

The Emmaus Room Redecoration – Volunteers needed. Paint and equipment will be provided. Please let Fr Jay know if you can help or if you are willing to contribute towards the cost of the paint.

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

What Is On Your Mind Today?



Today we are privy to Jesus' prayer made on our behalf at the close of his ministry on earth. In this prayer, we are reminded that Jesus had finished the work that he had come to do. Jesus had made God's name known, so that all could share in eternal life. However, for this to happen, we have to carry the baton and keep Jesus' teaching alive in a world bursting with conflicting values.

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 are all very familiar with the promise of eternal life, even though these words were spoken over two thousand years ago. It doesn't matter how busy we are, life is so much easier for us than it was for those early disciples. We really don't have much excuse. We have been entrusted with an important job, yet 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.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. We have all the benefits of a twenty first century world at our fingertips, now we just need to capture some of the passion that drove those early disciples.

We all know at least one person who sets a shining example. Perhaps it's here that we will find our motivation. Perhaps the people we most admire provide us with a model of who we ourselves would like to be. With a good example to emulate and our twenty first century means to spread God's love, change is not beyond any of us.

'Eternal Life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent....'

Bitesize – 'You are not here merely to make a living. You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world. You impoverish yourself if you forget this errand.' ~Woodrow Wilson

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Sunday 21st May 2023 – 7th Sunday of Easter – Year A
 [7th Week of Easter, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 3]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 20th May	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Tony Reid + (JR)
Sunday 21st May	09.00 MASS	7th Sunday of Easter
	11.00 <i>MASS Live streamed</i>	Kathleen (Enda) Perrin + (LC)
Monday 22nd May	10.00 MASS	For the People of the Parish
Tuesday 23rd May	10.00 MASS	Easter Feria
Wednesday 24th May	10.00 MASS	For Maria McCloskey
Thursday 25th May	- No Mass today	Easter Feria
Friday 26th May	- No Mass today	For Elvira Lobo (in thanksgiving)
Saturday 27th May	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Easter Feria
Sunday 28th May	09.00 MASS	Dulce Clarin+
	11.00 <i>MASS Live streamed</i>	St Bede the Venerable
		St Philip Neri
		St Augustine of Canterbury.
		For the People of the Parish
		PENTECOST SUNDAY. Solemnity.
		Rose Bere+ (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)
		Mgr. Harry Wace+ (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 17.30

Rosary & Morning Prayer is said before Mass on weekdays from 09:15

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: Margaret Shelock, William Reavey, Mary & Gerard Ring-Davies, Michael McErleane, Florence Sayer, Thomas Eden, John Joseph Nally, Annie Murtagh, Joan Pagano. *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 Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Marco Johnson, Ena Marie Mifsud.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £289.70. Thank you.

130 Club Draw for April 2023 - 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 105, Teresa Kendall; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 188, Chris Sayer; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 177, Estela Morris; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 9, Patsy Gray; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 156, Lenny Frost.

130 Club Draw for May 2023 - 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 49, Marion Campbell; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 8, Dorothy Wheeler; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 71, Margaret Cassam; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 95, Kathleen Crowley; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 192, Colette Barro-Nessian.

Please note there will be no Masses on the following dates:

- Thursday, 25th May – Diocesan Clergy Meeting
- Monday, 29th May to Fri. 2nd June inclusive – Fr. Jay is on holiday

World Communications Sunday – Sunday, 21st May is World Communications Sunday and there is a **retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for the Catholic Communications Network**. Please also support the work of Radio Maria England which continues to accompany people with a Christian voice wherever they may be listening by teaching the truth of salvation, sharing scripture, bringing the Liturgies of the Church to listeners and providing a LIVE prayer group for listeners to join. Find out more by visiting www.RadioMariaEngland.uk

Reinstatement of the Chalice at Communion – The parish is invited to an hour of reflection in the Emmaus Room on **Wednesday, 24th May at 1630**, to discuss how we shall go about this. All Eucharistic Ministers are especially asked to be present at the meeting.

Parish Events this week		
Weds. 24 May	17.00-18.00	First Communion Class – Presbytery
Fri. 26 May	10.00	Parish Gardening Club.
Fri. 26 May	19.15-20.30	Altar Servers Group – Emmaus Room
Saturdays	10.00-11.30	Youth Club Tennis – Dereham Leisure Park
Sundays	After 1100 Mass	Youth Club Chess & Table Tennis – Emmaus Room.

International Mass: Sunday, 28th May – Our International Mass will be taking place on Pentecost Sunday, 28th May, at the 1100 Mass, followed by a bring and share and BBQ in the Presbytery garden. Time to wear our national costumes!

Open Gardens at the Convent on Neatherd Moor (NR20 4AQ for Satnavs) on **Monday, 29th May between midday and 5.30pm**. We hope for a sunny bank holiday and invite you and your families and friends to visit our grounds at Dereham. Bring a packed lunch and enjoy a slice of homemade cake or arrive from 3pm onwards for a cream tea. Please email office@walsinghamcommunity.org to book a cream tea (suggested donation of £5) so we can make enough scones! There's a special prize for the person who can name the most plants and trees in the garden. Find out more on our website www.walsinghamcommunity.org or call the sisters on **01362 421442** for further details.

Walking with Young People – Inviting everyone working with young people, including priests, catechists and youth group leaders, to Walking with Young People, a day of reflection and training exploring an accompaniment model of evangelisation and catechesis. June 10th, 9.30am – 3.00pm at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church, Poringland, Norfolk. Key speaker: David Wells, internationally acclaimed speaker and formerly Director of Formation, Plymouth Diocese. Limited places available. For more information and to book you place, visit www.rcdea.org.uk/youth or see the poster at the back of church.. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service, the Commission for Catechesis and the Commission for Evangelisation.

Family Enrichment Conference - Raising a family as a couple or as a single-parent has always been challenging. Issues range from spousal relationship, social media influence, challenging behaviour at home, how to pass on the Catholic Faith and many others. Everyone is invited to attend the Family Enrichment Conference on **Saturday 10th June 2023** to explore these topics and to take home practical tips and encouragement from the four guest speakers. The conference will start at **11:00am at Our Lady Immaculate and Saint Etheldreda church hall in Newmarket**. To book tickets and for more details, please visit <https://familyenrichmentconference.eventbrite.co.uk>, or email fecjune2023@gmail.com. Children's activities and lunch are free but need booking due to limited spaces. Free parking.