

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

### A God Who Doesn't Condemn



We only have to switch the TV on to know there is plenty of evil in the world, but in today's Gospel John reminds us that if we know and believe in God we can stand up to that evil and that we will never be condemned. If we believe in God we will be saved. But how do we even begin to know God? Do we think of a God who created the world billions of years ago but has been pretty quiet since? Do we think of God who sent his Son to save us, but only know it because the story sits in a bible up on the bookshelf? Or do we think of a God who made us, a God who sent his Son to teach us, and a God who sent his Spirit to guide us through each day of our lives and through each generation that walks the earth?

The Trinity might be a bit of a theological mystery to us, but that doesn't mean to say that we are not able to understand anything of God. We understand God in three ways; as Father and creator, as Son and redeemer, and as God's Spirit left to guide and strengthen us.

God the Father is all around us. God's miracles are in front of our eyes when we wake up in the morning and in the night skies before we go to sleep. We live on the only planet able to support life in our universe. God's miracles are there for all to see in our breath-taking landscapes, in our oceans teeming with life and in mankind itself. How often do we stop to praise God's creation or appreciate the miracles that surround us?

God the Son came to teach us with stories and signs. He came to reveal God's plan for us. God the Son came to show us the way to God the Father. God's Son came to us in a great manifestation of God's love. "God so loved the world that he sent his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

The Spirit of God is the part of God left to guide us and lead us. The Holy Spirit is something we can completely forget about ... or something we can call on every day, in every choice and in every decision we make.

Believing in God means that we are never condemned. Belief begins with knowing God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in every part of our lives.

**Bitesize** - 'We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.' ~*Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Martin Sanderson  
**Parish Music team:** Judy Reid, Kathleen Edmunds & William Preddy.  
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### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Trinity Sunday – Year A

[9<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 1]

#### MASSES in the PARISH

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Peter Warrington+ ( <i>JR</i> )
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. Solemnity.</b>
09.00	MASS	For the People of the Parish
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>St Boniface</b>
10.00	MASS	For Maria McCloskey
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>Feria</b>
10.00	MASS	
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>Feria</b>
10.00	MASS	
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>Feria</b>
10.00	MASS & ADORATION <i>Live streamed</i>	
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>Feria</b>
-	No Mass today	
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>Feria</b>
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>CORPUS CHRISTI. Solemnity.</b>
09.00	MASS	
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish

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

*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:** Irene Ann Knight, James Farmer, David Thompkins, Fr. Thomas K. Phillips (*2<sup>nd</sup> Priest at Dereham, 1947*), William Finn, Desirée Jenkins, George Francis Buxton, Mary Horsburgh, Josephine Reeves, Dee Turner. *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, Catherine Vella.

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £379.81. 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 will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

**Trinity Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023** – Today is the last day for Easter Communion.

**Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023** - On this Feast Day, the First Communions will take 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 Chalices.

Parish Events this week	
Weds. 7 June After 10.00 Mass	 <b>SVP Coffee Morning</b> – Emmaus Room. Every first Wednesday after Mass. All welcome.
Weds. 7 June 17.00-18.00	<b>First Communion Class</b> – Emmaus Room
Fri. 9 June 10.00	<b>Parish Gardening Club</b> – Parish grounds & garden. Volunteers welcome. 
Fri. 9 June 19.15 – 20.30	<b>Altar Servers meeting</b> – Emmaus Room
Saturdays 10.00 - 11.30	<b>Youth Club Tennis</b> – Dereham Leisure Park

### Parish Events this week

Sundays After 1100 Mass	<b>Youth Club Chess &amp; Table Tennis</b> – Emmaus Room.
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**Month of the Sacred Heart** - June is traditionally the month when Catholics are urged to show special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is the celebration of God's love for us. The Sacred Heart is the symbol of the eternal love by which "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son". (Jn 3:16)

**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 [fecjune2023@gmail.com](mailto:fecjune2023@gmail.com). Children's activities and lunch are free but need booking due to limited spaces. Free parking.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June 2023 - For Victims of Torture** - Torture is not past history. Unfortunately, it's part of our history today. There are extremely violent forms of torture. Others are more sophisticated, such as degrading someone, dulling the senses, or mass detentions in conditions so inhumane that they take away the dignity of the person. In putting a stop to this horror, it is essential to put the dignity of the person above all else, because without this dignity, the victims become 'less than human' and can be mistreated mercilessly, causing death or permanent psychological and physical harm lasting a lifetime. This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention, "... *that the international community commit itself concretely to abolish torture, guaranteeing support to victims and their families.*"



**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.