

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Wanted: People to Spread a Little Love** - In our current situation of pandemic and climate change, we are probably all feeling in need of a little love. Across the globe there is unprecedented need. There are millions in need of a little love. Today Jesus is telling us that it is up to us all to spread that love in as many practical and prayerful ways that we can think of. Are we up for the job?

Today we hear of Jesus' prayer for us. As Jesus was sent, so too we are sent to continue his mission and spread his love. Key to continuing Jesus' mission we are told that although we are of this world we must not be possessed or tied down by worldly concerns. How should it feel to be entrusted with such an important job? Well for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world. We spend most of our lives worrying about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's very hard to rise above worldly concerns. In fact, for most of us it just seems impossible.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we know Jesus' name throughout the entire globe two thousand years down the line. We have a much easier job than the early disciples had. Now all we need is a little bit of their drive and passion. So how can we capture some of that motivation?

For most of us, the day-to-day job of putting meals on the table takes up more of our time than the vital job of continuing Jesus' mission. Yet we all know someone who manages to strike that all important balance. We all know at least one person who sets a shining example. Perhaps it's here that we will find our motivation. Perhaps the people we most admire provide us with a model of who we ourselves would like to be. With a good example to emulate and our 21<sup>st</sup> Century means to spread God's love, the job is not beyond us.



**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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### 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021 – 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year B

[7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 3]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 15 May	6.00 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter <i>World Communications Day</i>	Elizabeth & Eamonn Geoghan The People of the Parish Kay Garrard (Wilkes)
Sun. 16 May	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 17 May	10.00 am	Easter Feria	Tony Reid
Tues. 18 May	-	Easter Feria	<b>No Mass today</b>
Weds. 19 May	10.00 am	Requiem Mass & Funeral for Bridget Ithell	
Thurs. 20 May	10.00 am	Easter Feria	Paschall Byrne
Fri. 21 May	10.00 am	Easter Feria Funeral Service for Jenny Rudd at Swanton Morley C.o.E.	Anisha Cyriac (Cyriac)
	3.00 pm		
Sat. 22 May	-	Easter Feria	<b>No morning Mass</b>
Sun. 23 May	6.00 pm	PENTECOST	Bridget Murphy The People of the Parish Joao Labo & Thanks
	9.00 am 11.00 am		

*All Celebrations of Mass are live-streamed on YouTube*

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Henry Westcott, Noel Kenneth Daly, John Conway, Sarah Chaudhri, Esther Power, Margaret Shelock. *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](http://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-B40VTvbezZ83MxQ/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, Collette Barrow-Nessian.

**Money Matters:** Offertory received by Standing Order during April 2021 was £1,101.00 plus £20 Easter Offerings.

There is a **retiring collection** after all Masses this weekend for the **Catholic Communications Network**.

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 Draw for April 2021** - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Ticket No. 117, Rex Baker; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Ticket No. 112, Elaine Wilkes; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 5, Joy Bussey; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 20, Andrew Bell; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 64, Andrew Rogerson.



**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.

**World Communications Day, 16 May 2021: Come and See** – ‘The invitation to “come and see”, which was part of those first moving encounters of Jesus with the disciples, is also the method for all authentic human communication. In order to tell the truth of life that becomes history (cf. *Message for the 54th World Communications Day, 24 January 2020*), it is necessary to move beyond the complacent attitude that we “already know” certain things. Instead, we need to go and see them for ourselves, to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality which always, in some way, surprises us.’ ~From Pope Francis' *World Communications Day Message*. Pope Francis warns us of the great issue of reporting. Investigative reporting is sometimes side stepped in favour of faster means. Some reporters are coming to rely on creating stories without ever ‘hitting the streets’, creating stories in front of computers and social networks. We in turn learn about the world from newscasts and the internet without ever meeting people face to face. Today’s invitation is to learn about the world through genuine encounter.

**The River Does Not Divide Us: Pentecost Novena on the Care of Creation** - All Catholics in England and Wales are invited to respond in prayer and action to the urgent climate change issues that we all face. The *God Who Speaks* team offers this Novena of readings and prayers drawn from the Bible and recent Papal teaching. Between Ascension and Pentecost, the Scriptures tell us: “*All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers...*” (Acts 1:14) while they awaited to be “*clothed with power from on high.*” (Luke 24:49). We are invited to pray these nine days reflecting on the account of creation in the book of Genesis. This Novena can be used on its own or to complement the prayers and reflections of the global prayer movement - ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ with the Care of Creation theme. A copy of the Novena can be found on the parish website.

**Pax Christi** - In the week from **15 to 21 May**, Pax Christi, the Catholic Peace organisation, will be trying to raise funds to make up for lost income due to Covid19. Fausta is having a dance-a-thon, Bruce is delivering a peace message to foreign embassies in London, Matt is cycling 50 miles visiting peace sites, Pat is going on a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, Rachel will be cycling for 75 miles, to celebrate Pax Christi’s 75th anniversary. More fundraisers are joining the fun. Please go to their website [www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/) for details on how you can sponsor them.

**World Day for Cultural Diversity, 21<sup>st</sup> May** - We all have affection for our own culture, and perhaps it’s our human need for roots that makes us overly nostalgic of our own culture and perhaps a little resistant to the culture of others. Today we are asked to look at other cultures and see what is important to our neighbours. Appreciating cultural diversity is the first step in creating a healthy society.

**Bitesize** – ‘You are not here merely to make a living. You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world. You impoverish yourself if you forget this errand.’

~Woodrow Wilson

### 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.*

St Felix, Pray for us.

St Fursey, Pray for us.

St Edmund, Pray for us.

All Holy Saints and Martyrs of East Anglia, Pray for us.