

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR EASTER SUNDAY



Life Without End - Belief in the resurrection is essential to our faith, yet the account of Jesus' resurrection, or rather the lack of it, leaves us as confused as the original disciples. We've been left with a puzzle with pieces missing, a story with an important part untold. As Christians we are reminded that religion is ultimately a faith not a science.

Our human search for certainty urges us to try and work out who moved the stone, but at this point all we can do is put the resurrection into the context of the rest of Jesus' life and teachings. We have to trust that everything Jesus has told us is true, and that the resurrection is not just an invention to give a tragic story a happy ending, but the realisation of the promises Jesus made all along. Jesus promised all along that death couldn't contain us, and the empty tomb points to this not necessarily as proof, but as truth.

So how do we find that trust that everything Jesus has told us is true? First of all we have to develop a toolbox of faith, trust, and intuition. Christians are accused of propping up impossible and improvable theories with blind faith. If this were true the accusers would have a point, but true faith runs deeper than this. We all use faith in every walk of life and we all need trust. People of faith are people who can push boundaries and take brave steps into the unknown. People of trust recognise possibilities in others and in themselves. People of intuition recognise integrity and truth. Anais Nin said, "We don't see things as they are, we see things as we are." "What you believe sets a course for your future and directs your daily activities. Consequently, when you believe only what you can see, a whole world of possibility is lost."

The empty tomb gives our life purpose. Belief in the resurrection means we can live life boldly and well, looking forward to eternal life. The empty tomb gives us a means to deal with pain and suffering, it means that death is not a meaningless end of life, but the door to the fullness of life with the risen Christ.

Bitesize - "Doubt your doubts." We need to look at our doubts straight in the eye and doubt them, not let them control our minds. ~Dr. Harry Emerson.



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 Deacon: Rev. Martin Sanderson
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Sunday 9th April 2023 – Easter Sunday – Year A

[Octave of Easter, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week Pr.]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 8th April 20.00 Easter Vigil Mass	Holy Saturday
Sunday 9th April 09.00 MASS 11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Easter Sunday For the People of the Parish Catherine Macdonald + (KB)
Monday 10th April 10.00 MASS	Easter Octave Fred & Joan Faulkner +
Tuesday 11th April 10.00 MASS	Easter Octave For Arun Baby's intentions
Wednesday 12th April 10.00 MASS	Easter Octave
Thursday 13th April 10.00 MASS & ADORATION <i>Live streamed</i>	Easter Octave
Friday 14th April - No Mass today	Easter Octave
Saturday 15th April 18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Easter Octave
Sunday 16th April 09.00 MASS 11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	2nd Sunday of Easter For the People of the Parish

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: Ted Clark, Tom Brady, Cyril Byrne, Brigid Mary Murphy, Daniel Creamer, Colin Nicholson, Eileen Wells, Christina Duffield, Joan Mary McManus. *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 Barro-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Fr. Brendan, William Dunn, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Marco Johnson, Ena Marie Mifsud, Jose Pereira.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £330.32. Thank you. 2nd Collection (Flowers): £126.60. The Flower Ladies are delighted with your generous donation for the flowers this Easter.

Please note: There will be a mandatory collection for the formation of our diocesan seminarians after all Masses on the weekend of **29-30 April 2023**.

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**. **Gift Aid forms** are available at the back of church. This will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt – immediately after the 1100 Mass on Easter Sunday in the parish garden.

Restored Permission for the Reception of Holy Communion under both Species - The Bishops of England and Wales have endorsed this restoration. This will be permissible from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. I would recommend that the restoration commences on the feast of Corpus Christi, allowing more time for preparatory catechesis. I believe that a refreshment of understanding will bring great fruit regarding the nature of the Holy Eucharist, the reverent reception of the Sacrament (on the tongue and on the hand), the correct language to be employed in reference to the consecrated species etc. Much will be gained from a re-examination of the G.I.R.M.

Parish Events this week		
Mon. 10 Apr.	1400-1600	Afternoon Tea – Emmaus Room. Our monthly tea and chat. All welcome.

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Weds. 12 Apr.	1530 for 1600	Parish Open Meeting – Emmaus Room. An agenda is posted on the noticeboard at the back of church and on the parish website and copies will be available at the meeting.
Thurs. 13 Apr.	11.45	Parish Gardening Club – Parish grounds & garden.
Saturdays	10.00-11.30	Youth Club Tennis – Dereham Leisure Park
Sundays	After 1100 Mass	Youth Club Chess & Table Tennis – Emmaus Room.

Ignite Festival: 29th-30th April at Sacred Heart School, Swaffham – A weekend for those Year 8+. The weekend will include live music, talks, prayer and workshops, all aimed to help young people encounter Jesus in a new way. The festival officially ends on the evening of Sunday 30th April but participants are encouraged to stay until Bank Holiday Monday 1st May to do the pilgrimage walk to Walsingham, joining with the Diocesan Pilgrimage. For more information and to book tickets, see www.ignitefestival.co.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 18th-26th August 2023 - Our next Pilgrimage to Lourdes as a diocese and as part of the wider Catholic Association family will take place from **Friday 18th to Friday 25th August 2023**. This will be our first fully medically supported pilgrimage since the Covid-19 pandemic and we are greatly looking forward to seeing you in Lourdes! Bishop Peter will be leading us on the pilgrimage and indeed he is leading the whole Catholic Association Pilgrimage. We hope to top 100 East Anglians for the first time this century.

For help contact the diocesan director **Deacon HUW WILLIAMS at**

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Details on the pilgrimage website at:

<https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association>

Walsingham National Shrine – Fr. James Mary McInerney OFM Conv. has been appointed as Acting Rector of the National Shrine at Walsingham until the end of July.

National Approbation for the New Lectionary - The Bishops' Conference November Plenary Meeting gave national approval for the new Lectionary. The texts now await final approval from the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. The Lectionary will use the English Standard Version (Catholic Edition) of the Sacred Scriptures, though it will be the Abbey Psalms and Canticles that are employed. It is hoped that the 'confirmatio' from the Holy See will be granted soon in order to facilitate publication in time for use in parishes at the beginning of Advent.