

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



New Lease of Life - Ever been entrusted with a big job and completely messed up? If you've made big mistakes in the work place, the chances are that you won't be entrusted with that job again. If you make a mistake in family circles, the people who love you most probably will give you a second chance but they might be keeping a watchful eye on you just the same.

In the days after Jesus' death and resurrection Peter must have been suffering huge guilt. He had been one of Jesus' most ardent followers and yet it was Peter who had denied Jesus three times during his arrest and trial. When we have had a difficult or traumatic time it is human nature to retreat into our comfort zones. This is exactly what Peter is doing in today's story. Jesus might have hoped that his disciples would be out and about spreading the good news, but Peter is back on the lake doing what he knows best.... fishing!

When we hit difficult times in our lives and all we are able to do is hide from the world, what we need most is for someone to give us a helping hand. What we might need is for someone to let us know that we are still valued. When we give someone who has lost their self-esteem a special job, we can give them a new lease of life.

In today's gospel Jesus appears to Peter and the disciples from the shore whilst they are out fishing. Peter, as impetuous as ever, jumps into the water and swims to meet him. The others follow in the boat. On the shore Jesus takes some bread, and some fish that his disciples have just caught, and they share a simple meal. Then Jesus turns to Peter and asks "Do you love me?" Three times he asks the same question, and three times Peter replies that he does. It's as though Jesus is giving him the opportunity to make amends for his three denials. Jesus is offering more than forgiveness. He's offering healing and recovery. Then he says to Peter "Feed my lambs," and "tend my sheep." Jesus gives Peter an important job, the job he has been training him for all along – to give the growing community of disciples his support, guidance and leadership. It isn't hard to imagine how delighted Peter must have felt on this day. Perhaps he hadn't let Jesus down after all. Jesus still loved him and valued him. This was Peter's big second chance and new lease of life.



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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 Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
 Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
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5TH MAY 2019 – 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year C

[3rd Week of Easter, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 3]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 4 th May Sun. 5 th May	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	3 rd Sunday of Easter [Parish Mass Book p265]	Juste Masiulionee The People of the Parish Maria Alexandria Coita Pita
Mon. 6 th May	10.00 am	Easter Feria	George & Peggy Mealy (Cummings)
Tues. 7 th May	-	Easter Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 8 th May	10.00 am	Easter Feria	Peter Gormanns (Choudri)
Thurs. 9 th May	10.00 am	Easter Feria	Peter Gormanns (Theresa)
Fri. 10 th May	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Easter Feria Funeral Service for Tom Nally	Peter Gormanns (Tinney)
Sat. 11 th May	10.30 am	Easter Feria	Peter Gormanns (Choudri)
Sat. 11 th May Sun. 12 th May	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	4 th Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)	Joao Lobo & Thanksgiving (Moniz) The People of the Parish Maria Alexandra Coita Pita

Music for 3rd Sunday of Easter – *Setting*: New People's Mass (incl. Memorial Acclam. B)

Entry: 6pm – Regina Coeli (said); Hymn 769 – Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour ...

Psalm: (11am sung) *R.*: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Offertory: Hymn 877 – Will you come and follow me ...

Recessional: 11am – Regina Coeli (said); Hymn 287 – Thine be the glory ...

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday at 5.30pm, or by request/appointment

The parish newsletter (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

Anniversaries this week: Philomena Hutton, Hubert Barker, Winifred Gaylard, Patrick Charles Coyne, Eileen Barker, Ellen Harding, Tim Lynch, Molly Herbert, Trixie Gibbons, Frederick Dance, Eric Atkinson Brown and Ann Dent. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits: If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, King's Lynn (QEII), and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St. John's Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or call the NNUH Hospital Chaplaincy direct on 01603 287470 for people needing urgent spiritual attention, or for visits to QEII Hospital, call Fr. Peter Rollings on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament or Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Sarah Chaudri, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Catherine (Kay) Garrard, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Neville Hibberd, Shirley Liebenhals and Brenda May.

Money Matters: Thank you for your contribution of £424.26 for the maintenance of our parish last weekend and for an additional £85 for the Easter Offering.

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

Diary Dates for this week -		
Mon. 6 th May	<i>Please note there is no Mother Teresa's knitting group meeting this month due to the bank holiday. Next meeting will be 3rd June.</i>	
Tues. 7 th May	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Weds. 8 th May	11.00am	UCM meeting – Emmaus Room. A speaker from The Medaille Trust will be present to talk about how the Trust helps people who have been involved in modern day slavery. All are welcome to come and learn more about the work of The Trust and join us for a cup of coffee.
Thurs. 9 th May	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to sing or play.
Thurs. 9 th May	7.00pm	Dereham Town Pastors Annual Meeting. All welcome to find out more about the rewarding work that Dereham Town Pastors do in our town. Venue: church hall, Dereham Baptist Church, Norwich Street, Dereham NR19 1BX.
Sat. 11 th May	11.00am	Saturday Club - Emmaus Room
Sat. 11 th May	2.30-4.30pm	The sisters from the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham invite you to join them for a cream tea at their convent, House of the Divine Will, behind the playground on Neatherd Moor. All welcome. Please call 01328 801018 or 07931 795769 if you need further information.

Parish Open Meeting – Sunday, 19th May. The List for those wishing to attend this is now at the back of the church. Can I please ask the ladies of the U.C.M. to provide the usual lunch? All Groups please submit your reports as soon as possible. The Altar Servers will draw a cover for the Report. Please submit items for discussion to Fr. Brendan as soon as you can. Items for discussion so far are: Opening Prayer, Parish Priest's input, Treasurer's Report, Parking at Sacred Heart on Saturdays and Sundays with regard to emergency access, A Day of Recollection/Retreat. There will not be a slot for 'Any Other Business' as this can lead to a completely different and previously unreflected discussion.

Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham – The annual Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham this year is on **Tuesday, 28th May**. The day begins at 10.45am with procession from the village to the shrine, followed by Mass at 12.00 noon at the Chapel of Reconciliation celebrated by Bishop Alan; afterwards, picnic at the Shrine and finishing the day on the beach at nearby Wells-Next-The-Sea. Further details from Christine Storman, Tel: 01493 717121, email: chrissies18@hotmail.com Parishes are asked to notify Christine if they will be bringing a group.

June Dates for your Diary –

- **Celebrate East Anglia, 1st & 2nd June at Bury St. Edmunds** – The conference that helps all the family grow in their faith! Faith-filled, fun weekend for all ages, combining contemporary Christian music, inspirational speakers, workshops, celebration of Mass, children's and youth ministry and much more. See www.celebrateconference.org and click on 'East Anglia' for more information.
- **Marriage & Family Life, Annual Mass - Saturday, 8th June at 11.30am at St John's Cathedral in Norwich.** All are welcome and those who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries will receive a certificate. If you would like to register for a certificate please contact Bonnie Lander Johnson on mflc.eastanglia@rcdea.org.uk or 07849357518. Join Bishop Alan after Mass for tea and cake in the Narthex and cathedral gardens. Photographs will be available for purchase online. There will be a collection at the Mass for those who wish to help the Marriage and Family Life Commission in their work.

In Eastertide, we recite REGINA CAELI in place of the ANGELUS:

Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.
 For he, whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia.
 Has risen as he said, Alleluia.
 Pray for us to God, Alleluia.
 Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
 For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.