

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Love Is Catching - Does it ever seem to you that Jesus can be a little unrealistic? Today Jesus tells us “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” But how can we go round loving everyone we meet? Isn't love reserved to those closest to us ... our parents, children, and partners? Harder still, how can we love as Jesus loved? Jesus loved us to the point of death. Surely following this kind of example is a very tall order!

The main thing to remember in following Jesus' teaching is that he wouldn't ask anything of us that we couldn't do. Secondly, we might not be ready to love each other to the point of death, but Jesus gives us plenty of other lessons in how to love. We're not talking some impossible ideal or some form of idealistic behaviour. We simply need to recognise, as Jesus recognised that love is a basic human need. Jesus had a talent for seeing everyone as an individual. We too need to see people as individuals rather than lump them together into categories. We too need to recognise need and respond accordingly. Loving someone is a decision we make rather than the harbouring of fluffy romantic sentiments found in greeting cards. Loving someone is about serving the need to be liked, appreciated, forgiven or helped. We follow Jesus' lessons in love every time we seek to alleviate someone else's suffering ... every time we reject violence and retaliation ... every time we make a stand against neglect or greed or apathy.

There are plenty of people who are already living their lives by Jesus' example. These people are shining examples of discipleship, not by what they say but by how they behave. Have you ever been filled with so much respect for someone that you wanted to imitate them? If you start to behave in the same way it won't be long before others are looking up to you as a role model. Watch out love is catching.



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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 Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
 Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
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Sunday, 15th May 2022 – 5th Sunday of Easter – Year C

[5th Week of Easter, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 1]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 14th May

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

Tony Reid+

Sunday 15th May

09.00 MASS

5th Sunday of Easter

Ciji Cyriac (Birthday thanksgiving)

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

Anisha Cyriac+

Monday 16th May

10.00 MASS

Easter FERIA

Cyriac & Jessy (Wedding anniversary thanksgiving)

Tuesday 17th May

10.00 MASS

Easter FERIA

Matthew Fitzmaurice+

Wednesday 18th May

11.30 FUNERAL MASS for Dorothy Dance+ (*Live streamed*)

Easter FERIA

Thursday 19th May

10.00 MASS & ADORATION

Easter FERIA

Helen Coyne+ (Fdn)

Live streamed

Friday 20th May

- No Mass today

Easter FERIA

Saturday 21st May

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

Easter FERIA

Josie Goodwin+

Sunday 22nd May

09.00 MASS

6th Sunday of Easter

Kath Davis+ & Family (Fdn)

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

Albert Foley+ (Fdn)

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: Henry Westcott, Noel Kenneth Daly, John Conway, Sarah Chaudhri, Esther Power. *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, Una Morris, Fr. Brendan.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £225.39 and second collection for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund £220.92. Thank you very much.

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.** Let Rex Baker know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.

This Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 22) has been set aside as a Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians whose presence in the Middle East are a diminishing presence. They guarantee for us an unbroken heritage and tradition from the source of our Faith. Here the Gospel was first preached, the origins of the monastic tradition began a region where many of the early Church Fathers lived. Their witness and that of today's Eastern Christians is an inspiration to our faith in the West. We are asked to pray especially for stability and peace in this region so that Eastern Christians may remain in their homelands. Please include a petition in the Bidding Prayers and, if possible, to have a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on that day for this intention.

Change to Mass Times – Please note that Mass on Wednesday this week will be at 11.30 and is the Funeral Mass for Dorothy Dance+. This Mass will be live streamed.

Live Streaming – Apologies for the lack of live streaming of the last two Thursday Masses. Fr. Jay had forgotten to turn on the computer.

Youth Club Equipment – Many thanks to the generous donor of our table tennis table for the Youth Club. However, we are £70 short since there was an upgrade of the order. The price is no £499. We are still open for any amount of donations.

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. Email enquiries to edsacredheart@gmail.com

Diary Dates for this week		
Fri. 20 th May	7.15-8.15 pm	Altar Servers meet in Emmaus Room
Sat. 21 st May	10.30-11.30 am	First Holy Communion Class – Emmaus Room
Sat. 21 st May	Recommissioning of our Eucharistic Ministers will take place at the 1800 Mass.	

Volunteers Sought - Volunteers are urgently needed to join the teams for church cleaning and flower arranging. At least three or four new members are needed for cleaning and flower arranging. Please let Catherine Perkins know if you can help with cleaning, or for helping with the flowers, speak to Jan Duffield. Also, anyone interested in assisting with Sacristan duties, please speak with Janice Tinney or Fr. Jay, or email to edsacredheart@gmail.com

Youth Club – Next week (**22nd May**), we shall have the Youth Club starting their group with table tennis and chess after the 1100 Sunday Mass in the Emmaus Room. Given the small space we have, we shall try to manage as best we can.

International Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 5th 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.

Union of Catholic Mothers – Please note that a meeting of the parish UCM will be held after Mass on **Tuesday, 31st May.** New members would be very welcome.

Scripture Study - A weekly Scripture study about the synoptics and discussion by Fr Jay begins on **8th June at 1930 at the Presbytery.** Eight people have confirmed to join the study. This should be a fitting opportunity to reassess how our knowledge about Christ is progressing leading to a closer relationship with our Lord.

Foodbank – Many thanks for your donations to the foodbank. We have a list of foods needed from the Foodbank in Wellspring for anybody who would want to donate, as follows:

Instant mash potato	Long-life fruit juice	Toilet Rolls
Size 1 & 2 nappies	Pasta	Tinned soup
Tinned potatoes	Tinned meat	Tinned rice pudding

Vacancy – Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Swaffham: Required from September, an Assistant Headteacher with SENDco responsibilities. For more information, go to <https://www.shcprimary.co.uk/vacancies/>