

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



**Believing Jesus is the Son of God** - Jesus is the Son of God, but there are those who have other opinions. Perhaps he was just a very good man with a gift for teaching and healing. Perhaps he was just a prophet. Perhaps he was just a charismatic leader, a social worker, a philanthropist, a rebel or some kind of religious genius.

Today Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. And as Jesus was praying the appearance of his face is changed, and his clothes become a dazzling white. Suddenly they see two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They have appeared in glory and are speaking of his departure, which he is to accomplish at Jerusalem.

What the Bible is saying here is that Jesus of Nazareth was no ordinary human being. Jesus was no ordinary carpenter from Galilee. Jesus was not just a miracle worker, not just a teacher, not just a healer. In the 'Transfiguration' Jesus reveals his true identity. Jesus is the Son of God, the only Son of God'. It's no wonder that Peter wants to erect three tents to hold onto this truth. How privileged the early disciples were to have been given this vision. We have not been given first-hand experience of the Transfiguration, but what we do have is the evidence of how the disciples' lives were changed by the Knowledge of Jesus' identity. The disciples had the memory of the Transfiguration to motivate them through the difficult times ahead. We have the memory of Peter's commitment and influence to motivate us similarly.

There are those who think it is good enough simply to believe Jesus was a good man. For those of us who believe Jesus is the Son of God, we will never attend the funeral of a loved one with thoughts of never seeing them again. Believing in God, means believing that one day we will share in Jesus' glory.

**Bitesize** - 'Some things have to be believed to be seen.'  
~Ralph Hodgson, *The Skylark and Other Poems*



**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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### 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022 – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – Year C [2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 12 Mar.	6.00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Stephen & Bernadette Mealy Paschall Byrne The People of the Parish
Sun. 13 Mar.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 14 Mar.	*	Lent Feria	
Tues. 15 Mar.	*	Lent Feria	
Weds. 16 Mar.	*	Lent Feria	
Thurs. 17 Mar.	*	St Patrick, Patron of Ireland	
Fri. 18 Mar.	*	Lent Feria	
Sat. 19 Mar.	-	St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM	<b>No morning Mass</b>
Sun. 20 Mar.	6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Michael Murphy The People of the Parish William Murphy Jr.

*\* To be announced*

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - from 9.25 a.m. – 9.55 a.m.  
before each weekday Mass.**

*The Church is open daily until 4:00pm*

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>  
 Daily Liturgy Website – [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Fr. John Joseph Ketterer (*3<sup>rd</sup> Priest at Dereham*), Betty Lynch, Deanne Andrews, Peggy Free, Maurice Anthony de Chenu, Stan Bennett, Eugenie Beckett, John Hogan, Charles Hixson, Thomas Donoghue, Janet Lennon, Margaret Cliffe, Andrea O'Connor. *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. Jaylord 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:** Thank you for your offerings amounting to £703.80 for the two weeks 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February and for £118.68 last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish. Offertory donations by Standing Order for the month of February amounted to £1,166.00 Thank you.

**This weekend,** there is a **retiring collection** after all Masses for **CAFOD Lent Fast Day**, which took place last Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March. Envelopes for this are available at the back of church.

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.

Diary Dates for this week		
Mon. 14 Mar.	2.00–4.00 pm	 Afternoon Tea in the Emmaus Room. Join us for the first of our monthly afternoon teas. Bring your knitting or just come for a friendly chat over a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit. All welcome.
Sat. 19 Mar.	10.30-11.30 am	First Holy Communion Class – Emmaus Room

**Welcome** – This weekend we are glad to welcome Fr. Jaylord Magpuyo, who has been appointed by the Bishop as Priest Administrator for the Parish, while Fr. Brendan continues the long road to recovery following his stroke. Please continue to keep Fr. Brendan in your prayers.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March 2022** - When we study biology, we come close to God, the Creator of all living things. The miracle of life includes not only the fact that life

itself exists but the amazing truth that we, ourselves God's living creations, have been given the ability to understand life and cultivate it. We have the power to cure disease and alleviate suffering. We also have the freedom to abuse that power, using it for selfish ends or withholding it from others out of greed or malice. This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his monthly prayer intention. *"We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action."*

**Ukraine** – 'All of us are horrified by the pictures of the Ukraine. The Railway Tavern has a concerted appeal and goods are being taken to Poland and Moldova for the refugees, many who have nothing. The next delivery is due to leave on 21<sup>st</sup> March or when the transport is full. Cash can be given via SVP, but even a packet of paracetamol or ibuprofen is acceptable. Do you have a spare sleeping bag or groundsheet, unopened cuppa-soups, toothpaste, toothbrushes? You can leave items in the porch at the church and I will pass them on. If you have other things and not sure, contact me; we are acting on the needs of the humanitarian appeal. No cans or glass. *Your sister in Christ, Terri Sanderson, President of SVP Dereham Conference.'*

**Lent Talks, BBC Radio 4, Wednesday at 20.45 - "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink"** Lent Talks is a series of personal reflections inspired by an aspect of the story leading up to Easter. This year's theme is the power of hospitality, based on Jesus' encouragement in Matthew's gospel to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger and look after the sick.

**Saint Patrick, 17<sup>th</sup> March** - St. Patrick reminds us that the first person the Lord saves us from is ourselves. Sometimes the decisions we make in life or the experiences that happen to us, through no fault of our own, can bring us to the edge of despair, just like St. Patrick experienced. But instead of turning inward, St. Patrick reminds us to turn to God who is waiting for us. "I was like some great stone, lying deep in the mud," he tells us, but God "in his mercy lifted me up" and "placed me on the very top of the wall" (*Confessio*).

**Saint Joseph, 19th March** - "Joseph was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage." ~*American Catholic*

**Prayer for the Election of a Bishop** - God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unflinching care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

St Felix: *Pray for us*; St Fursey: *Pray for us*; St Edmund: *Pray for us*;  
All Holy Martyrs and Saints of East Anglia: *Pray for us*.