

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR EASTER SUNDAY



### A Stronger Hope

Belief in the Resurrection is central and imperative to our faith, and because it is central and imperative it really ought to be rock solid. For many, this truth is distinctly uncomfortable. The account of Jesus' Resurrection is lacking in detail, and it can leave us with more questions than answers. For many, belief is far from rock solid. A rock-solid belief that Jesus died and rose again to give us a clean slate would surely mean us living our lives very differently, but more often than not, this is not the case.

Traditionally at this time of year thousands of Christians are baptised all over the world. One such candidate was asked whether he felt any different now that he was baptised. The candidate replied, "Yes, I went from believing nothing, to believing everything sort of vaguely. I hope that God will make things clearer to me as I continue on this journey." The Resurrection is a little like this. In all honesty, the story of the Empty Tomb doesn't have us leaping up and down in the church pews. In truth, the Resurrection doesn't make everything great. We still have fear and doubt and pain, but whereas before we had nothing, now we have a hope. For some of us it might be a vague kind of hope, but we trust that God will make it a stronger hope as we continue our journey of faith and understanding.



**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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### 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2019 – EASTER SUNDAY – Year C

[Octave of Easter, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 1]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> 20th Apr.	<b>8.30 pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil Mass</b> [ <i>Parish Mass Book p223</i> ] Paschal Fire will be lit in the garden.	
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr.	9.00 am 11.00 am	Mass during the Day [ <i>Parish Mass Book p258</i> ]	Jeremiah Ryan The People of the Parish
Mon. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr.	10.00 am	Easter Octave	Bill Ryan
Tues. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr.	-	Easter Octave	<b>No Mass today – PP's day off</b>
Weds. 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	10.00 am	Easter Octave	Rosemary Oakes
Thurs. 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	10.00 am	Easter Octave	Priest's Int.
Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	10.00 am	Easter Octave	Priest's Int.
Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	10.30 am	Easter Octave	
Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	6.00 pm		Tim Salter ( <i>fdn</i> )
Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	9.00 am 11.00 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Rose Bere ( <i>fdn</i> ) The People of the Parish

**Music for Easter – Setting:** New People's Mass, with Memorial Acclamation B.

#### **Easter Vigil Mass:**

*(The Psalms are sung for each selected reading)*

**Offertory:** Hymn 278 – Now the green  
blade riseth ...

**Recessional:** Hymn 271 – Battle is o'er ...

#### **Easter Sunday: Mass at 9am & 11am –**

**Entry** – Hymn 644 – Alleluia, sing to Jesus  
*(The Psalm is said)*

**Offertory** – Hymn 278 – Now the green  
blade riseth ...

**Recessional** – Hymn 271 – Battle is o'er ...

**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:** William Robertson, William Gibbons, Howard Leslie, John Woodhouse, Theo Sandars, Fr. Guy (Vincent) Wace OSB. *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 £526.20 last weekend and for £427.00 by standing order/direct debit during March for the day-to-day maintenance of our parish. The collection at the Easter Masses is the traditional offering to the Parish Priest.

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr.	7.30pm	There is no Queen of Peace Prayer Group meeting this week. Meetings resume on 30 <sup>th</sup> April.
Thurs. 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to sing or play.
Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	11.00am	Saturday Club classes resume - Emmaus Room

**Not Just Easter Sunday** - The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. In older traditions, it's called 'Whitsunday' because the traditional colour for church clothing and decor on Pentecost is white. On that day the Holy Spirit arrives to be with us, and that Spirit sends a fresh wave of joy. During these fifty days of Easter, while we are singing alleluia to our risen Saviour, we are also listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.

**Mystagogy** - Can you remember what it's like to start a new job? A new school? A new family? It's exciting to begin, but those first steps can be wobbly. The Easter Season is the time for post-baptismal catechesis or 'mystagogy' with the newly baptised or 'neophytes'. Mystagogy is the period after the rites of initiation into the Catholic Church. It's a time for settling in. It's a time when we help the newly baptized to feel at home.

**An invitation** to all parishioners to join members of the UCM on **Wednesday 8th May** at 11am, to hear a speaker from The Medaille Trust. This Trust helps people who have been involved in modern day slavery. They are often lured under false pretences. If from abroad, their passports are confiscated and they are made to write to their families saying

all is well. Please come and learn more about the work of The Trust and join us for a cup of coffee.

**Saturday 11th May - Meet the Sisters at their Spring Cream Tea from 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.

**March for Life 2019** takes place in central London on **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May from 2.00pm – 4.30pm**. It will start at the back of Westminster Church House, 25 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BN and proceed to the Palace of Westminster. Sarah Ward will be there from 1.00pm with the East Anglia Diocesan Banner if people wish to gather as a group and walk together. Full details and information, including information about organising a coach, can be found at the March for Life website: [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)

**Parish Open Meeting, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May** - Agenda so far: Opening Prayer, Parish Priests' input, Treasurer's Report. Parking at Sacred Heart. Please submit reports for the meeting and items for discussion as soon as you can. The agenda will be published in advance of the meeting and there will not be a slot for Any Other Business.

**The Newman Lectures at the Cathedral Narthex: Thursday evenings from 23<sup>rd</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019.** The subject this year is 'Mary'. Please see the poster on the noticeboard and the leaflets on the table. Speakers include Fr. John Hemer (Allen Hall) – Mary in Sacred Scripture; Daniel Justin and the Cathedral Schola – Mary in Sacred Music; and Dr. Caroline Farey – Mary in Sacred Art. Talks commence at 6.30pm and refreshments will be available.

**Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019** – The annual Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham this year will be taking place on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May during the school half-term holiday and the organisers would be delighted if a group from every parish could join them. The itinerary for the day is: 10.45am, procession from the village to the shrine along the safe path (formerly the railway line) with pauses for prayer and hymns along the way; 12.00 noon, Mass at the Chapel of Reconciliation celebrated by Bishop Alan (Servers from parishes would be welcome); 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](mailto:chrissies18@hotmail.com) Parishes are asked to notify Christine if they will be bringing a group.

**Urbi et Orbi (11.00am, BBC 1 Easter Sunday)** - Pope Francis' Easter Sunday Message and Blessing - Urbi et Orbi - presented by Religion Editor Martin Bashir.

**Bitesize** - "Once you choose hope, anything's possible." ~Christopher Reeve

*Christ is Risen!*