

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Over to Us - 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.

How should it feel to be entrusted with such an important job? Well for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world. We spend most of our lives worrying about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's very hard to rise above worldly concerns. In fact, for most of us it just seems impossible.

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 - Every action of our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity.
~ Edwin Hubbel Chapin



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>
Daily Liturgy Website – www.universalis.com

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2ND JUNE 2019 – 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year C

[7th Week of Easter, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 3]

| Mass Times for the Week | | | Intentions |
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| Sat. 1 st June | 6.00 pm | 7 th Sunday of Easter [Parish Mass Book p281] World Communications Day | Priest's Int. The People of the Parish Joa Lobo & Thanks |
| Sun. 2 nd June | 9.00 am 11.00 am | | |
| Mon. 3 rd June | - | St. Charles Lwanga & Comps. | No Mass today. |
| Tues. 4 th June | - | Easter Feria | No Mass today – PP's day off |
| Weds. 5 th June | 10.00 am | St. Boniface | Francis & Bernadette Buxton (SVP) |
| Thurs. 6 th June | - | Easter Feria | No Mass today |
| Fri. 7 th June | 10.00 am | Requiem Mass for Kay Garrard | |
| Sat. 8 th June | 10.30 am | Easter Feria | Priest's Int. |
| Sat. 8 th June | 6.00 pm | PENTECOST SUNDAY | Ken Summerford (Sanderson) |
| Sun. 9 th June | 9.00 am 11.00 am | | Bob Shutt The People of the Parish |

Music for 7th Sunday of Easter – Setting: New People's Mass (incl. Memorial Acclam. B)

Entry: 6pm – Regina Coeli (said); Hymn 767 – Majesty, worship his Majesty ...

Psalm: (11am sung) *R.*: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Offertory: Hymn 292 – New praises be given to Christ newly crowned ...

Recessional: 11am – Regina Coeli (said); Hymn 286 – This joyful Eastertide ...

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: Bill Shaw, Joan Stimson, Ivan Lyons, Irene Ann Knight, James Farmer, David Thompkins, Fr. Thomas K. Phillips (2nd Priest at Dereham), William Finn, Desirée Jenkins, George Francis Buxton and Mary Horsburgh. *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, and Shirley Liebenhals.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £474.98 for the maintenance of our parish last weekend. **This weekend**, there is a retiring collection for the Catholic Communications Network after all Masses.

| Diary Dates for this week - | | |
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| Mon. 3 rd June | 2.00pm | Mother Teresa's knitting circle – Emmaus Room |
| Tues. 4 th June | 7.30pm | Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room |
| Tues. 4 th June | 7.30pm | Dereham Churches Together. At Cowper Congregational Church. All welcome. Leaflets at back of church. |
| Weds. 5 th June | 6.30pm | Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to sing or play. |
| Fri. 7 th June | 7.15-8.15pm | Altar Servers meeting – Emmaus Room |
| Sat. 8 th June | 11.00am | Saturday Club classes resume - Emmaus Room |

World Communications Day, Sunday 2nd June 2019 - On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in communications, and particularly for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country. There is a retiring collection to support this work.

Mass Times – Please note the change to the usual Mass schedule this week. On Monday I will be attending a preparatory meeting of chaplains for the Norfolk Show and on Thursday I will be attending the Deanery Meeting in North Walsham.

Preparing for Mass - Please remember to keep the level of conversations low before Mass and when the altar candles are lit, it is time for quiet. Let's respect each other's need for quiet preparation before Mass.

Car Parking – Please park as tightly as you can in the car park, allowing room for more cars and leaving space at the entrance for emergency vehicles. Please use the **one-way system**

for entering the car park, driving in on the right-hand side of the church. We can accommodate more cars if people park sensitively.

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.

Good News! Sacred Heart School, Swaffham's application to become a Voluntary Aided State School has been accepted by the County. It will open in September with 210 places as a Catholic School in the state sector. Catholic schools are a wonderful means of allowing us to promote the Gospel in the community of a Catholic school and offer the best education within the state sector. You can read about this online in the Diocesan News. Go to the Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>

UCM – Next meeting takes place on Wednesday, 12th June at 11.00am. We have a speaker from Meeting Point, Dereham who will be telling us about the new interactive table to help people with dementia. We would welcome any parishioners at 11.30am to hear this speaker. Also, our next UCM **Cake Stalls will be held after all Masses on the weekend of 8th & 9th June.** All donations of cakes and produce would be gratefully received. The proceeds of this sale will go to charity. A member of the UCM will be in the church from 5pm on Saturday 8th June to receive any donations, or you can just bring them before the Mass you attend. Many thanks, in advance, for your kind generosity.

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.

Parish Meeting - Bishop Alan has written to express thanks for the Parish Reports: 'which show a lively and enthusiastically committed community. Please express my gratitude for their witness and dedication. There are obviously some budding Leonardo's amongst the servers!'

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.