

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Who Wants to be a Sheep!** - When Jesus invites us to be 'his flock', he is not asking us to behave like sheep, rather his is asking us to think of him as our 'good shepherd'. As followers, we are not asked to follow blindly, we are asked to discern his voice and his values in a world full of distractions and competing values.

From the moment we get out of bed in the morning there are a million and one demands vying for our attention. We make a list of things we have to do in a day and discover we have more things to do than hours to do them in. Most of the things we have to do are things that we will get into trouble for if we don't do them. We have to go to work or we won't get paid. We have to do the housework or we will be considered dysfunctional. We have to pay the bills or we will receive a court summons. We have to help our children with their homework or we will get disapproving letters home from the headteacher. Finding time to listen for Jesus' voice probably isn't on our 'list-to-do'.

The good news is that we don't have to add Jesus to the list; Jesus is part of the list. The trick is to know, that Jesus' voice is in every little job that we do, and in each one of our day-to-day activities. We don't need a special time to sit down and listen to what Jesus is telling us. Hearing Jesus' voice is a habit we need to develop on a day-to-day basis. The trick is to know that Jesus' voice is everywhere that encourages us to impact our world as Christians. Jesus' voice is the voice at work that encourages us to do our best, the voice that encourages us not to gossip, the voice that encourages us not to ignore the person who needs a lift at home time. Jesus is the voice that encourages us to respond to family members and the wider community who are in need. Jesus' voice is the voice that tells us how to vote and how to campaign for those who do not have a voice of their own. The voice of the impostor on the other hand is everywhere that encourages us to act out of self-interest and greed. Being part of Jesus' flock is certainly not for the 'sheep'; it's for those with discerning ears from the first moment we get out of bed in the morning to last thing at night.



**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 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year A [4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 4]

#### MASSSES in the PARISH

<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Tim Salter + ( <i>Foundation Mass</i> )
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	09.00 MASS	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> For the People of the Parish
	11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Elvira Lobo + ( <i>MM</i> )
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	- No Mass today	<b>Easter Feria</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	10.00 MASS	<b>St. Athanasius</b> For Sandra Mealy (Sick)
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	10.00 MASS	<b>SS Philip &amp; James.</b> For the repose of the holy souls in purgatory (SS)
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.00 MASS & ADORATION <i>Live streamed</i>	<b>The English Martyrs</b> For Sebastian Meek (Sick) ( <i>AW</i> )
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	- No Mass today	<b>Easter Feria</b>
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	<b>Easter Feria</b> For Fred & Joan Faulkner
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	09.00 MASS	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> For the People of the Parish
	11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Luz Sudaria + ( <i>MK</i> )

**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-B40VTvbzezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>  
 The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** Roger Gerald Clancy, James Tinney, Mary Gatt, Sarah Courtney, Irene Barnes, David Horsburgh, Thomas Delahunt, Philomena Hutton, Hubert Barker, Winifred Gaylard, Patrick Charles Coyne. *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.

**Please Include in your prayers** the souls of +Jose Pereira who died on 18<sup>th</sup> April and whose funeral took place on 28<sup>th</sup> April, and +Peter Brown who died on the 14<sup>th</sup> April. The Funeral Mass for Peter will be on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May at 1400 in the Parish.

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £277.13. Thank you. A generous legacy to the parish of £233 was also received on behalf of the late Diana Cater.

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.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023** – The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is held each year on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter and there will be a **collection after all Masses this weekend in support of the formation of our diocesan seminarians.**

**Change to Mass Times** – Please note there is no Mass in the Parish on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May in view of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – see item below.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 - 12 Noon:** Regina Caeli & Crowning of the Statue at Friday Market (outside the Parish Church in the Village), followed by a Rosary Procession to the Basilica led by the Parish of King's Lynn; **2pm:** Service of Reconciliation & Confessions at Chapel of Reconciliation & around the Crosses; **3pm:** Pontifical Mass with Bishop Peter Collins at Chapel of Reconciliation.

**Day of Prayer for God's Blessing on Human Work** – Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May also commemorates St Joseph the worker. This day of prayer was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955. It proposes the example and intercession of Joseph as worker and provider.

Parish Events this week		
Weds. 3 May	After 10.00 Mass	<b>SVP Coffee Morning</b> – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Weds. 3 May	11.45	<b>Parish Finance Committee</b> - Presbytery
Weds. 3 May	<i>Please note there is no First Communion Class this week.</i>	
Fri. 5 May	10.00	<b>Parish Garden Club</b> – Parish grounds & garden.
Fri. 5 May	19.15-20.45	<b>Confirmation Group</b> – House of the Divine Will

**Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023** – Led by Bishop Peter. 10.45 am: Walk from the village; 12.00 noon: Mass at the Chapel of Reconciliation, followed by a picnic and a fun afternoon at the beach. For more details, contact [chrissies18@hotmail.com](mailto:chrissies18@hotmail.com) / 01493 717121.

**130 Club Draw for March 2023** - Quarterly Prize £25 - Ticket No. 83, Katie Honney; 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Ticket No. 184, Maureen Jessup; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Ticket No. 91, Colette Barro-Nessian; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 115, Philip Borthwick; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 5, Joy Bussey; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Ticket No. 49, Marion Campbell.

**130 Club 2023-24** – There are some unsold tickets available for anyone interested. Contact [marciaslee@hotmail.com](mailto:marciaslee@hotmail.com).

**Eucharistic Ministers Meeting** - With the recent statement of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales regarding reinstating the Communion with the Chalice, we shall have an hour of reflection in the Parish and discuss how we shall go about this. This will be a three-part meeting, namely:

1. Input on the significance of the Communion in both species
2. Discussion
3. To decide on what system to use during Communion given the limited space we have in the Church

If we could ask all the Eucharistic Ministers to be present at this meeting. This will be on the **24<sup>th</sup> May at 1630 in the Presbytery.**

**Change of Garden Club Time** - The Garden Club will be meeting every Friday from 1000 onwards starting on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May.

**Parish Lawnmower Donations** - A basket is placed at the back of the Church for donations towards the cost of the new lawnmower.

**Bitesize** – ‘You do not wake up one morning a bad person. It happens by a thousand tiny surrenders of self-respect to self-interest.’ ~Robert Brault