

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Finding the Meaning

Were the other disciples really so very different from doubting Thomas? When they saw Jesus in their midst, they took some convincing that it really was Jesus and not a ghost that had come to visit them. The gospel outlines four pieces of proof that Jesus uses to convince them that he really has risen from the dead. They can look at the marks on his hands and feet, they can touch him to check that he is really flesh and bone, and they can watch him eat a meal that they have prepared.

The fourth proof is when Jesus opens their minds so that they can understand the prophecies that were made in the Old Testament, and which he has fulfilled by rising from the dead.

We are not as lucky as the first disciples. Two thousand years down the line we do not have the benefit of their first-hand experience. We cannot look at Jesus, we cannot touch him, or share a meal. The fourth proof though, the prophecies in the Old Testament are still there for us to read. The only trouble is, the Bible isn't always an easy book to read. We read a passage and fail to understand it. Sometimes we think we understand the literal meaning but the words fail to offer any significance. It would be good if Jesus could open our minds up as he did for those first disciples when they had trouble understanding the meaning of his death and resurrection.

One thing is for sure, understanding the Bible isn't going to happen magically, just as it didn't happen overnight for the disciples. We know that everything worthwhile takes effort. Playing a musical instrument takes years of practice. Being good at a sport takes considerable training. Learning a language demands a concerted amount of study and hard work. So too, we have to apply ourselves to understanding what we read in the Bible. We have to consider each passage for some time before we can really grasp it ... sometimes a single verse or phrase. We can often derive great satisfaction from knowing that those parts we struggled with the longest hold the greatest meaning. The Bible yields up its greatest treasures to those who persevere.



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
Parish Music team: Judy Reid, Kathleen Edmunds & William Preddy.
Parish Safeguarding Representative: Kathleen Edmunds
kathleenedmunds@yahoo.com

Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary



Parish Priest: Fr Jay T. Magpuyo
 35 London Road, Dereham, Norfolk, NR191AS
 Tel: 01362 694066. Email:
edsacredheart@gmail.com
 Registered Charity No. 278742
www.sacredheartdereham.org.uk



Sunday 14th April 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Easter
 [Sundays Year B, 3rd Week of Easter, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 3]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 13th April	18:00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	+Tony Reid (<i>JR</i>)
Sunday 14th April	09:00 MASS	3rd Sunday of Easter
	11:00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	+Mary & Gerald Reeder (<i>RB</i>) For the People of the Parish
Monday 15th April	10:00 Service of the Word & Holy Communion	Easter Feria
Tuesday 16th April	13:30 Funeral MASS of +Peter Knight	Easter Feria
Wednesday 17th April	10:00 MASS	Easter Feria For Kevin O'Brien (<i>PM</i>)
Thursday 18th April	10:00 MASS & ADORATION	Easter Feria +Kath Borthwick (<i>JT</i>)
Friday 19th April	- No Mass today	Easter Feria
Saturday 20th April	18:00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Easter Feria +Jose Pereira (<i>SP</i>)
Sunday 21st April	09:00 MASS	4th Sunday of Easter (<i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>)
	11:00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	+Kath Borthwick (<i>RB</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 are said weekdays before Mass from 09:15.

For Live Streamed Masses Search for Dereham Catholic Church on YouTube, or use the link on the parish website.

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

Anniversaries this week: Colin Nicholson, Eileen Wells, Peter Francis Brown, Christina Duffield, Joan Mary McManus, Enid Whatmore, Bernard Reddington, Edwin Gatt, Margaret Warner, Frederick Hetherington, Tony Lannon, Pamela Clark, Brenda Winandy. *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, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Colette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Kevin Pugh, Joy Bussey, Dorothy Edwards.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £248.43. Thank you.

Next Sunday is a World Day of Prayer for Vocations and there will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund after all Masses next weekend.

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.

Advance Notice - There will be **no Mass on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th April** as Fr. Jay will be away.

Funeral Mass of +Kath Borthwick at our Church on Friday, 26th April at 10:00 – Let our presence be, as one community, a gesture of consolation to the Borthwick family on this date, commending the soul of our beloved Kath to our loving Father.

Funeral Mass of +Peter Knight at the Parish on Tuesday, 16th April at 13:30 – Our prayers of consolation are offered to his beloved wife, Marion.

Funeral Service of +Istvan Toth on Wednesday, 8th May at the Parish at 11:30 – Our prayers of consolation are offered to his bereaved daughter, Sherbet.

Parish Events for the week 14th – 20th April 2024	
Thursday: 17:30-18:30	First Communion Class – Emmaus Room
Friday: 19:15-20:30	Altar Servers' Group – Emmaus Room
Friday Garden Club – Volunteers are asked to please contact Sonia on 07985 521578 for next meeting date.	

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Training - Inviting all Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, or any who are interested in these roles to volunteer, to please attend the training on **Saturday, 27th April, 14:30 – 15:30** at the Church.

Martin & Terri's Golden Wedding Anniversary: Sunday, 28th April, 12:00 at Aldiss Park, Dereham FC, Norwich Road – Could those intending to come please notify Terri or Martin on 01362 822590, for catering purposes. Terri & Martin do not wish for any presents but if anyone is wishing to give something, they are invited to give something extra to the Food Bank.

Pentecost Sunday | Parish International Mass - On **Sunday, 19th May at 11:00** Mass, we shall be having the International Mass. We are encouraging all nationalities in the Parish to be acknowledged by signing up the form at the back, and if you would like to wear your national dress and bring your food to share for the reception afterwards, that would be great.

Ordination to the Priesthood on 18th May 2024 - Please include in your prayers Rev Anthony Ashimuga for his upcoming ordination to the Priesthood by Bishop Peter Collins at the Cathedral of St John on 18th May, 11:30.

Annual Marriage Celebration Mass | Bishop Peter invites couples to join on the 1st June 11:30 at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich. Those couples celebrating significant anniversaries are invited to fill in the online Booking Form and so have their names read out during Mass, and receive a certificate. Certificates are for one year, five years and every multiple of five, until 60 years, then every individual year after 60 years.

To book a place please fill in the Booking Form at: www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/. For all enquiries please contact: Dr Antonia Braithwaite mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk



We thank all our many parish volunteers and groups for their help each week in supporting the running and daily and spiritual life of the parish.

Parish Events for the week 14th – 20th April 2024	
Sunday: 11:00	No Children's Liturgy (<i>resumes next Sunday</i>)
Wednesday: 14:30	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room. All welcome.

Bitesize - 'Life is a long road on a short journey.'
~James Lendall Basford