

**GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Jesus' Prayer for Us**



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 to 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 over 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 twenty first century means to spread God's love, change is not beyond any of us.

**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.'



**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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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
 [Sundays Year B, 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 3]

<b>MASSES in the PARISH</b>		
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	+Kevin O'Brien (PM)
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	09.00 MASS	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
	11.00 <i>MASS Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>		+Declan Cummings (GC)
	10.00 Service of the Word & Holy Communion	<b>Easter Feria</b>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>St Matthias, Apostle</b>
	10.00 MASS	Roger Read: Healing ints. (GC)
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Easter Feria</b>
	10.00 MASS	+Kath Borthwick (GC)
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Easter Feria</b>
	10.00 MASS & ADORATION	Jean Stone: Healing ints. (TK)
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Easter Feria</b>
	- No Mass today	
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Easter Feria</b>
	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>
	09.00 MASS	Rosemary Oakes (CP)
	11.00 <i>MASS Live streamed</i>	Sheeba Anisi's ints.
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30</b> <b>EXPOSITION &amp; BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass</b>		

*Rosary & Morning Prayer are said weekdays before Mass from 09:15.*

*For Live Streamed Masses Search for Dereham Catholic Church on YouTube, or use the link on the parish website.*

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Catherine (Kay) Garrard, Kathleen Davis, Margaret Kingsbury, Paul Theocleous, Henry Westcott, Noel Kenneth Daly, John Conway, Sarah Chaudhri, Dorothy Alice May Dance. *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, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Colette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Kevin Pugh, Joy Bussey, Dorothy Edwards, Pat Grout.

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £276.65 and Offertory by Standing Orders for April 2024: £2,505.00. Thank you.

Today is **World Communications Day** and 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**. **Gift Aid forms** are available at the back of church. This will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.


**Scam Alert!** Please beware that an email going round which looks like coming from Fr Jay but the email address other than the Parish email address is used asking for a monetary favour. Advise to delete once received.

**Altar Candle Holders and Cross Set replacement** - We are now considering raising funds for the Altar candle holders and cross set. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

**Parish General Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> May at 1830 in the Emmaus Room** - Please attend our Parish General Meeting as we shall discuss matters regarding the developments of our ongoing project proposals from the Alive in Faith.

**Parish Typist Needed** - Elaine has now expressed her intentions to hand over to others the Newsletter typist role as a volunteer. Any interest, please inform Fr Jay.

Parish Events for the week 12 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> May	
Sunday: 1100	<b>Children's Liturgy</b> (for children in Y1 to 1st Holy Communion age)


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Monday: 1400-1600	<b>Tea Buddies:</b> Monthly get-together for a friendly natter over a cuppa – Emmaus Room. All welcome. Every second Monday of the month. 
Wednesday: 1430	<b>Queen of Peace Prayer Group</b> – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Wednesday: 1830	<b>Parish General Meeting</b> – Emmaus Room
Thursday: 1730-1830	<b>First Communion Class</b> (for children in Y1 to 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Age) – Emmaus Room
Friday: 1915-2030	<b>Altar Servers' Group</b> – Emmaus Room
<b>Friday Garden Club</b> – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	

**Pentecost Sunday | Parish International Mass** – Next Sunday at 1100 is our International Mass. We are encouraging all nationalities in the Parish to be acknowledged by signing up the form at the back, and if you would like to wear your national dress and bring your food to share for the reception afterwards, that would be great.

**Ordination to the Priesthood on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024** - Please include in your prayers Rev Anthony Ashimuga for his upcoming ordination to the Priesthood by Bishop Peter Collins at the Cathedral of St John on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1130.

**Annual Marriage Celebration Mass | Bishop Peter invites couples to join on the 1st June 1130 at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich** - Those couples celebrating significant anniversaries are invited to fill in the online Booking Form and so have their names read out during Mass, and receive a certificate. Certificates are for one year, five years and every multiple of five, until 60 years, then every individual year after 60 years. To book a place please fill in the Booking Form at: [www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/). For all enquiries please contact: Dr Antonia Braithwaite [mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk)

**Patrick Monaghan** – For all Patrick's former friends in the Parish, Deacon Martin has been in touch with Fr. Saji Matthew in Salisbury, who writes: "Patrick has moved into a Nursing Home in Salisbury as he was unable to live on his own and look after himself. I visit him with Holy Communion nearly every week. He is forgetful and confused because of the age-related dementia. He is lit up when Holy Communion is brought to him and is able to say all the prayers beautifully. He is a very devout man; deeply spiritual whose life is an example of love, service and prayer. I will pass on your love to him when I see him next."

	We thank all our many parish volunteers and groups for their help each week in supporting the running and daily and spiritual life of the parish.
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