

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Second Chances - After the Resurrection, we might have expected the disciples to rush off in a frenzy of enthusiasm spreading the good news, but no, today we find them back on the lake fishing. When you stop for a minute to imagine what it might have been like to be in Peter's shoes perhaps it isn't all that surprising. Peter had given up everything for Jesus and promised his all. But despite all his promises, Peter had ended up denying Jesus three times. Almost certainly he would have been suffering from feelings of crippling guilt and insurmountable failure. Is it

really any wonder that fishing suddenly seemed a more attractive option than evangelising?

But for Jesus, giving up is not an option. Jesus appears at dawn by the lakeside where he asks Peter. "Do you love me?" Three times Jesus asks the same question ... the same number of times that Peter had previously denied him. It's as though Jesus is giving Peter the chance to put right a wrong. This is part of Peter's healing process. This is Peter's big chance to put his hopes and dreams back on track. Then Jesus, who has known all along what is in Peter's heart, gives him a gentle reminder of his commission to shepherd his Church.

There's a heartening message for us too in this story. How many times do we see in the Bible people getting not just second chances but third and fourth chances? We can get things wrong and we can let ourselves down ... but God who knows what is in our hearts, reminds us that he is there to take away the burden of our guilt and of our failures and set before us new horizons and second chances. We are not expected to be perfect; we are only expected to be human.



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.

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Useful links: Diocesan Safeguarding – <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding/>
Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
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Sunday 1st May 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Easter – Year C

[3rd Week of Easter, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 3]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 30th April

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

Allan Howard+ (Salter)

Sunday 1st May

3rd Sunday of Easter

09.00 MASS

Rose Bere+ (*Fdn*)

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

Sheamus Mealy+ (PM)

Monday 2nd May

St Athanasius

10.00 MASS

Paul & Alain Achoon+

Tuesday 3rd May

SS Philip & James. Feast.

10.00 MASS

Victoria & Antony Desira+

Wednesday 4th May

The English Martyrs. Feast.

10.00 MASS

Roger Read (for Healing)

Thursday 5th May

Easter Feria

10.00 MASS & ADORATION
Live streamed

Calvin & Becky Cummings

Friday 6th May

Easter Feria

- No Mass today

Saturday 7th May

Easter Feria

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

G. Maguire+ (*Fdn*)

Sunday 8th May

4th Sunday of Easter

09.00 MASS

The English Family (*Fdn*)

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

Mona Murphy+ (*Fdn*)

Fdn = Foundation Mass

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-B40VTvbzeZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

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

Anniversaries this week: Irene Barnes, David Horsburgh, Thomas Delahunt, Philomena Hutton, Hubert Barker, Winifred Gaylard, Patrick Charles Coyne, Eileen Barker, Elen Harding, Tim Lynch. *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 Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Una Morris, Fr. Brendan.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £274.55. (Offerings by Standing Order for March 2022: £1,221.00.) Thank you. In addition, a further Easter Offering to Fr Brendan of £35 was received, together with another £30 for the Lenten Alms collection. Thank you very much for your generosity.

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.** This is a great way for the parish to get additional funds from the tax reclaim benefits scheme; with this scheme you do not need to commit to a fixed amount as it will just be based on your total annual contribution. Let Rex Baker know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.

Next Sunday (8th May) is World Day of Prayer for Vocations and there will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund after all Masses next weekend.

Eucharistic Ministers: Recommissioning of our Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Saturday, 21st May at the 1800 Mass.

Confirmation Catechesis - We are running a Confirmation group this September/October. Anyone interested and eligible please see Michael King.

Open Parish Meeting: Weds. 4th May, 4.00–5.00 pm – An agenda for this meeting is available at the back of church. Please take a copy and let Fr Jay have any comments or suggestions by Tuesday afternoon in advance of the meeting. Copies of the previous minutes and parish accounts will be available at the meeting. Copies are also available on the parish website.

Diary Dates for this week

Sat. 7 th May	10.30-11.30 am	First Holy Communion Class – Emmaus Room
Sat. 7 th May	2.00 pm	Altar Servers Meeting – Emmaus Room

Forthcoming Events –

- **First Communion** – Sunday, 26th June 2022 at the 1100 Mass.
- **Youth Club** – There's a plan to organise a Youth Club. If any of you are interested in joining or could contribute some ideas, please acknowledge by joining us for a meeting on Wednesday, 11th May at 1600.
- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Tuesday, 31st May.** The Diocesan children's pilgrimage takes place on the same day. The event will commence with Mass at 12 noon and ending around 4.00 p.m. with Benediction in the Priory grounds.
- **International Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 5th June 2022 during the 1100 Mass.** It is hoped every nationality in the Parish could be represented by dressing in one's national dress during the Mass and national food prepared after. A good way to revisit one's roots, as the Parish is much diverse in terms of culture.

A weekly Scriptures study and discussion is being planned by Fr Jay this coming June. At the moment, there are some 10 people confirmed in joining the study. This should be a fitting opportunity to re-assess how our knowledge about Christ is progressing in leading us to a closer relationship with our Lord. Please email the Parish to confirm at edsacredheart@gmail.com.

Needing a Spiritual Direction? A trained spiritual director in the Parish is willing to offer her expertise on this matter and will accompany you in your spiritual journey. She is a Benedictine Oblate. Kindly email the Parish for enquiries (edsacredheart@gmail.com).

Celebration of the 1,000th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Benedictine Abbey of Bury St. Edmund: 15th May 2022 – 9.15 a.m. Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan. Preacher – Anglican Bishop of Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Our bishop invites us all to take part in this very special and unique occasion.

Diocesan Summer Camp: Ringsfield Hall, Hall Road, Beccles, NR34 8JR on 26th – 29th August 2022. Application forms are available at the Presbytery. For more details, contact: Lorraine Furmedge, 30 Beaufort Drive, Buckden, St Neots, Cambs, PE19 5YU. Tel; 0776541170.

Diocesan Job Vacancy – Diocesan Deputy Director of Schools' Service required from September 2022. Please see Diocesan Website for more details – <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/vacancies/>