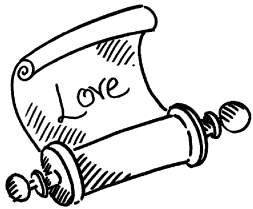


**GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**Love is the Answer** - God’s love of course is unconditional ... or is it? In today’s gospel Jesus says, “If you keep my commandments you will abide in my love...” does that sound like a condition? Are we being told that whilst we are keeping God’s commandments God will love us, but as soon as we are sinful that love will be withdrawn?

The important thing for us to understand is that God’s love cannot be fickle in the same way that ours is. Human love, especially if we are a little immature, can be something we simply bestow on each other. God’s love is a state of being. God’s love is simply there and doesn’t go away. It’s us that chooses whether or not to accept or reject God’s love by the way we choose to live our lives. We can choose to live good lives and by doing so we will remain in a loving relationship with God, or we can make poor decisions and step out of that loving relationship. Living by God’s commandments isn’t about following a list of strict rules in return for God’s love, it’s about sharing the joy God plans for us by living in a certain way.

Of course, those of us who have fallen out of that loving relationship with God haven’t done so on purpose. Few of us consciously make poor decisions... we are all human after all, and we all make mistakes. For those of us who are in danger of losing their way in life, Jesus give us one important guideline “This I command you ... to love one another.” The next time you have a tricky decision to make or a dilemma to solve, ask yourself the all-important question. “Is God’s love for me, and my love for neighbour pointing out the answer?”

**Bitesize** – ‘I always think that the best way to know God is to love many things.’  
~ Vincent van Gogh



**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*

Useful links: Diocesan Safeguarding - <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding/>  
Diocesan Website: <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>  
Notre Dame High School, Norwich: <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>  
Daily liturgy website: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

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**6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 – 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sunday Masses [Parish Mass Book p266]		Intentions
Saturday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00 pm	Tim Salter (Fdn.)
Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00 am	Jeremiah Ryan
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

**Music for Sunday Masses** - *Setting: New People’s Mass*  
**Entry:** 6pm – *Regina Coeli (said)*. Hymn 767 – Majesty, worship his Majesty ...  
**Psalms Response:** (11am sung) – ‘The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations’  
**Offertory:** Hymn 772 – Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us ...  
**Recessional:** 11am – *Regina Coeli (said)*. Hymn 267 – Jesus Christ is ris’n today ...

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

Weekday Masses [6 <sup>th</sup> week of Easter - Psalter Week 2]		Intentions
Mon.	10.00 am	Easter Feria Ann Mealy
Tues.	<b>No Mass today</b>	Easter Feria
Weds.	10.00 am	Easter Feria U.C.M.
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>10.00 am &amp; 7.30 pm</b>	<b>THE ASCENSION. Solemnity &amp; Holyday of Obligation.</b> Donor’s Int. People of the Parish
Fri.	10.00 am	Easter Feria Donor’s Int.
Sat.	10.30 am	Easter Feria English Family (Fdn.)
	6.00 pm	7 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER Mona Murphy (Fdn.)

*Fdn. = Foundation Mass*

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**Anniversaries this week:** Patrick Charles Coyne, Eileen Barker, Ellen Harding, Tim Lynch, Molly Herbert, Trixie Gibbons, Frederick Dance, Eric Atkinson Brown and Ann Dent. *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 (QEII), King’s Lynn, 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 Fr Peter Rollings (01553 772220) for visits to QEII. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

**Sick List - Please pray for:** David Peek, Robert Nicol, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Robert Anderson, Carole Whitesides, Janet Yardley, Mary Cawley, Ken Summerford, Patrick McKenna, Anna Thompkins, Andre Kanssen and Francis Buxton.

**Money Matters** – Thank you for last weekend’s collection for the maintenance of our parish, which amounted to £441.90. **Next Sunday** is World Communications Day and there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Communications Network next weekend.

Diary Dates for this week –		
Mon. 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham</b> – From 11:00am - Arrivals at the Shrine & Confessions available; at 12:00 noon - Pilgrimage Mass; then at 3:00pm – Procession of Our Lady to The Priory Grounds, followed by Benediction and prayers on the site of the original Holy House; 4:30pm – Depart.	
Mon. 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Due to the bank holiday, the monthly knitting group meeting has moved to next Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm.	
Tues. 8 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group, in Emmaus Room
Weds. 9 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	UCM meeting in Emmaus Room.
Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	Saturday Club meets, in Emmaus Room


**Ascension Day** – Please note that Thursday is Ascension Day and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Forty days since Easter.

**Parish Open Meeting** - This will take place after 11.00am Mass on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The reports are in; the list of those wishing to attend and have lunch is there at the back of the church. The financial report is ready and please send anything you would like on the agenda to me. There will not be a lot for ‘Any Other Business’ as that can become a completely new meeting without any prior reflection and can become very unwieldy.

**Children’s Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Our annual Children’s Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on **Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018**, which is during the school half-term holiday. The day will begin with a procession from the village at 10.45am, walking to the Shrine along the safe path (formerly the railway line), with pauses for prayer and hymns along the way. Mass will be celebrated at the Chapel of Reconciliation at 12 noon. Servers and musicians from the parish would be welcome. After a picnic at the shrine, we hope to finish the day on the beach at nearby Wells-next-the-Sea. It will be nice to see as many of our families as possible celebrating Mass together in this special place, with Bishop Alan, whose wish it is that as many parishes as possible will be represented. If you have not been involved in this wonderful event previously – this could be The Year! Our theme for the day is The Eucharist, so of extra significance to our First Communicants. Further details from Christine Storman, Tel: 01493 717121 or email: [chrissies18@hotmail.com](mailto:chrissies18@hotmail.com). Parishes are asked to advise if they are bringing a group as this enables them to be included in the Welcome and possibly involve them more in the day.

**Diocesan Summer Camp 2018** - This year, the Diocesan Summer Camp will be at Moreton Hall School in Bury St Edmunds. Parishes are being encouraged to support and participate in this very enjoyable annual event for children. Any parent/guardian needing assistance with costs, is encouraged to contact a member of the Planning Team. Similarly, if anyone would like to sponsor a child to attend camp or make a contribution towards costs, then please get in touch. Telephone Lorraine Furmedge on 07765 411170 or email: [diocesansummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:diocesansummercamp@gmail.com). Poster & application forms available at back of church.

**Marriage and Family Celebration Mass** - Bishop Alan warmly invites all married and engaged couples to attend a special Mass celebrating marriage and family at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich on **Saturday, 16th June 2018, 12 noon**, followed by light refreshments. Certificates will be awarded to those married 1yr, 5yrs and every multiple of 5 years thereafter. For more information, and to RSVP, please contact Kerry Urdzik on 01473 251301, or email [mflc@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:mflc@rcdea.org.uk)

<b><i>In Eastertide, we recite REGINA COELI in place of the ANGELUS</i></b>	
	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.
<b><i>Christ is Risen!</i></b>	<b><i>Let us pray:</i></b> 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.