

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 - "Hope never abandons you, you abandon it." ~ *George Weinberg*



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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 Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
 Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
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26TH MAY 2019 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year C

[6th Week of Easter, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 25 th May	6.00 pm	6 th Sunday of Easter [Parish Mass Book p274]	Priest's Int. Tom Nally (Morris) The People of the Parish
Sun. 26 th May	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 27 th May	10.00 am		
Tues. 28 th May	-	Easter Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 29 th May	10.00 am	Easter Feria	Priest's Int.
Thurs. 30 th May	10.00 am 7.30 pm	ASCENSION OF THE LORD – Solemnity	Fr. Harry Wace (<i>fdn</i>) The People of the Parish
Fri. 31 st May	10.00 am	Visitation of the BVM	Sarah Chaudhri (Tinney)
Sat. 1 st June	-	St. Justin	No Morning Mass
Sat. 1 st June	6.00 pm	7 th Sunday of Easter (World Communications Day)	Priest's Int. The People of the Parish Joa Lobo & Thanks
Sun. 2 nd June	9.00 am 11.00 am		

Music for 6th Sunday of Easter – Setting: New People's Mass (incl. Memorial Acclam. B)

Entry: 6pm – Regina Coeli (said); Hymn 779 – O God, you search me and you know me ...

Psalm: (11am sung) *R.*: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Offertory: Hymn 627 – This is my body, broken for you ...

Recessional: 11am – Regina Coeli (said); Hymn 708 – Holy God, we praise thy name ...

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday at 5.30pm, or by request/appointment

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

Anniversaries this week: Annie Murtagh, Joan Pagano, Hilda Crick, Alexandro Eldred, Irene Jackowski, Ann Rolph, Robert Woolward, Mr. Goodenough and Frances Hunt. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits: If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, King's Lynn (QEII), and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St. John's Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or call the NNUH Hospital Chaplaincy direct on 01603 287470 for people needing urgent spiritual attention, or for visits to QEII Hospital, call Fr. Peter Rollings on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament or Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Neville Hibberd, Shirley Liebenhals and Brenda May.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering to the parish for our day-to-day running costs of £421.24.

Next Sunday is World Communications Day and there will be a retiring collection after all Masses for the Catholic Communications Network.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues 28th May	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Weds. 29th May	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to sing or play.
Sat. 1st June	Saturday Club is on half-term holiday. Classes resume 8th June.	

Ascension Day – 40 days since Easter is next Thursday, 30th May, and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses are at 10.00am and 7.30pm.

Ordinations – The list for the coach to the ordinations on 6th July is now at the back of the church. The time of departure is confirmed for 10.00 a.m. with Dereham Coachways.

Open Parish Meeting – Thank you to those who attended the meeting last Sunday and to those who prepared and brought food to share. The reports from the parish groups and the financial information etc. are available at the back of the church. The art work was done by our Altar Servers, the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen. Some things to be acted upon from the meeting:

- We would like the church to become a quieter place before Mass. It is suggested that when the altar candles are lit that this is the moment for silence before Mass. It would also be conducive to a prayerful atmosphere if conversations before Mass were in a lower volume.
- We need to leave enough space in the car park for emergency vehicles, such as an ambulance etc. So, tighter parking will allow more cars. Cones will mark the edge of parking.
- A Day of Recollection/Prayer was recommended for the parish. To be arranged.

- The Fabric Committee has been asked to investigate renewing the lighting in the church with longer-lasting LED bulbs.
- The opportunity was taken to highlight the benefit to the parish of people making their weekly offerings by standing order and, if a tax payer, by gift-aiding their payments as well. This not only helped provide certainty of weekly income towards the day-to-day running of the parish but also could be of help to parishioners who would not need to worry whether or not they had change available or were away for a weekend. Standing Orders were not set in stone and could be cancelled or changed at any time to meet people's circumstances.

A copy of the full minutes is posted on the notice board at the back of church and on the parish website.

Dereham Churches Together invite you to an **Evening of Praise, Prayer & Fellowship** hosted by **Cowper Congregational Church**. Tuesday 4th June @ 7.30pm Everyone Welcome. Please take a leaflet from the back of the church.

The Newman Lectures at the Cathedral Narthex: Thursday evenings continue from 30th May to 6th June 2019. The subject this year is 'Mary'. Please see the poster on the noticeboard and the leaflets on the table. Talks commence at 6.30pm and refreshments will be available.

Wednesday 5th June: Family Day at House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor. For parents at home and their children, a day of prayer and sharing. Arrivals from 11.30am for Midday Mass in the barn followed by picnic lunch, then at 2.30pm a talk on 'The Family as the Domestic Church', sharing and concluding tea. Games provided for the children. Departures late afternoon. Please call 01362 421442, 01328 801018 or 07931 795769 if you need further information.

In Eastertide, we recite REGINA CAELI in place of the ANGELUS:

Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.

For he, whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia.

Has risen as he said, Alleluia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.