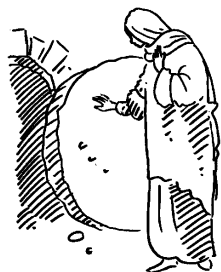


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR EASTER SUNDAY

What if We had Reached the Tomb Earlier? - Do you ever wonder how different



things would have been if we had reached the tomb a little earlier? What if we had reached the tomb in time to witness the detail of what happened next? Would witnessing what happened next have changed the way we live? We are told that the empty tomb gives our life purpose. Belief in the resurrection means we can live life boldly and well, looking forward to eternal life. The empty tomb gives us a means to deal with pain and suffering, it means that death is not a meaningless end of life, but the door to the fullness of life with the risen Christ. So given that the resurrection is essential to

our faith, is it a little disappointing that this bit of the Bible does not give us more detail? Are we left feeling as confused as the original disciples?

We are not, of course, required to solve the unwritten details of something that happened over two thousand years ago. In our human search for certainty all we can do at his point is put the resurrection into the context of the rest of Jesus' life and teachings. We have to trust that everything Jesus has told us is true, and that the resurrection is not just an invention to give a tragic story a happy ending, but the realisation of the promises Jesus made all along. Jesus promised all along that death couldn't contain us, and the empty tomb points to this not necessarily as proof, but as truth. Scientists teach us that something has to be proven repeatedly before we can call it a truth, but as Christians, we know that truth abounds all around us whether anyone has proved it or not. Truth does not wait to be proven.

We are not of course, asked to leave our brains at the church door, but we are asked to approach Easter with a broad mind and an open heart, and not to see 'truth' as something we can only find with a textbook and a microscope.

Bitesize – 'Seek truth and you will find a path.' ~*Frank Slaughter*



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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17th April 2022 – EASTER SUNDAY – Year C

[Weekdays Year II, Psalter Easter Octave]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 16th April

20.00 *EASTER VIGIL MASS*

+Anna Easton (PM)

Sunday 17th April

09.00 MASS

+Ann Mealy (PM)

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

+Anne Monaghan (Tinney)

Monday 18th April

10.00 MASS

+Victor Jolly (PM)

Tuesday 19th April

10.00 MASS

+Stephen Mealy (PM)

Wednesday 20th

10.00 MASS

+Mary Mealy (PM)

Thursday 21st April

10.00 MASS & ADORATION

+Rosemary Oakes

Live streamed

Friday 22nd April

- *No Mass today*

Easter Octave

Saturday 23rd April

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

+Ann Bracken (PM)

Sunday 24th April

09.00 MASS

+Martin Bracken (PM)

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

Nell Bradley (*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-B40VTvbzezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

Anniversaries this week: Enid Whatmore, Bernard Reddington, Edwin Gatt, Margaret Warner, Frederick Hetherington, Tony Lannon, Pamela Clark, Brenda Winandy, Thomas Nally, William Robertson, William Gibbons, Kathleen Rudd. *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, Allan Michael Howard, Collette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Una Morris, Fr. Brendan.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £480.59. (Standing Orders in March totalled £1,221.00.) Thank you.

The collection this weekend is the traditional Easter offering to the Parish Priest, which will go to Fr. Brendan. Fr. Jay will have his from Bury St. Edmunds.

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.

Fr. Brendan – Fr Brendan is currently in the stroke ward at the Norwich Community Hospital. The address for anyone wishing to send a card or letter is: Beech Ward, Mulberry Unit, Norwich Community Hospital, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich NR2 2TU.

Recommissioning of Eucharistic Ministers – This will take place on Saturday, 21st May 2022 at the 1800 Mass.

Sacrament of the Sick - Please inform Fr. Jay if you know somebody who wants to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Fr. Jay would be more than willing to visit.

Confirmation Catechesis - We are running a Confirmation group this September/October. Anyone interested and eligible please see Michael King.

Parish Choir – A plan to kickstart a Parish Choir at the 1100 Mass. Interested? Please email me – edsacredheart@gmail.com or Michael King, Parish Music Leader - michaeljwking@gmail.com

Diary Dates for this week		
Mon. 18 April	12 Noon – 3.00 pm	Picnic lunch at Dereham Convent of the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham
Weds. 20 April	7.30 pm	Parish Fabric Committee meets in Emmaus Room
Sat. 23 April	10.30-11.30 am	First Holy Communion Classes resume – Emmaus Room

Forthcoming Events –

- **Parish Open Meeting** – 4th May 2022 at 1600. There will be an updating of all the organisations in the Parish, including the Eucharistic Ministers.
- **Altar Servers Meeting** – Saturday, 7th May 2022 at 1400.
- **First Communion** – Sunday, 26th June 2022 at the 1100 Mass.
- **Youth Club** – There's a plan to organise a Youth Club. If any of you are interested in joining or could contribute some ideas, please acknowledge by joining us for a meeting on Wednesday, 11th May at 1600.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2022 - Just for this year our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place on **TUESDAY, 31st MAY** (*The Visitation of Our Lady*). The Diocesan children's Pilgrimage will also take place on the same day. The Pilgrimage Programme will be the same beginning with Mass at 12 noon and ending around 4.00pm with Benediction in the Priory grounds.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 19 to Friday 26 August 2022. For help contact the diocesan director, Deacon John Morrill at john.morrill@rcdea.org.uk or at 07956 536140 or at Catholic Pastoral Centre, 12 Exeter Road, Newmarket, CB8 8LT. There is a lot of detail on the pilgrimage website at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association#>

CAFOD Spring Raffle - The CAFOD Spring Raffle is up and running online at www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Spring-Raffle. The top prize is £7,000. The raffle closes on 6 May and the draw will take place on 20 May. Every raffle ticket you buy will help CAFOD work with developing communities across the world, providing support such as the resources and training to start a business, access to healthcare and much more.

Urbi et Orbi: BBC ONE Sunday 17th April 2022, 11.00-11.25am - Pope Francis gives his Easter Sunday Message and Blessing, Urbi et Orbi, to the city and to the World. Fergal Keane presents.

Not Just Easter Sunday - The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. During these fifty days of Easter, we will be listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.