

## 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.

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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## 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – Year C

[2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 2]

| Mass Times for the Week                                  |                                |   | Intentions                               |
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| Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar.                               | 6.00 pm                        |   | Phyllis Walsh                            |
| Sun. 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar.                               | 9.00 am<br>11.00 am            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent<br>[Parish Mass Book p156] | The People of the Parish<br>Joao Lobo    |
| Mon. 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar.                               | 10.00 am                       | Lent Feria  | Priest's Int.                            |
| Tues. 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar.                              | -                              | ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF<br>THE BVM.                          | No Mass today – PP's day<br>off          |
| Weds. 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar.                              | -                              | Lent Feria  | No Mass today                            |
| Thurs. 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar.                             | -                              | Lent Feria  | No Mass today                            |
| Fri. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar.                               | 10.00 am<br>10.30 am           | Lent Feria<br>Stations of the Cross                       | Priest's Int.                            |
| Sat. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar.                               | 10.30 am                       | Lent Feria  | Priest's Int.                            |
| Sat. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar.<br>Sun. 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar. | 6.00 pm<br>9.00 am<br>11.00 am | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent                            | Thanksgiving<br>The People of the Parish |

**Music for # Sunday of Lent – Setting:** Belmont Mass (incl. Mem. Acclam. 2)

**Entry:** 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 212 – All ye who seek a comfort sure ...

**Psalm:** [6pm sung] *R.: The Lord is my light and my help.*

**Offertory:** Hymn 883 – Longing for light, we wait in darkness ...

**Recessional:** 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 970 – Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart ...

**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:** Charles Hixson, Thomas Donoghue, Janet Lennon, Margaret Cliffe, Andrea O'Connor, Margaret (Peggie) Jackson, Joy Lannon, Mary Roberts, Desmond Stone and Anna Platt. *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, Peter Gormans, 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 offering of £460.82 last weekend and for £397.00 by standing order/direct debit during February for the day-to-day maintenance of our parish. **This weekend**, there is a retiring collection after all Masses for **CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day** which was on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Diary Dates for this week -

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| Tues. 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar.  | 7.30pm  | Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room   |
| Thurs. 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar. | 6.30pm  | Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to sing or play. |
| Sat. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar.   | 11.00am | Saturday Club - Emmaus Room   |

**Priest's Intention** for Mass this week is for the Intentions in our Prayer Request Book.

**Please note the Mass times this week.** On Tuesday/Wednesday, I will be at Clare Priory for the Ministry to Priests' Programme and on Thursday, there is a Lenten Quiet Day of Prayer/Reflection at Poringland which I am attending.

**Open Parish Meeting** – I would like to ask all the various groups from within the parish to submit a report on their activities during the last year for the meeting. It has proven very helpful to pull all this together in one Parish Report, so that we can see what goes on during the year. We will also need to design a cover for this year's report.

**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*)



**Exploring Personal Prayer:** Talk and workshops inspired by The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola led by Margaret Mary McFadyen. Beginning on **Saturday 20th May** at 7.30pm until 9.30pm at the Parish church of our Lady of the Annunciation, Upgate,

Poringland. NR14 7SH. Margaret spoke at the Deanery meeting in Sheringham last week and made a very favourable impression. Please see her leaflet on the notice board. Contact [mmmcfadyen@gmail.com](mailto:mmmcfadyen@gmail.com)

**World Water Day, March 22nd 2019: 'Leaving No-one Behind'.** Sustainable Development Goal 6 is crystal clear: water for all by 2030. By definition, this means leaving no one behind. But today, billions of people are still living without safe water – their households, schools, workplaces, farms and factories struggling to survive and thrive. This World Water Day, 22nd March, is about tackling the water crisis by addressing the reasons why so many people are being left behind. Visit [www.wateraid.org/uk/get-involved](http://www.wateraid.org/uk/get-involved) for more information.

**Recommended Reading: Stations of the Cross Then and Now by Fr Denis McBride** - The way of the cross is not confined to a lonely road in Jerusalem two thousand years ago: it is a busy highway winding through every village, town and city in our modern world. Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R. reflectively guides us along the way of the cross. He contrasts the beauty and solemn simplicity of the more traditional Stations by artist Curd Lessig with modern images that challenge us to link Jesus' story to the struggle of our everyday life. [www.rpbooks.co.uk/stations-of-the-cross-then-and-now](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk/stations-of-the-cross-then-and-now)

**Lent Prayer:** We pray for our parish community, that we may be moved by God's love to reach out to others in our turn, especially to those who are poor, so that no one may feel abandoned, forgotten or alone. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**Lenten Alms Box** - There will be a box at the back of the church throughout Lent to receive your Lenten Alms. This year the proceeds from across the Diocese will be divided equally between Aid to the Church in Need and The Cambridge Nazareth Trust.



**Notre Dame High School, Norwich** – Deputy Headteacher required for September 2019. Please see Diocesan website for more details: [https://www.rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/\[1\]](https://www.rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/[1])

#### The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.  
Hail Mary ...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.  
Hail Mary ...

V. And the Word was made flesh. R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worth of the promises  
of Christ.

**Let us pray:** Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.