

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

### The Inner You



It is clear that we are not all born the same. We look at people who have achieved great things and imagine that they must have been born with a better brain or more talent. We look at people who do extraordinary things and imagine they must possess greater depths than we possess. These extraordinary people must have greater courage, greater determination or a clearer vision than we have. Is it just possible that we are not getting the full picture?

It is clear that we are not all born the same, and it is also clear, that as human beings, however hard we work we will always come up against our own limitations. As human beings there will always be times when we are hindered by fear, doubts and inadequacies. It's at times such as these that the Holy Spirit can step in and fire our humble human efforts. When we allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit, great things are going to happen. Faith in the Spirit can't help but move us in the right direction. People like Mother Teresa of Calcutta would never have put her success down solely to her own human endeavour. Any praise she might have received would have been sent straight back to God.

On this, the Church's birthday, we share a very exciting link with those very first disciples. We are each given gifts and talents which we must share to best advantage. At Pentecost we are given tremendous insight into God's plan. We were not all born the same but we are all given the same twenty-four hours in a day. All we need to do to overcome our limitations is to ask the Holy Spirit to galvanise our human effort and involve us in Jesus' saving deeds.

**Bitesize** – 'Fear is a darkroom where negatives develop.' ~Usman B. Asif

### Pontius' Puddle



**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Martin Sanderson  
**Parish Music team:** Judy Reid, Kathleen Edmunds & William Preddy.  
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## Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary



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### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Pentecost Sunday – Year A

[8<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 4]

#### MASSES in the PARISH

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
18.00	First MASS of Sunday	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
09.00	MASS	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> Rose Bere+ (Foundation Mass)
11.00	MASS Live streamed	Mgr. Harry Wace+ (Foundation Mass)

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June No Weekday Masses**

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>		
18.00	First MASS of Sunday	<b>Ss Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</b> Peter Warrington+ (JR)
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
09.00	MASS	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> For the People of the Parish
11.00	MASS Live streamed	

**Anniversaries this week:** Hilda Crick, Alexandro Eldred, Joan Pagano, Irene Jackowski, Ann Rolph, Robert Woolward, Mr. Goodenough, Frances Hunt, Bill Shaw, Joan Stimson, Ivan Lyons. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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.

**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 £360.67 and £59.74 for the collection for the Catholic Communications Network. Thank you.

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 is will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.



**International Mass: Today, Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> May** – Our International Mass will be taking place 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, 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org) or call the sisters on **01362 421442** for further details.



**Parish Events this week**

Fri. 2 June	10.00		<b>Parish Gardening Club</b> – Parish grounds & garden. Volunteers welcome.
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**Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023** - On this Feast Day, the First Communion takes place at the 1100 Mass. Also, the Eucharistic Ministers will be recommissioned after the Homily at each Mass as this day begins the reinstating of Communion by Chalice.

**Parish Patronal Feast (Sacred Heart)** - This will be celebrated on **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June at 1730, preceded by Exposition at 1600**. Light dinner follows in the presbytery garden after the Mass.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 [fejune2023@gmail.com](mailto:fejune2023@gmail.com). Children's activities and lunch are free but need booking due to limited spaces. Free parking.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** - Our next Pilgrimage to Lourdes as a diocese and as part of the wider Catholic Association family will take place from **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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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  - ✓ **St Felix' Church Princess Way, CB9 9BP**
- Details on the pilgrimage website at:

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

**Parish Open Meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023** – The minutes of this meeting are now available on the parish website. A print copy has also been posted on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

**Church Acoustic Improvement** - We are now thinking of the possibility of improving the acoustics in the Church, and this is of utmost importance at the moment. We shall be asking a sound specialist on this matter and most likely this will incur cost to the Parish as the speakers may either be replaced or be added-on with improved quality speakers. Further details will be posted in the newsletter in the coming weeks.



**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.