

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



The First Stone - It's a sad fact of life, if you do something good, it isn't remembered for very long. You are only as good as your last good deed. But if you do something bad, there will be those who insist on never forgetting it. There will always be those who mutter, "Oh that's 'so and so' the one who had the affair." "That Mr. Thingymajig, the one who embezzled the company funds." It's a very sad human failing. We are loathe to let the failings of

others go.

In today's gospel reading the Scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught committing adultery. According to the Law of Moses such a woman should be stoned. What has Jesus to say on the matter? As ever, The Scribes and Pharisees are seeking to trap Jesus into giving an answer that is unlawful. Jesus however is great at not falling into traps. "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone," he replies.

When we have made a mistake in life, the last thing we need is condemnation. Condemnation is rarely useful. Condemnation sends us to a dark place where we fester. Denied our second chance, our self-esteem is eroded. We begin to see ourselves in a different light. Other people think we are bad or weak so perhaps we are. Our self-image spirals downwards, we start to behave the way people expect us to behave.... badly! But the people, who have pointed the finger of blame; are they really in any position to judge? We are extraordinarily quick to throw the first stone. Our powers of empathy are limited. Perhaps we enjoy moral outrage. Perhaps we enjoy gossiping at someone else's expense. Today we are challenged. The next time we open our mouths to condemn, we are asked to find mercy instead, the same mercy we expect when we have fallen from grace.



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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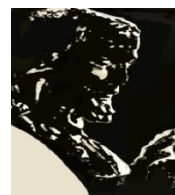
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 Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
 Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
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Sunday 3rd April 2022 – 5th Sunday of Lent – Year C

[5th Week of Lent, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 1]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 2nd April		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For Penitents & Wanderers
Sunday 3rd April		5th Sunday of Lent
09.00	MASS	+ John Perkins
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	For the Parish
Monday 4th April		Lent Feria
10.00	MASS	T & M O'Donoghue (<i>Fdn Mass</i>)
Tuesday 5th April		Lent Feria
10.00	MASS	C Coyne (<i>Fdn Mass</i>)
Wednesday 6th April		Lent Feria
10.00	MASS	E Maguire (<i>Fdn Mass</i>)
Thursday 7th April		Lent Feria
10.00	MASS & ADORATION <i>Live streamed</i>	Ann Hannon
Friday 8th April		Lent Feria
17.30	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 9th April		Lent Feria
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	+ Anne Monaghan
Sunday 10th April		Palm Sunday
09.00	MASS	For the Parish
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	+ Michael McBrien
14.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30		
EXPOSITION: Thursday after Mass and Sunday at 14.00		

For **Live Streamed Masses** Search for **Dereham Catholic Church** on **YouTube**, or use the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

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

Anniversaries this week: Stephanie Grange, Roger Borthwick, Francis Breen, Edith Graydon-Carter, Harold Chapman, Gordon William Lloyd, Harry Knight, James Juby, Patrick Joseph Mullally, Consuelo Murphy, Ted Clark. *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, Allan Michael Howard, Collette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Una Morris, Fr. Brendan.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £225.35. Thank you.

The Easter Offering this year goes to Fr. Brendan. Fr. Jay will have his from Bury St. Edmunds.

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.

Mass Intentions – It would be helpful if you could please affix a (+) sign before the name to indicate if it is for the repose of a soul. Thank you.

The Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday: 14th April:

- ❖ Mass of the Lord's Supper at 1930, with watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight.

Good Friday: 15th April:

- ❖ Children's Stations of the Cross at 1030.
- ❖ Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 15.00.

Holy Saturday: 16th April:

- ❖ Easter Vigil Mass at 2000.

Easter Sunday, 17th April – Mass at 0900 and 1100.

Chrism Mass: 12 Noon, Tuesday 12th April - The Diocesan Choir will be gathering again to sing at the Mass of Chrism in the Cathedral. This is a great opportunity for parish musicians to share their talents with fellow musicians from our Diocesan family! There will be a rehearsal in the Cathedral Choir Sacristy from 10am on Tuesday 12th April, ahead of the Chrism Mass at 12 Noon. All are welcome!

Coach Arrangements to the Chrism Mass on 12th April are as follows:

- Boarding from London Road just outside the Church at 1015 for departure promptly at 1030
- Returning from the Cathedral at 1430.

Diary Dates for this week		
Weds. 6 April	11.00 am	Parish Finance Committee meeting - Presbytery
Sat. 9 April	First Holy Communion Class is on Easter Holiday. Classes resume on 23 rd April.	

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

Some future dates for your diaries, please –

- **Parish Open Meeting –** 4th May 2022 (suggested date) at 1600. There will be an updating of all the organisations in the Parish, including the Eucharistic Ministers.
- **Altar Servers Meeting –** Saturday, 7th May 2022 at 1400.
- **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.

Parish Choir – A plan to kickstart a Parish Choir at the 1100 Mass. Interested? Please email me – edsacredheart@gmail.com or Michael King, Parish Music Leader - michaeljwking@gmail.com.

Volunteers for Easter Services – There are still spaces for volunteers at each of the Easter Holy Week services. Please see the lists on the table at the back of church and sign up if you are able to help.

Coffee & tea is back, but we need Volunteers for this after Sunday Masses. Please sign the list at the back of church if you can help. Thank you.

Church Cleaning Rota – Volunteers are sought, please, to fill some vacancies on the Church Cleaning rota. If you can help, please contact Catherine on 01362 699334 or email: scarning19@talktalk.net

Bitesize - If someone were to pay you ten cents for every kind word you said about people and collect five cents for every unkind word, would you be rich or poor?
~ Author unknown, quoted by Jacob M. Braude