## **GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR TRINITY SUNDAY**

### Don't Keep It to Yourself!



If we have heard a wonderful concert, read a great book or laughed at a new comedy, we are keen to share the experience. We want to talk about that comedy in work the next day or lend the book to a friend so that they can enjoy it too. We are not so keen to share what our faith means to us. We don't want to be accused of 'bible bashing' or to be considered odd. Past experience has taught us that we can easily bore our friends with religious rhetoric. Many a heated row has ensued between family and friends of different faiths. As a result, we have

learned to keep our mouths shut; yet in today's gospel we are told to "go and make disciples of all in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit."

The message is clear. We are told that the God who will be with us until the end of the age wants us to teach all that Jesus has commanded. We have been asked to do this in the name of the Father who made us, the Son who taught us, and the Holy Spirit that enables us. We have not been asked to keep our mouths shut!

We don't have to be boring or start a family feud to pass on what we know. There are many absorbing subjects in the bible that we can discuss at different levels. Many would advocate setting a good example as the best method of teaching. Whatever ways we choose, the message today is 'don't keep it to yourself.'

**Bitesize** – "Sometimes it seems like God is difficult to find and impossibly far away. We get so caught up in our small daily duties and irritations that they become the only things that we can focus on. What we forget is that God's love and beauty are all around us, every day, if only we would take the time to look up and see them."

~ Matthias, Correction Weblog, 11-01-03



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. PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART AND ST. MARGARET MARY<br/>[Registered Charity 278742]Parish Priest: Fr. Brendan Moffatt – Telephone: 01362 694066<br/>Email: Brendan.Moffatt@rcdea.org.ukAddress: The Presbytery, 35 London Road, Dereham NR19 1AS<br/>Parish Website: <a href="http://www.sacredheartdereham.org.uk">http://www.sacredheartdereham.org.uk</a><br/>Permanent Deacon: Rev. Martin Sanderson: Tel: 01362 822590<br/>Email: <a href="mailto:martin.sanderson@rcdea.org.uk">martin.sanderson@rcdea.org.uk</a><br/>Parish Music Leader: Michael King: Email: <a href="mailto:michaeljwking@gmail.com">michaeljwking@gmail.com</a><br/>Parish Safeguarding Representative: Kathleen Edmunds:<br/>Email: <a href="mailto:kathleenedmunds@vahoo.com">kathleenedmunds@vahoo.com</a>

### 30TH MAY 2021 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - Year B

[9<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 1]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 29 May	6.00 pm		Ann & Martin Bracken
Sun. 30 May	9.00 am	TRINITY SUNDAY	Fr. Harry Wace (Fdn.)
	11.00 am		The People of the Parish
Mon. 31 May	10.00 am	Visitation of the BVM	Holy Souls
Tues. 1 June	-	St. Justin	No Mass today
Weds. 2 June	10.00 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Thurs. 3 June	10.00 am	Ss Charles Lwanga & Comps.	Holy Souls
Fri. 4 June	10.00 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Sat. 5 June	-	St. Boniface	No morning Mass
	6.00 pm		Holy Souls
Sun. 6 June	9.00 am	CORPUS CHRISTI	Holy Souls
	11.00 am		The People of the Parish

# Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - from 9.25 a.m. – 9.55 a.m. before each weekday Mass.

### The Church is open daily until 6:00pm

**Anniversaries this week:** Ann Rolph, Robert Woolward, Mr. Goodenough, Frances Hunt, Bill Shaw, Joan Stimson, Ivan Lyons, Irene Ann Knight, James Farmer, David Thompkins. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.* 

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

### ALL MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON YouTube -

Search for **Dereham Catholic Church** on **YouTube**, or use the following link: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbzezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid</u> 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:** Thank you for your offering 'on the plate' since  $2^{nd}$  May of £967.88, and for your donation of £132.00 for the Priests' Training Fund, and also for £40.14 for Catholic Communications.

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.

Trinity Sunday – This is the last day for Easter Communion.

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: **31st May** - After the angel Gabriel had announced to Mary that she was to become the mother of Our Lord, Mary went from Galilee to Judea to visit her kinswoman Elizabeth, soon to be the mother of John the Baptist. Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Mary burst forth with the song of praise, which we call the Magnificat, beginning, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the



Lord." We are told that even John the Baptist, still unborn, leaped for joy in his mother's womb. We are shown, side by side, the two women, one seemingly too old to have a child, but destined to bear the last prophet of the Old Covenant, of the age that was passing away; and the other woman, seemingly not ready to have a child, but destined to bear the one who was himself the beginning of the New Covenant, the age that would not pass away.

**Pastoral Letter for Pentecost 2021** – The Bishops' Conference for England & Wales last week published their Pastoral letter for Pentecost 2021, which expresses the Church's concern for the welfare of our planet and issues around the care of our environment. In

the letter, the Bishops' say that "... we are acutely aware of the damage that continues to be inflicted on the Earth, and the repercussions for the well-being of our brothers and sisters, both here in our own countries and, more especially, in the poorest countries of our world. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have both taught us that everything is interconnected and interdependent. The way we live our everyday lives has an impact on everyone and on the earth." ... "But we cannot leave the healing of our common home and the wellbeing and care of our brothers and sisters merely to a response from industry and governments. Our own local concern and action is necessary and has far-reaching consequences. We all have a part to play, each and every one of us, in the routines, choices and decisions of our everyday lives and our aspirations for the future. ... In all our human endeavours, ... our hope will be strengthened by our prayer. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and 'renew the face of the earth'." *A copy of the Pastoral Letter can be read in full on the parish website.* 

**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 <u>www.englandsway.org</u>.

**Open Gardens: Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th June from 3.30-5.30pm** - The sisters from the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham invite you to visit the grounds and various prayer corners at their convent on Neatherd Moor (Sat nav: NR20 4AQ). You will enjoy a large variety of trees, shrubs and flowers provided by friends and benefactors. Entry by donation (amount of your choosing) which will include cream teas! As social distancing still applies and to make sure there are enough cream teas, it would be helpful to let us know if you are coming by calling **01362 421 442 or emailing info@walsinghamcommunity.org** 

**National Volunteers Week, 1<sup>st</sup> June-7<sup>th</sup> June** - This is a week to celebrate those who volunteer in our churches, schools, hospitals, charity shops, and countless projects. Benefits of volunteering range from making new friends to making a massive difference in the community. There are many organisations and groups you could approach, but <u>www.gov.uk/government/get-involved/take-part/volunteer</u> provides a good starting point.

# 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.