

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Love as I have Loved - We can recognise Rembrandt in his apprentices' work. We can recognise Mozart in the work of his students. We recognise the influence of early films in today's cinema and the devices of great classic literature in today's novels. So too people will recognise us as Christians if we love as Jesus loved. We might think we know how to be good people, but how closely have we studied Jesus' example? How we behave as Christians is Jesus' unique signature in the world, so it's important to get it right. In turn this will become our ultimate reason for being.

Our own human idea of love is self-centred. We enjoy a long relationship with a partner, parent, or offspring, but what we're really expecting is for them to give us something in return. We're not great at unconditional love. Copying Jesus' example to the letter really would change the world.

So what made Jesus' love so special? Firstly, Jesus made his love feel very specific. Jesus made every person he met feel special. His love was also universal. He was prepared to love people before he had even met them. His love was non-judgemental. It doesn't seem to matter to Jesus that the people he meets are sinners or outcasts, he gives everybody the second chance they need. Nor does Jesus metre out his love from some lofty moral high ground, instead he relates to others with humility and genuine empathy.

"Love as I have loved," Jesus' recipe for a better world.



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.

In Eastertide, we recite REGINA CÆLI 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

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 Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
 Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
 Daily Liturgy Website – www.universalis.com

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19TH MAY 2019 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year C

[5th Week of Easter, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 1]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 18 th May	6.00 pm	5 th Sunday of Easter [Parish Mass Book p271] Mid-day Prayer from the Divine Office, followed by buffet lunch and the annual Parish Meeting	Priest's Int.
Sun. 19 th May	9.00 am		Una & Paul Morris (Perkins)
	11.00 am		The People of the Parish
	12 noon		
Mon. 20 th May	10.00 am	Easter Feria	Josephine Goodwin
Tues. 21 st May	-	Easter Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 22 nd May	10.00 am	Easter Feria	Bridget Murphy (Mealy)
Thurs. 23 rd May	10.00 am	Easter Feria	Teresa McCarthy
Fri. 24 th May	10.00 am	Easter Feria	Freddy Murphy (Mealy)
Sat. 25 th May	-	St Bede the Venerable	No morning Mass.
Sat. 25 th May	6.00 pm	6 th Sunday of Easter	Priest's Int.
Sun. 26 th May	9.00 am		Tom Nally (Morris)
	11.00 am		The People of the Parish

Music for 5th Sunday of Easter – Setting: New People's Mass (incl. Memorial Acclam. B)

Entry: 6pm – Regina Cœli (said); Hymn 836 – Summoned by the God who made us ...

Psalm: (11am sung) **R.** *I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

Offertory: Hymn 921 – This is my will, my one command ...

Recessional: 11am – Regina Cœli (said); Hymn 965 – As the deer pants for the water ...

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: Esther Power, Margaret Shelock, William Reavey, Mary & Gerard Ring-Davies, Michael McErleane, Florence Sayer, Thomas Eden and John Joseph Nally. *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, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Neville Hibberd, Shirley Liebenhals and Brenda May.

Money Matters: Thank you for your generous offerings last weekend of £474.93 for the maintenance of our parish and £224.60 for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund.

130 Club Draw for April 2019 - 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 75; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 168; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 33; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 41; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 185.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 21 st May	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Weds. 22 nd May	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to sing or play.
Sat. 25 th May	Saturday Club is on half-term holiday. Classes resume on 8 th June.	

St. Rita of Cascia, 22nd May - Born at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she bore and raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had died, Rita eventually succeeded in joining the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her austerity, prayerfulness and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. Rita has acquired the reputation, like St. Jude, as a saint of impossible cases.

The Newman Lectures at the Cathedral Narthex: Thursday evenings from 23rd May to 6th June 2019. The subject this year is 'Mary'. Please see the poster on the noticeboard and the leaflets on the table. Talks commence at 6.30pm and refreshments will be available.

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.

Morning Prayer of the Church – We are invited by Cardinal Vincent Nichols 'to join in this time of prayer as part of *Thy Kingdom Come* from 30th May – 9th June. We do this, with a deep realisation that our world is not right. But we do it with a profound hope, profound trust in the promises of Jesus, that His Kingdom will come and in that trust and hope, we pray.' To find out more visit www.thykingdomcome.global

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.*
- **A Day with Mary – Sunday, 2nd June 2019** at the National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham. *Please see the poster at the back of church.*
- **Dereham Churches Together – Tuesday, 4th June at 7.30pm at Cowper Congregational Church.**
- **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.*

Community of Christ the Prince: New Dawn Conference – This annual Catholic family event is taking place at Walsingham from Monday 5th – Friday 9th August 2019 – see the poster at the back of church for details. www.princeofpeace.org.uk

EA Diocesan Summer Camp 2019, Friday 23rd-Monday 26th August – Come and join in a weekend of Faith, Food and Fun for children aged 8-14 years, at Moreton Hall School, Bury St. Edmunds. For more information please email diocesansummercamps@gmail.com or go to www.facebook.com/diocesansummercamps. Any parent/guardian needing assistance with costs, is encouraged to contact a member of the Planning Team. Similarly, if anyone would like to sponsor a child to attend camp or make a contribution towards costs, then please get in touch.

St Benedict's Catholic School, Bury St Edmunds – Vacancy for a Deputy Headteacher. For more information visit: <https://www.st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk/vacancies> or Diocesan Website <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/> for latest school vacancies.

Bitesize - "Love one another and you will be happy. It's as simple and as difficult as that."
~ Michael Leunig