

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Moving Mountains

We live in an age where everything has to be 'seen to be believed'. If we haven't heard it on Breakfast News or read it on the front page of 'The Independent', then it can't be true. For a scientist to act in faith rather than on proven fact, or for a detective to make an arrest without hard evidence would be deemed negligent. Faith is the domain of the non-scientific. Faith is reserved for when we follow our hearts and our instincts. The solely scientific see no validation for faith, and yet we are told that faith has the power to move mountains.

The story of 'Doubting Thomas' is interesting in that it addresses doubt in the first place. If Jesus wasn't expecting us to suffer doubts, why address the subject in the first place? We are brought up to think of faith as good and doubt as bad, but would God really want us to bury our doubts and fake our religious experience? For all of us who do not have the benefit of Thomas's first hand experience, the good news is that doubt and faith are opposite sides of the same coin. Honest doubt can ultimately lead to a stronger faith. Doubt leads to questions, and whereas questions don't always lead to answers, they almost always lead to spiritual growth.

Today we are encouraged to believe without seeing. No, we're not being asked to silence our doubts or to leave our brains at the church door! The reality of our faith boils down not to what we are able or not able to believe, but who we believe in. Can trusting Jesus give us faith enough to move mountains?

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday was established following a series of revelations to St Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, in which Jesus expressed His desire for a special feast to honour His mercy, to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. On this day we are invited to develop our trust in God's mercy, however difficult that might sometimes seem. Life has a habit of throwing curveballs, and some weeks we feel we're barely keeping up. Divine Mercy Sunday gently reminds us that we don't have to have everything sorted before we turn to God. His mercy meets us exactly where we are. Perhaps this week, take a quiet moment to breathe, say a simple prayer, or reach out to someone who might need a bit of kindness. Small steps open big doors, and God's mercy does the rest.

Bitesize - "Doubt is a pain too lonely to know that faith is his twin brother. *Khalil Gibran*



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.

Permanent Deacons: Revs Martin Sanderson & Richard Jones
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Parish Music team: Judy Reid, Kathleen Edmunds & Paul McIntee.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Paul McIntee

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Sunday 12th April 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Easter
[Sundays Year A, 2nd Week of Easter, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 11th April	Easter Octave
18.00	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 12th April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
	(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)
09.00 MASS	Terri Sanderson + (CP)
11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	TC Kurian +, EL Samma +, Ma Joseph + (SJ)
Monday 13th April	Easter Feria
- No Mass	
Tuesday 14th April	Easter Feria
10.00 MASS	The Holy Souls in Purgatory + (SS)
Wednesday 15th April	Easter Feria
10.00 MASS	Terri Sanderson + (TP)
Thursday 16th April	Easter Feria
10.00 MASS	Maria de los Angeles Coto + (SS)
Friday 17th April	Easter Feria
- No Mass	
Saturday 18th April	Easter Feria
18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Fintan & Margaret Dunne Family (LD)
Sunday 19th April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
09.00 MASS	For the People of the Parish
11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	TC Kurian +, EL Samma +, Ma Joseph + (SJ)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30
EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass

Rosary & Morning Prayer are said weekdays before Mass from 09:15.

Please note the 18.00 and 11.00 weekend Masses are normally sung.

For Live Streamed Masses Search for Dereham Catholic Church on YouTube, or use the link on the parish website.

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

Anniversaries this week: Cyril Byrne, Brigid Mary Murphy, Daniel Creamer, Colin Nicholson, Eileen Wells, Peter Francis Brown, Christina Duffield, Joan Mary McManus, Peter Knight, Enid Whatmore, Bernard Reddington, Edwin Gatt, Margaret Warner, Frederick Hetherington, Tony Lannon. *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: Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Colette Barrow-Nessian, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Katherine Vella, Frank Vella, Pauline Organ, Pat Grout, George Mealy, Peggy Mealy, Richard Allison, Marion Ring-Davies, Patsy Thompson, Ann McWilliams, Margaret Glendon-Doyle, Mila Kaunaite, Anne Sibley, Pat Sutton, Hillary Bushell, Ann Williams, Matthew Williams, Ken Wood, Frank Crawley.

Money Matters: Offerings for the week was as follows:
Second Collection 3rd April 2026, for the Holy Places of Palestine: £107.13.

Bank Details. Our new banking details are: The Sacred Heart Church, S/C 52-41-29, A/C 44725132. The change-over occurred 1st April 2026. When amending your Standing Order details please use **Offertory** as the only entry in the **Reference** box. Please only use **Stipend** or **Donation** for payments that are extra to your regular offering. Any queries please send to treasurer@sacredheartdereham.org.uk. If a tax payer, please consider Gift Aid (forms at back of church, or contact Rex Baker: Telephone 01362 694801 or email rexbaker27@btinternet.com). This will help to maximize donations.

Upcoming Parish events:

Diary for week Sunday 12 th April - Saturday 18 th April 2026	
Sunday:	
Monday: 1400 -1600	Tea Buddies - Monthly get together for a cuppa & a chat (all welcome). Emmaus Room
Monday: 1900 - 2030	AA Group Meeting - Emmaus Room
Tuesday: 1830	RCIA Celebration Party
Thursday: 1730 - 1830	First Communion Session – Emmaus Room
Friday: 1915 - 2030	Altar Servers Meeting – Emmaus Room
Parish Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	

Fifty Days of Easter - Easter Day is certainly the most important day of the church year, but the Easter celebration lasts a full 50 days, until Pentecost. For families with young children, now is a good time to talk about the symbolism of candles, or to dig out and chat about those photos of the family Christening.

Upcoming Church Calendar Events:

22 April - Parish Film Showing at 1630 in the Presbytery. **One Battle After Another** (2025) PG 13, directed by Paul Thomas Anderson and loosely based on Thomas Pynchon's *Vineland*, follows Bob Ferguson (Leonardo DiCaprio), a washed-up leftist revolutionary living in 1990s California under a cloud of drug-addled paranoia. He struggles to raise his daughter, Willa, while hiding from his past.

26 April - Presentation from Hope into Action, a charity that enables Churches to house the homeless, in 0900 and 1100 Sunday Masses.

6 May - Parish Bi-Annual Meeting at 1830 in the Emmaus Room.

Parish Family Day - To celebrate our Diocese's Jubilee this year, Bishop Peter and the Marriage and Family Life Commission would like to encourage all parishes to hold a celebratory "FAMILY DAY!" in their own parish this summer (May - September).

130 Club – Could any outstanding 130 Club subs please be submitted to Marcia Slee soonest. The end of the time period for paying the 130 club money has passed. Could members with outstanding subs please bring their money in to Father Jay or Marcia by the weekend of the 19th April. You can contact Marcia by email at marciaslee@hotmail.com, if you want to get in touch.

Parish Plant Sale - Helen Wood will be holding a plant sale in the Church car park on the weekend of 16th/17th May 2026, to raise funds for the Parish. Please feel free to contribute any spare plants you may have to the fund raising event.

Ignite Team is recruiting: Please see poster on the notice board.

A Word of Thanks:

Fr Jay would like to extend his heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who so generously gave their time and service for the Easter Triduum celebrations. Your dedication and generosity brought beauty, dignity, and prayerful reverence to these sacred days. With gratitude, he acknowledges the flower arrangers, cleaners, lectors, Altar servers, Deacon Rick, and the RCIA team - especially Kevin, Rachel, Andy, and Richard - for your faithful commitment and support. Also, for your thoughtful cards and generous Easter offerings. Your kindness is truly appreciated.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!