have seen the evidence. In some ways Christianity is a chicken and egg kind of scenario. We need to be followers of Jesus, to believe in him, but we need to believe to be followers. Which comes first is up to us, but we have to be open to hearing and recognising Jesus in our twenty first century world.

Hearing, recognising, believing and responding is what 'Good Shepherd Sunday' is all about. Some situations have got 'God' written all over them and some haven't. How do we tell the difference? What are we called to do? How are we called to believe? Some things are obvious, some things aren't. But at the heart of everything, even issues that didn't exist in Jesus' day such as euthanasia, and stem cell research, Jesus' teachings are like 'cat's-eyes' on life's dark country roads. We have to recognise Jesus' voice in everything by asking, how much of today's decisions are based in love, and how much of our decisions are based in our own human agendas.

**Bitesize** – 'He does not believe who does not live according to his belief.'

~Thomas Fuller



**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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Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>  
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## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year C

[4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 4]

### MASSES in the PARISH

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

G. Maguire+ (Fdn)

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

09.00 MASS

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

The English Family (Fdn)

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

10.00 MASS

Mona Murphy+ (Fdn)

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

10.00 MASS

**Easter Feria**

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

10.00 MASS

Fintan, Margaret & Thomas Dunne+

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

10.00 MASS & ADORATION

**Easter Feria**

*Live streamed*

Jack Smith+

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May

- No Mass today

**Easter Feria**

#### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

Calvin & Becky Cummings (Sick)

**Easter Feria**

Roger Read (Sick)

**Easter Feria**

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

09.00 MASS

**St Matthias. Feast.**

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

Tony Reid+

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Ciji Cyriac (Birthday thanksgiving)

Anisha Cyriac+

Fdn = Foundation Mass

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

For **Live Streamed Masses** 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 is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** Molly Herbert, Trixie Gibbons, Frederick Dance, Eric Atkinson Brown, Ann Dent, Catherine (Kay) Garrard, Kathleen Davis, Margaret Kingsbury, Paul Theocleous. *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.

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £241.88, plus an additional Easter Offering of £20. 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**. 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 Rex Baker know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022** – There is a Second Collection for Seminarians' Training Fund this Good Shepherd Sunday. Please give generously to this second collection and use the envelopes that have been given to the parishes and to gift aid as well.

**Needing a Spiritual Direction?** A trained spiritual director in the Parish is willing to offer her expertise on this matter and will accompany you in your spiritual journey. She is a Benedictine Oblate. Kindly email the Parish for enquiries ([edsacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:edsacredheart@gmail.com)).

**Confirmation Catechesis** - We are running a Confirmation group this September/October. Anyone interested and eligible please see Michael King or email: [church@michaeljwking.com](mailto:church@michaeljwking.com).

Diary Dates for this week		
Mon. 9 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00-4.00 pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b> in the Emmaus Room.  Join us for our monthly afternoon teas. Bring your knitting or just come for a friendly chat over a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit. All welcome.

Diary Dates for this week (continued)		
Weds. 11 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00 am	<b>Parish Finance Committee</b> meets in the Presbytery.
Weds. 11 <sup>th</sup> May	4.00 pm	<b>Youth Club</b> – If any of you are interested in joining or could contribute some ideas, please join us for this inaugural meeting in the Emmaus Room.
Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30-11.30 am	<b>First Holy Communion Class</b> – Emmaus Room.

**Thank You** - Fr Jay would like to thank the Parish for the best turnout and for their wonderful response to the Open Parish Meeting.

**CAFOD** – A letter of thanks has been received from CAFOD for the generous support from the parish this year and for our latest donation of £392.02 to their Lent Appeal. The full letter is posted on the notice board at the back of church.

#### Forthcoming Parish Events –

- **Eucharistic Ministers:** Recommissioning of our Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May at the 1800 Mass.
- **International Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 during the 1100 Mass.** An invitation to dress up one's national dress at Mass and national food prepared after. A good way to revisit one's roots as the Parish is much diverse in terms of culture. Plus, BBQ in the garden. Reception straight after Mass will be at the Walsingham Sisters Convent, House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham Norfolk NR20 4AZ. Please sign up on the paper provided at the back of the Church so that we could estimate the number who are joining.
- **First Communion** – Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at the 1100 Mass.
- **A weekly scriptures study and discussion** to commence in June. If interested, please confirm by email to: [edsacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:edsacredheart@gmail.com) or speak with Fr. Jay.
- Fundraising to purchase table tennis for the Parish youth. A plan to start to reignite the youth by organizing a weekly gathering for the youth every Saturday at 1400-1600. This starts as soon as we have the table tennis.

#### Diocesan Events in May -

- **Celebration of the 1,000<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Foundation of the Benedictine Abbey of Bury St. Edmund:** 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – 9.15 a.m. Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan. Preacher – Anglican Bishop of Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Our bishop invites us all to take part in this very special and unique occasion.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May.** The Diocesan children's pilgrimage takes place on the same day. The event will commence with Mass at 12 noon and ending around 4.00 p.m. with Benediction in the Priory grounds.