

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

Over To Us



The disciples who for weeks had hidden away for fear of the Jews suddenly started behaving in an astonishing way. They came out of hiding and started teaching in many languages. What had got into them? Quite simply, the Holy Spirit had got into them as Jesus had promised. Those previously terrified people were suddenly filled with courage, energy, inspiration, purpose and conviction.

What is truly exciting about the Pentecost story is that we too have been given that very same Spirit in our baptism. So if we have received the same Spirit as was

breathed into those first disciples, why can't we rush round doing amazing things too? One answer might be that we haven't really tried yet. One answer might be that to date we haven't really been tested? Another answer perhaps is that we can't quite place our faith in it. How sad though if the Pentecost story is simply a story contained by the past. How sad if we don't believe the men and women of our own time whose inspirational lives and huge courage point to the work of the Holy Spirit ... men and women who far from being super human were born just the same as the rest of us.

The Holy Spirit is given to all of us, and with it comes the power to transform the world. The first disciples knew it ... now it's our turn.

Bitesize - 'We all have the extraordinary coded within us, waiting to be released.'
~Jean Houston



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 19th May 2024 – Pentecost Sunday

[Sundays Year B, 7th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 3]

MASSSES in the PARISH

Saturday 18th May	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 19th May	09.00 MASS	PENTECOST SUNDAY
	11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Rosemary Oakes (CP)
Monday 20th May	10.00 Service of the Word & Holy Communion	Sheeba Anisi's ints.
Tuesday 21st May	10.00 MASS	Mary, Mother of the Church
Wednesday 22nd May	10.00 MASS	Feria
Thursday 23rd May	10.00 MASS & ADORATION	+Paul Gibney (PO)
Friday 24th May	- No Mass today	Feria
Saturday 25th May	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	St Bede the Venerable
Sunday 26th May	09.00 MASS	+Josie O'Brien (PG)
	11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
		For the People of the Parish
		Kurian & Lissy Joseph (Thanksgiving)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30
EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass

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: Esther Power, Margaret Shelock, William Reavey, Mary & Gerard Ring-Davies, Michael McErleane, Florence Sayer, Thomas Eden, John Joseph Nally. *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 £299.72 and second collection for the Catholic Communications Network: £70.41. Thank you.

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.

International Mass: 19th May – Today, Pentecost Sunday, at 1100 is our International Mass. All nationalities in the Parish are invited to wear their national dress and bring food to share for the reception afterwards to celebrate.

Trinity Sunday, 26th May – Next Sunday is the last day for Easter Communion.

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 Events for the week 19th – 25th May	
Sunday: 1100	Children's Liturgy (for children <i>in Y1 to 1st Holy Communion age</i>)
Wednesday: 1430	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Thursday, 1730-1830	First Communion Class – Emmaus Room. (<i>Final preparation for first Holy Communion, Confession before first Holy Communion Mass on 2nd June.</i>)
Friday Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	

Praise and Worship Evening – 30th May - Following the Ignite Festival, the Ignite team are holding an evening of praise and worship music, prayer, and

Adoration. There will also be a short talk from Alex Thanickal (Ignite team member). Held in the Narthex, St John the Baptist Cathedral Norwich, from 6pm-8pm. All ages are welcome, bring your families and friends!

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/. For all enquiries please contact: Dr Antonia Braithwaite mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk


Pastoral Reflection on Gender - The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a pastoral reflection on gender, highlighting the teaching of the Church but stressing that accompanying those struggling with gender dysphoria is “a complex but essential pastoral task.” The document, titled *Intricately woven by the Lord*, can be download at www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-issue-pastoral-reflection-on-gender/

Calling practising Catholic teachers - If you are interested in following your vocation to teach in a Catholic school you are warmly invited to an initial information giving meeting, to be held on Zoom, on Monday 10th June 2024 at 6.30pm. You will have an opportunity to hear from the Diocesan Schools Service and the CEOs of our two Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts. To receive a meeting invitation, please contact the Schools' Service Administrator, Jane Delph, at ssc@rcdea.org.uk

National Missing Children's Day, 25th May: Day of Prayer - International Missing Children's Day, 25 May, is a day where people around the world commemorate the missing children who have found their way home, remember those who have been victims of crime, and continue efforts to find those who are still missing. The main purpose of International Missing Children's Day is to encourage everyone to think about children who remain missing and to spread a message of hope and prayer.

The Shack – The next edition of the parish magazine, *The Shack*, will be published in July. Articles for inclusion should be submitted to Elaine by no later than 16th June, please – email: elainewilkes182@btinternet.com.

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.



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.