

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**God Knows No Orphans** - There are times in our lives when we feel a sense of abandonment. We might be left with feelings of panic, despair and emptiness at the break up of a relationship, the loss of a loved one; or when the future we thought so secure is turned on its head through job loss, financial ruin or illness. The disciples must be feeling a little like this today at the prospect of Jesus' departure.

In today's gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples for life without his physical presence. He is teaching them how to transcend these moments of fear and uncertainty "Those who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them..." Undoubtedly, knowing we are loved helps transcend feelings of abandonment, but Jesus reminds us that love is a two-way street. Love isn't just a feeling it's a decision, and staying in God's love means making a decision to keep his words. This doesn't mean God will no longer love us if we fail to keep a commandment, but it does mean that wanting to keep his words is at the heart of our relationship. It's not about trying to live up to an impossible set of expectations; it's about developing into confident Christians in an atmosphere of love and support.

Today's gospel speaks to those who are suffering insecurity and fear. As a Christian community we have a responsibility for promoting belief in God's love and in the continued support of the Holy Spirit. In this way, when any one of us comes to grief, that belief can come to the rescue. For those who know they are loved, healing comes more quickly. There can be no abandonment in a kingdom that knows no orphans.

**Bitesize** - Fear makes the wolf bigger than he is. ~*German Proverb*



**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 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year C

[6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 2]

### MASSES in the PARISH

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

Josie Goodwin+

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

09.00 MASS

Kath Davis+ & Family (Fdn)

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

Albert Foley+ (Fdn)

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Easter Feria**

10.00 MASS

Anisha Cyriac+

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Easter Feria**

10.00 MASS

H.J. Thomas+

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

**St Bede the Venerable**

10.00 MASS

Lilian Carter+ (Fdn)

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

16.00 ADORATION

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

17.30 MASS

For the People of the Parish

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

**St Augustine of Canterbury**

- No Mass today

#### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May

**Easter Feria**

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

Sidney Carter+ (Fdn)

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

09.00 MASS

For the People of the Parish

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

*Fdn = Foundation Mass*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday during Adoration and Saturday at 17.30**  
**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday before 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:** Margaret Shelock, William Reavey, Mary & Gerard Ring-Davies, Michael McErleane, Florence Sayer, Thomas Eden, John Joseph Nally, Annie Murtagh, Joan Pagano, Hilda Crick. *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, Collette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Una Morris, Fr. Brendan.

**Money Matters:** Collection for last Sunday: £293.03, plus £20 for the Priests' Training Fund. Offerings by Standing Order during April: £1,301.00. Thank you very much. Next Sunday is World Communications Day and there will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend.

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**. Let Rex Baker know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.

**130 Club Draw Results for March 2022:** Quarterly Prize £25 - Ticket No. 187, Chris Sayer; 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Ticket No. 176, Irene Battista; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Ticket No. 113, Margaret Leggatt; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 127, John Richardson; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 189, Eleanor Teale; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 179, Paul Wade. Please note that the Draws for April and May have been made but it is only possible to pay out one month's draw per week. Therefore, the outstanding two draws will be paid and notified in the bulletin over the following two weeks.

**Holy Day of Obligation** – Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please note the change to Mass times, with Adoration commencing at 16.00 and Mass at 17.30.

**Pastoral Letter** – A separate copy of the Pastoral Letter from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales regarding the reinstatement of the Sunday Obligation is provided. Please take a copy.

**This Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 22)** has been set aside as a Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians whose presence in the Middle East are a diminishing presence. They guarantee for us an unbroken heritage and tradition from the source of our Faith. Here the Gospel was first preached, the origins of the monastic tradition began in a region where many of the early Church Fathers lived. Their witness and that of today's Eastern Christians is an inspiration to our

faith in the West. We are asked to pray especially for stability and peace in this region so that Eastern Christians may remain in their homelands.

**Youth Club** – This Sunday, the Youth Club starts their group with table tennis and chess after the 1100 Mass in the Emmaus Room, with snacks provided.

#### Diary Dates for this week

Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30-11.30 am	First Holy Communion Class – Emmaus Room
Sun. 29 <sup>th</sup> May	After 1100 Mass	Youth Club – Emmaus Room

**Foodbank** – Many thanks for your donations to the foodbank. We have a list of foods needed from the Foodbank in Wellspring for anybody who would want to donate, as follows:

Instant mash potato	Long-life fruit juice	Toilet Rolls
Size 1 & 2 nappies	Tinned potatoes	Tinned meat
Tinned rice pudding		

#### Upcoming Parish Events:

- **5<sup>th</sup> June** – International Mass & Lunch & BBQ. After 1100 Mass at the Convent, Neatherd Moor.
- **8<sup>th</sup> June** – Scripture Study Group: 1930 in the Presbytery.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May.** The Diocesan children's pilgrimage takes place on the same day. The event will commence with Mass at 12 noon and ending around 4.00 p.m. with Benediction in the Priory grounds.

**HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration** - Choirs are invited to sign up to sing: *A Song for the Commonwealth - A Life Lived with Grace*. On 2 June 2022 choirs throughout the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth are being invited to join together to sing the newly written Song for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at 9.45pm as beacons are lit in celebration of this moment in our nation's history. The song has been released by Vincent Atueyi from Nigeria (music) and Lucy Kiely from Australia (lyrics). The guide to this event can be accessed at <https://cte.org.uk/song-for-the-commonwealth/>. School and parish choirs are invited to participate and can download the musical score parts and the lyrics. For more information, visit [www.commonwealthresounds.com](http://www.commonwealthresounds.com)

**Icon Making** - A full, 7-day immersion in the spirituality and discipline of writing an icon in the Byzantine style, led by Deacon Nikita Andreyev, of the Protopon School of Iconography. Residential and non-residential options, with the course taking place from Saturday 25th June to Friday 1st July inclusive. Venue: Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst, Clitheroe BB7 9PZ. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/iconography-course/>