

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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23RD MAY 2021 – PENTECOST SUNDAY – Year B

[8th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 4]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 22 May	6.00 pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Bridget Murphy
Sun. 23 May	9.00 am 11.00 am		The People of the Parish Joao Labo & Thanks
Mon. 24 May	10.00 am	Mary, Mother of the Church	Holy Souls (Montero)
Tues. 25 May	-	S Bed the Venerable	No Mass today
Weds. 26 May	10.00 am	St Philip Neri	Private Int.
Thurs. 27 May	10.00 am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (Feast)	Holy Souls (Montero)
Fri. 28 May	10.00 am	Feria	Martin Mealy
Sat. 29 May	-	Feria	No morning Mass
Sun. 30 May	6.00 pm	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Ann & Martin Bracken
	9.00 am 11.00 am		Fr. Harry Wace (Fdn.) The People of the Parish

All Celebrations of Mass are live-streamed on YouTube

The Church is open daily until 6:00pm

Anniversaries this week: William Reavey, Mary & Gerard Ring-Davies, Michael McErleane, Florence Sayer, Thomas Eden, John Joseph Nally, Annie Murtagh, Joan Pagano, Hilda Crick, Alexandro Eldred. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Useful links: Diocesan Safeguarding – <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding/>
Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
Daily Liturgy Website – www.universalis.com

MASS LIVE STREAM – Search for **Dereham Catholic Church** on **YouTube**,

Or use the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

The parish newsletter (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

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. Brendan either by phone or by email.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: Carol Whitesides, Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Greta Cummings, Patsy Gray, Allan Michael Howard, Collette Barrow-Nessian.

Money Matters: 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 Fr. Brendan know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.



Newsletter by Email - Please let Fr. Brendan know if you would like to receive the parish's weekly bulletin by email. We have a GDPR compliant list of names for this purpose.

Easter Communion – Next Sunday (Trinity Sunday) is the last day for Easter Communion.

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales: Covid-19 Route Map: Step 3 Guidance – The latest guidance from the Bishops' Conference Secretariat has been received, marking the gradual return to normality for the Church's worship. However, we are still be asked to keep our preventive measures in place to make sure that our churches and halls remain safe places for us all. **A copy of the full guidance has been posted on to the parish website.** There are two parts to the guidance. The first part concerns liturgical celebrations in our churches, the hearing of confessions and the celebration of the other Sacraments and Funerals. The second part concerns the resumption of the use of our halls in the light of the lifting of certain restrictions in our wider society. **Key points are as follows:**

1. We may now have congregations with one-metre distancing, up to half our full capacity, with all the usual things place, e.g., wearing of masks, ventilation, hand sanitising, etc.
2. Communal singing is still restricted to a cantor or a choir unless Mass is celebrated outside the church.
3. The sign of peace remains suspended.
4. Holy Communion remains to be received under one kind only. It is now permitted to announce "The Body of Christ" to each individual communicant.
5. Holy Communion may now be received on the tongue but those who wish to do so should be asked to wait until the end of the Communion procession. NB. Holy Communion should not be given on the tongue in areas where there is a high

spike in local infections. After distributing Holy Communion in this way, the Celebrant or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion should wash their hands in warm soapy water and then sanitise them.

6. Concelebration is now permitted.
7. Catechetical groups may now meet together in one place for Sacramental preparation but there are restrictions to be followed.

Inviting Young People and Young Adults on Pilgrimage – Aged 16-30? Come and join a 'Covid Safe' walking and camping pilgrimage to Walsingham in the last week of July. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service and Radio Maria England. Registration just £50 (plus booking fee). Walk one of the ancient pilgrim routes which will lead from Ely and through a number of our parishes including Brandon, Swaffham and Fakenham. Over the course of four days, the walk will cover around 70 miles, stopping for Mass and other times of prayer en route. More details at www.englandsway.org.

Candle of Justice: Join 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland': Tuesday 25th May at noon - We are invited to light a candle on this day, pray for racial justice and commit to personal action. This marks the anniversary of the killing of George Floyd.

National Missing Children's Day: Day of Prayer, 25th May - 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.

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

St. Felix, Pray for us.

St. Fursey, Pray for us.

St. Edmund, Pray for us.

All Holy Martyrs and Saints of East Anglia, Pray for us.

