

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR CORPUS CHRISTI



An Every Day Miracle - The Eucharist is an 'every-day miracle'. The trouble is that for many of us, the Eucharist has become so routine that we can easily fail to appreciate its true significance.

If we really want to rekindle the wonderment of that weekly miracle, we have to start nurturing a life changing appreciation of the Eucharist and of the Mass. Key to appreciation is preparation. If the Eucharist is food for our minds and our souls, it's important not to fill up on junk beforehand. Do we turn up for Mass in the right frame of mind ready to give genuine thought to our prayers and to the readings, or do we arrive with our heads full of trivia... life's junk food. Chances are that if we arrive at

Mass with our heads full of unrelated thoughts, we will spend our time simply going through the motions. We might as well not be there in the first place.

In the moments before Holy Communion when we are kneeling quietly in the bench with heads bowed, are we simply kneeling quietly in the bench or are we preparing our minds. We need to be preparing to receive Jesus' real presence into our bodies and into our lives. We need to be remembering Jesus' sacrifice and the reasons he made it. At the Last Supper Jesus charged us to keep his memory alive. In celebrating the Eucharist we celebrate the memory of his passion and death. As we break bread and drink wine in his name we recall Jesus' opposition to religious sham, his commitment to forgiveness and inner healing, his determination to overcome sin and his ultimate sacrifice.

How do we behave after Communion? Do we hurry back to our seat and continue chatting to the person in the next bench? How do we behave after the Mass has ended, do we make a hasty exit keen to get on with the rest of the day, or do we remember that we are taking God out into the world with us?

Jesus is with us to the end of time, and one of the ways he is with us is through the Eucharist. The sooner we start appreciating this every-day miracle the sooner our lives will change for the better.



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 2nd June 2024 – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

MASSES in the PARISH – 2nd to 17th June

Saturday 1st June	18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For Mr & Mrs. Cyriac, in thanksgiving for their 42 nd wedding anniversary.
Sunday 2nd June	09.00	MASS	CORPUS CHRISTI +Mr. Thomas (CC)
	11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish
Monday 3rd June	10.00	Service of the Word & Holy Communion	Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions
Friday 7th June	11.00	MASS	MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS <i>Parish Patronal Feast Day</i>
Saturday 8th June	18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	The Immaculate Heart of the BVM +Bridget Murphy (PM)
Sunday 9th June	09.00	MASS	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time +Francis Saville-King
	11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish
Monday 10th June	10.00	Service of the Word & Holy Communion	Feria
Saturday 15th June	18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Feria For the Saville-King Family
Sunday 16th June	09.00	MASS	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People of the Parish
	11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	
Monday 17th June	10.00	Service of the Word & Holy Communion	Feria

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 17.30

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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.

MASSES in the PARISH – 22nd June – 7th July

Saturday 22nd June	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More
18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd June	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00 MASS	
11.00 <i>MASS Live streamed</i>	
Monday 24th June	NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
10.00 Service of the Word & Holy Communion	
Saturday 29th June	Feria
18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	
Sunday 30th June	Ss PETER & PAUL, Apostles
09.00 MASS	
11.00 <i>MASS Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish
Monday 1st July	Feria
10.00 Service of the Word & Holy Communion	
Tuesday 2nd July	Feria
- No Mass today	
Wednesday 3rd July	St Thomas, Apostle
- No Mass today	
Thursday 4th July	Feria
10.00 MASS & ADORATION	
Friday 5th July	Feria
- No Mass today	
Saturday 6th July	Feria
18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	
Sunday 7th July	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00 MASS	For the People of the Parish
11.00 <i>MASS Live streamed</i>	

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Anniversaries this month: Bill Shaw, Joan Stimson, Ivan Lyons, Irene Ann Knight, James Farmer, David Thompkins, Fr. Tomas K. Phillips (2nd Priest in Dereham), William Finn, Desirée Jenkins, George Francis Buxton, Mary Horsburgh, Josephine Reeves, Dee Turner, Barry Williams, Francis McCarthy, Arthur & Marguerite Dunkley, Vincent Stewart, Maria Gay, Ellen Whitehead, Cardinal Basil Hume, Claudinette Barbas, Thomas Day, Tony Harmer, Madeline Lambert, Francis Hunt, John McGee, Thomas Murphy, June Doreen Kanssen, Mary Holmes, Mary Rush John Frizzell, Dorothy Payne, Michael Howard, Maureen Jacobs, John Zuhike, Terrance Lappin, Barry McGrath, Frances Saville-King, Fernando Sentieriro, Anthony Joseph O'Connor, Richard Downing, Elizabeth Mary Sharp. *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, Marion Ring-Davies.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £278.79. Thank you.

Please note: There are upcoming retiring collections after all Masses on the following weekends:

- 16th June (11th Sunday in Ord. Time) – Day for Life (for the work of Life Charities)
- 30th June (Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul) – Peter's Pence
- 14th July (14th Sunday in Ord. Time) – Stella Maris

First Holy Communions – Congratulations to Francesco, Adelyn, Isla, Lena, Carolina, Emilia and Adam who are making their First Holy Communions today) at the 1100 Mass. Please keep them in your prayers at this special time.

Friday, 7th June | Parish Patronal Feast Day Celebration - Please join us in our celebration for the Parish Patronal Feast Day. **Mass will be at 1100** followed by light lunch at the Emmaus room.

No Masses on weekdays from 3rd June (but see item above) - Fr Jay is away for his holiday to the Philippines from 3rd June to 3rd July. Guest priests are coming to cover the weekend Masses. Kindly include Fr Jay in your prayers.

Sunday, 7th July | St Thomas, Parish Feast Celebration - Our Indian brothers and sisters in the Parish will lead the celebration of St Thomas, the Apostle, Feast day, at the 1100 Mass. Followed by lunch in the garden.

Patrick Monaghan – For any old friends wishing to keep in touch, Patrick is now resident at Salisbury Manor Care Home, Shapland Close, Wilton Rd, SP2 7EJ.

Parish Events for the weeks 3rd June – 6th July	
Sundays: 1100 Mass	Children's Liturgy (for children <i>in Y1 to 1st Holy Communion age</i>) – Resumes on Sunday 9th June.
Monday 10 th June: 1400-1600	Tea Buddies: Monthly get-together for a friendly natter over a cuppa – Emmaus Room. All welcome. Every second Monday of the month 
Wednesdays: 1430	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Friday: 1915 – 2030	Altar Servers Group – Meeting dates: 7 th June, 21 st June, and 5 th July.
Friday Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	