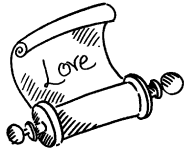


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Love's Guarantee

Do you jump out of bed in the morning with feelings of purpose and joy, or do you drag yourself out of bed with feelings of boredom or even dread?

Today Jesus is giving us a recipe for joy. If we determine to love our neighbours, our lives will inevitably be filled with huge purpose and great happiness. That's a guarantee! This is another guarantee. If we all knew how to love, the world would be a happier place, and as a happier place it would also be a more peaceful and a safer place in which to live.

We probably think we already know what love is, but today's challenge is to think of how many ways in which we can love. We are encouraged to think of love in practical terms. Perhaps we could start with our families, letting them know how much we appreciate them and how proud we are of them. Do we need to think of people we haven't forgiven, or wrongs that we haven't put right? Perhaps there are people we have given up on instead of seeking to understand. Do we tend to put ourselves first on a regular basis? Are there people we have overlooked or ignored? Are we lazy about educating ourselves as to the way other people live and the problems they face? Do we remember to love the strangers that we meet every day, offering them respect and a helping hand? Do we share love in the workplace, remembering not to gossip and to pull our weight? Do we remember to share our time, our money, our skills and our talents? Most importantly do we ever stop and imagine what it would be like to walk in someone else's shoes.

The gospel's promise is that if we start each day determining to spread God's love, we will start to feel more complete. We will be filled with a joy for life. That's a guarantee!

Bitesize – "To love as Christ loves is to let our love be a practical thing and not a sentimental thing." ~ *Sir Charles Villiers Stanford*



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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9TH MAY 2021 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year B

[6th Week of Easter, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 8 May	6.00 pm	6 th Sunday of Easter	Anna Easton
Sun. 9 May	9.00 am 11.00 am		The People of the Parish Roger Borthwick
Mon. 10 May	11.30 am	Requiem Mass & Funeral for Brenda Winandy	
Tues. 11 May	-	Easter Feria	No Mass today
Weds. 12 May	10.00 am	Easter Feria	Maria de Los Angeles Coto (2/2)
Thurs. 13 May	10.00 am 7.30 pm	THE ASCENSION <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	Brenda Winandy (Wilkes) The People of the Parish
Fri. 14 May	10.00 am	S MATTHIAS	K.J. Thomas (Josy Thomas)
Sat. 15 May	-	Easter Feria	No morning Mass
Sun. 16 May	6.00 pm	7 th Sunday of Easter	Elizabeth & Eamonn Geoghan
	9.00 am 11.00 am		The People of the Parish Kay Garrard (Wilkes)

All Celebrations of Mass are live-streamed on YouTube

The Church is open daily until 6:00pm

Anniversaries this week: 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.*

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

MASS LIVE STREAM – 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 (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

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.

Money Matters - Next Sunday (16 May) is World Communications Day and there will be a retiring collection for the **Catholic Communications Network** after all Masses next weekend.

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.

130 Club – Thanks to all those who have renewed their 130 Club memberships for the coming year. Your support is greatly appreciated and last year helped to raise the very useful sum of £1220.00 for the parish. There are about 10 tickets still available – anyone interested in taking up one or more tickets, please let Marcia know (email: marciaslee@hotmail.com).



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.

Ascension Thursday is a Solemnity and a Holy Day. There are two Masses as is usual on a Holy Day.

40 Hours Adoration - The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham will be hosting 40 Hours of Adoration at their Convent in Dereham **from 6pm on Sunday 16th May until 10am on Tuesday 18th**. It will be a time of thanksgiving to our Risen Lord, but also seeking a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives ahead of Pentecost, an end to the Covid-19 Pandemic and for blessings and guidance on the appointment of our new Bishop. We would like to invite people to support this initiative by signing up to spend at least half an hour with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. For further details or to sign up please email Dónal Hannon who will be overseeing the event at donalhannon@hotmail.co.uk

Discussion Document - The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a discussion document called **The Day of The Lord**. It is available to read on the church noticeboard

and on the parish website. It is important for us as we begin to inch our way forward in the light of the pandemic.

CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal - As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

Redundancy Coaching: <http://www.vitaeopus.co.uk> provides free online information and advice about Job Hunting, Self-employment and Active Retirement for Parishioners adversely affected workwise by the pandemic. Please pass the link on to anyone who may find it useful.

Norfolk Churches Trust: Sponsored Bike Ride 2021 – The Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride Team write: “We are enormously grateful for all the support we received last year. Your photographs and blogs only went to illustrate how much we all enjoyed and appreciated the day in the sunshine whether we travelled by bike, foot, car, horse or canoe last September. The lockdown and time spent taking exercise in the countryside has, we believe, made us even more appreciative of the beautiful churches in our Norfolk landscape? We hoped that the bike ride would be a success as the Norfolk Churches Trust, like many charities, had lost most of its fundraising opportunities. However, a 50% increase in participants to 831, who raised a staggering £174,382 for the Norfolk Churches Trust, was beyond our wildest dreams. This made Norfolk the top performing county in the country. We are, as always, but particularly following the events of last year, humbled and hugely grateful for your support. Thank you.” **This year's sponsored bike ride will be taking place on Saturday, 11th September 2021.** You can find all the details of this and last year's event in the Norfolk Churches Trust Newsletter, a copy of which has been posted on the parish website.

Christian Aid Week, 10-16th May 2021 - This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. Extreme weather means people like Rose are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water. Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. Donate online at www.christianaid.org.uk/

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.