

**GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**Rising Above Worldly Concerns** - In these final chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus is trying to sum up what his life and mission is all about. He speaks at length of the bond between him and his Father and it is from this bond of love that he is 'sent'. Jesus tells us that we too are 'sent' to continue his mission. Friendship with Jesus is being with him, and being sent in his name. Our mission is to place his love and message at the centre of the world. In following him in mission and love, we too are 'being sent'.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we know Jesus' name throughout the entire globe two thousand years down the line. We have a much easier job than the early disciples had. Now all we need is a little bit of their sense of mission.

Today's gospel reminds us that Jesus' love for his disciples does not fade. It endures eternally. He asks the Father to protect and guide. He entrusts us, his friends and companions, to the loving care of his Father. If we are really to believe this, we should leave the house every morning with a lot more on our minds than simply catching the early bus or answering our emails on the tube. Today is an invitation not to think of ourselves on the outside looking in, but to be as much a part as we can in impacting the world as much as those early disciples did.

**Bitesize** – 'You never get people's fuller attention than when you're listening to them.' ~Robert Brault, [rbrault.blogspot.com](http://rbrault.blogspot.com)



**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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 Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>  
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**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year C**  
 [7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 3]

**MASSES in the PARISH**

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Sidney Carter+ (Fdn)
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	09.00 MASS	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
	11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.00 MASS	<b>Easter Feria</b>
		Mgr. Harry Wace+ (Fdn)
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	10.00 MASS	<b>The Visitation of the BVM. Feast.</b>
		Lana Devlin+
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	10.00 MASS	<b>St Justin</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	10.00 MASS & ADORATION	<b>Easter Feria</b>
	<i>Live streamed</i>	
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	- No Mass today	<b>Ss Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	<b>Easter Feria</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	09.00 MASS	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY. Solemnity.</b>
	11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish

(Fdn) = Foundation Mass

**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-B40VTvbzez83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** Alexandro Eldred, Irene Jackowski, Ann Rolph, Robert Woolward, Mr. Goodenough, Frances Hunt, Bill Shaw, Joan Stimson, Ivan Lyons, Irene Ann Knight, James Farmer. *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, Fr. Brendan.


**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £302.35. Thank you. **Today is World Communications Day** and there is a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend in aid of the **Catholic Communications Network**.

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**.

**130 Club Draw for April 2022** - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Ticket No. 148, Scott Cain; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Ticket No. 145, Rose Fenton; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 189, Eleanor Teale; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 79, Catherine Perkins; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 74, Alejandro Montero. The May draw will be paid and notified next week.

**Fr Brendan Update:** Fr Brendan is now in All Hallows Neuro-rehab, Ditchingham. He is making a significant progress, in general. His mobility is much better since he could walk unaided except by a stick. Just having a slurred speech but other than that he was in good form. He extended his regards to all of you.

**UCM Meeting: Change of Date** – UCM Members are asked to note that, due to unexpected circumstances, the meeting fixed for this coming Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, has had to be POSTPONED and will now be held on **Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June**.

Diary Dates for this week		
Sun. 29 May	After 11.00 Mass	Youth Club meets – Emmaus Room
Tues. 31 May	12 noon	Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, including children's pilgrimage. Ends at 4.00pm with Benediction in the Priory.
Weds. 1 June	After 10.00 Mass	 SVP Monthly Coffee Morning – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Sat. 4 June	First Holy Communion Class is on Half-term holiday.	

**Pentecost Sunday International Mass:** International Mass on the Pentecost Sunday this coming 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 during the 1100 Mass at the Parish. Reception straight after at the Walsingham Sisters Convent, Neatherd Moor. Also, raffle tickets will be sold in the porch after Masses this weekend towards the international lunch. They will be on sale at the lunch itself, but if you can't come, yet would like to contribute, tickets are 25p each or a strip for £1. There are a number of prizes, the top one: a cream tea.

**Scripture Study** – A weekly scripture study and discussion group begins on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June** at the Presbytery. If you haven't already done so, please let Fr. Jay know if you'd like to join the group.

**Confirmation Catechesis** - We are running a Confirmation group this September/October. Anyone interested and eligible please see Michael King or email: [church@michaeljwking.com](mailto:church@michaeljwking.com)

**Youth Club** - The launching of the Sacred Heart Youth Club last Sunday after the 1100 Mass with their new table tennis table was a success. Many thanks to the generous donors. Parents, for safeguarding purposes, should hang around while their children are in the in the group. The game should be finished by 1300.

**Church Toilet Refurbishment** – Works start on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May. The Presbytery toilet will be available for use instead. Please make sure that minors are accompanied by their parents or guardians when using it.

**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 Prosopeon School of Iconography. Residential and non-residential options, with the course taking place from Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July inclusive. Venue: Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst, Clitheroe BB7 9PZ. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/iconography-course/>

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 19 to Friday 26 August 2022.** For help contact the diocesan director, Deacon John Morrill at [john.morrill@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:john.morrill@rcdea.org.uk) or tel: 07956 536140 or at Catholic Pastoral Centre, 12 Exeter Road, Newmarket, CB8 8LT. More info. can be found on the pilgrimage website: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association#>

**Diocesan Summer Camp:** 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, contact: Lorraine Furmedge, 30 Beaufort Drive, Buckden, St Neots, Cambs, PE19 5YU. Tel; 0776541170.

**Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to the Diocese: 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October 2022** - The Bishops of England and Wales welcome a pilgrimage of the relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes. The pilgrimage will take place in this Diocese from October 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Unthank Road, Norwich NR2 2PA commencing at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October until 09.00 a.m. on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> October.