

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Looking for Truth** - Today's gospel reading has a disturbing element for those of us who harbour doubts over what Jesus asks us to believe. Disturbingly Jesus tells us, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Because we are used to beatitudes having a flip side, we somehow imagine the unspoken words to be ".... And woe to those who ask for forensic evidence!" We imagine that it is sacrilegious to express doubt or search for proof and so we keep our doubts to ourselves. Thomas, however, had no such inhibition.

When the disciples told Thomas that the crucified Jesus had risen from the dead and appeared amongst them in the upper room, Thomas declared that unless he could see the mark of the nails and put his hand into Jesus' side he could not believe. Thomas was a loving and courageous disciple of Jesus. Thomas wasn't someone who would have thrown his faith away or turned his back on Jesus, but nor was he a man who would say he believed something that he didn't or that he understood something that was beyond him. Importantly, Jesus does not scold Thomas for asking for proof; on the contrary, Jesus is quick to give physical confirmation of his resurrection. Perhaps the message here is that if we want to believe, God will show us a way.

Thomas teaches us not to be afraid to express doubt. For Thomas, doubt was not the same as disbelieving. Thomas's doubts proved stepping-stones to faith. Pretending that we believe things we don't, or claiming to understand things that elude us is a shaky foundation for faith. Doubt is not the same thing as disbelief, and faith only eludes us when we give up looking for the truth.



**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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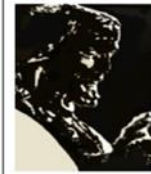
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 Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>  
 Daily Liturgy Website – [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)



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## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year C

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

### MASSES in the PARISH

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Octave of Easter</b>
18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Ann Bracken+ (PM)
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
09.00 MASS	Martin Bracken+ (PM)
11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Nell Bradley ( <i>Foundation Mass</i> )
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>St Mark, Evangelist</b>
10.00 MASS	Elizabeth Geoghan+ (PM)
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>St George, Patron of England</b>
10.00 MASS	Eamon Geoghan+ (PM)
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>
10.00 MASS	Martin Mealy+ (PM)
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>
10.00 MASS & ADORATION <i>Live streamed</i>	Tim Salter ( <i>Foundation Mass</i> )
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Eu.</b>
- No Mass today	
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>
18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Allan Howard+ (Salter)
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
09.00 MASS	Rose Bere ( <i>Foundation Mass</i> )
11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Sheamus Mealy+ (PM)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30**  
**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after 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:** Howard Leslie, John Woodhouse, Theo Sandars, Peter Gormans, Bridget Ithell, Fr. Guy (Vincent) Wace OSB, Timothy Salter, Eddie Wilde, Roger Gerald Clancy, James Tinney, Mary Gatt, Sarah Courtney. *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.

**Sacrament of the Sick** - Please inform Fr. Jay if you know somebody who wants to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Fr. Jay would be more than willing to visit.

**Money Matters:** Easter Sunday offering for Fr Brendan: £829.53. Lenten Alms: Church in Need (Ukraine): £24.71; Church in Need: £10.27. Good Friday collection for the Holy Places: £49.83. 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**. 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 Rex Baker know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.

**130 Club** – There are tickets available for anyone who would like to take up membership or, if already a member, would like an additional ticket. Tickets cost £1 per month. Please let Marcia Slee know if you would like to join or take up an additional ticket. There are some application forms available at the back of church.

Diary Dates for this week		
Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30-11.30 am	First Holy Communion Class – Emmaus Room

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Recommissioning of our Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May at the 1800 Mass.

**Confirmation Catechesis** - We are running a Confirmation group this September/October. Anyone interested and eligible please see Michael King.

### Forthcoming Events –

- **Parish Open Meeting** – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 1600. There will be an updating of all the organisations in the Parish.
- **Altar Servers Meeting** – Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 1400.
- **First Communion** – Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at the 1100 Mass.
- **Youth Club** – There's a plan to organise a Youth Club. If any of you are interested in joining or could contribute some ideas, please acknowledge by joining us for a meeting on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May at 1600.

**Parish Choir** – A plan to kickstart a Parish Choir at the 1100 Mass. Interested? Please email me – [edsacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:edsacredheart@gmail.com) or Michael King, Parish Music Leader - [michaeljwking@gmail.com](mailto:michaeljwking@gmail.com).

**A weekly Scriptures study and discussion** is being planned by Fr Jay this coming June. Depends on the number of interests, so please if you are one of those willing to be involved in the deepening and sharing of the Word of God in the community, please email me – [edsacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:edsacredheart@gmail.com).

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2022** - Just for this year our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place on **TUESDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> MAY (The Visitation of Our Lady)**. The Diocesan children's Pilgrimage will also take place on the same day. The Pilgrimage Programme will be the same beginning with Mass at 12 noon and ending around 4.00pm with Benediction in the Priory grounds. Please make a note of the date in your diaries and endeavour to come on pilgrimage this year!

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 19 to Friday 26 August 2022.** We hope to top 100 East Anglians for the first time this century. For help contact the diocesan director, Deacon John Morrill at [john.morrill@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:john.morrill@rcdea.org.uk) or at 07956 536140 or at Catholic Pastoral Centre, 12 Exeter Road, Newmarket, CB8 8LT. There is a lot of detail on the pilgrimage website at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association#>

**Diocesan Summer Camp:** Takes place at Ringsfield Hall, Hall Road, Beccles, NR34 8JR on 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Application forms are available at the Presbytery. For more details, the parents/guardian may contact: Lorraine Furmedge, 30 Beaufort Drive, Buckden, St Neots, Cambs, PE19 5YU. Tel: 0776541170.

**CAFOD Spring Raffle** - The CAFOD Spring Raffle is up and running online at [www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Spring-Raffle](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Spring-Raffle). The top prize is £7,000. The raffle closes on 6 May and the draw will take place on 20 May. Every raffle ticket you buy will help CAFOD work with developing communities across the world, providing support such as the resources and training to start a business, access to healthcare and much more.

**Bitesize** – “Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it by the handle of anxiety, or by the handle of faith.” ~Author Unknown