

## 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.

### Bitesize

"The study of crime begins with the knowledge of oneself."

~Henry Miller, *The Air-Conditioned Nightmare*, 1945

### 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**

Useful links: Diocesan Website: <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>  
Notre Dame High School, Norwich: Website <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>

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### 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### Sunday Masses – Page 265 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Donor's Int.
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Roger Borthwick

#### Music for Sunday Masses - *Setting: Dom Gregory Murray Mass*

**Entry** 6pm – *Regina Coeli (said)*; Hymn 283 – The day of resurrection! ...

**Offertory** Hymn 865 – I, the Lord of sea and sky ...

**Communion** *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence* ...

**Recessional** 11am – *Regina Coeli (said)*; Hymn 271 – Battle is o'er, hell's armies flee ...

### CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5.30 - 5.55 pm

#### Weekday Mass Times (3<sup>rd</sup> week of Easter) [*Psalter Week 3*]

Mon.	10.00 am	Sheila Christie - St. Stanislaus
Tues.	<b>No Mass today</b>	- Easter Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	Donor's Int. - Easter Feria
Thurs.	10.00 am	Donor's Int. - Easter Feria
Fri.	10.00 am	Donor's Int. - Easter Feria
	5.45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Silent Prayer
	6.15 pm	Evening Prayer (Vespers)
Sat.	10.30 am	Donor's Int. - Easter Feria
	6.00 pm	Donor's Int. - 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Tom Brady, Cyril Byrne, Brigid Mary Murphy, Daniel Creamer, Colin Nicholson, Eileen Wells and Christina Duffield. *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 (QEII), King's Lynn, 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 Fr Peter Rollings (01553 772220) for visits to QEII. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

**Sick List - Please pray for:** Joan Blakiston, David Peek, Michael Reavey, Robert Nicol, Doreen Kanssen, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, David & Anna Thompkins, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Rhonda Darby, Eileen Brockleby, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd and Pat Grout.

**Money Matters** – The collection last week was £441.40 . Thank you for your generosity.

**Next Sunday** is World Day of Prayer for Vocations and there will be a retiring collection for the Priests' Training Fund.

**Diary Dates for this week** –

- Weds. 13<sup>th</sup> Apr. – UCM meeting – 2.00pm in the Emmaus Room.
- Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> Apr. – Altar Servers meeting – 7.15pm in the Emmaus Room.
- Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Apr. – Saturday Club resumes – 11.00am in the Emmaus Room.

**Setting up the Church for Saturday Evening Mass** – I would be very grateful if those who attend the Saturday evening Mass would open the partition, set up the chairs, put out the hassocks and books, etc. from now on. I should also express gratitude to those who close the partition and put away the said chairs, hassocks, books etc. after the 11.00am Mass each week. Thank you all.

**Parish Census** – The parish census takes place this weekend and next. Please fill in the cards. Pens are on the chairs. The cards will be distributed during Mass and collected.

**Union of Catholic Mothers** – A meeting of the UCM takes place on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. Any ladies interested, please come and meet us and hear what we do. There will also be a Study Day at Poringland on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> April. The theme is "Year of Mercy". Anyone interested in this, please contact Anne Nicol at 01362 694053. The day starts with Sacrament of Penance at 9.30am during Eucharistic Exposition and finishes at 2.00pm.

**Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Led by Bishop Alan, the pilgrimage will begin with a procession from the village at 10.45am, walking to the shrine along the safe path (formerly the railway line), with pauses for prayer along the way. Mass will be celebrated at the Chapel of Reconciliation at 12 noon, with picnic in the meadow afterwards, and ending the day on the beach at Wells-next-the-Sea. Please see the poster on the noticeboard.

**Diocesan Summer Camp 2016** – At Eccles Hall from Fri. 26th August to Mon. 29th August 2016 - For applicants aged between 8 yrs to 14 yrs of age. Cost £83.00. To reserve a place on Camp a fully completed application form together with a deposit of £25 is required by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016. Early booking is recommended. A separate application form is required for each child. For more information, see the application forms and poster at the back of church.

Whilst costs have to be met, the summer camp team are eager that any child who wishes to attend the Camp is able to do so and if the fee causes financial difficulty for any parent/guardian (particularly when more than one of your children are coming along) they are encouraged to contact Chris Storman (tel: 01493 717121 or [chrisies18@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisies18@hotmail.com)) or Lorraine Furmedge at [diocesansummercamps@gmail.com](mailto:diocesansummercamps@gmail.com) Similarly if any parishioner would like to sponsor a child to attend camp, or make a contribution towards the camp, then again please contact Chris or Lorraine.

**Knit-a-Square.com 2016 Wishlist** - Some parishioners may already be familiar with the work of the African charity 'Knit-a-square'.com who accept knitted squares from all around the world to be knitted into blankets for AIDS orphans. For 2016 the charity continues to welcome squares, and as the charity has grown, they are also in a position to distribute knitted hats, hand warmers and cuddly toys. Visit [www.knit-a-square.com](http://www.knit-a-square.com) if you love to knit and are interested in helping.

**Help Christian Victims of Lahore Easter Day Attack** - The death toll of the attack targeted at Christians is, at the time of writing, 74 people, with more than 370 injured. Many of the victims are women and children. The Barnabas Fund is sending immediate aid for funeral costs, medical treatment and medicines. Women and children are high in number among the victims of the suicide attack, which took place on Easter Day (27 March) at a public park in Lahore. If you would like to help provide immediate assistance to Christian victims of the Lahore suicide bombing, please visit [www.barnabasfund.org](http://www.barnabasfund.org) for details on how to donate.

***In Eastertide, we recite REGINA COELI 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.