

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



True Love Never Gives Up - The wonderful thing about the seemingly simple parable that Jesus tells us today, is that it is really two parables rolled into one. Whichever part of the story speaks loudest to us is dependent upon the son with whom we most identify. The story of the wayward son, who squandered his father's money and then returns home for forgiveness, speaks to anyone who has turned away from God but wants to put his or her life on track again. This parable is for anyone who has made

bad decisions without much thought of the consequences. Bad decisions take us in the wrong direction and we might only realise it when we finally hit rock bottom. Only then might we admit the truth to ourselves; only then might we confess "I can't carry on like this... something has to give... something must change!"

If our sympathies lie with the prodigal son's older brother, then this parable speaks to us from a different point of view. The parable is for all who judge others as unworthy of our respect or companionship. This parable is for all those who lack empathy. Like the older son who resents his brother's welcome home party, we disappoint God when we resent others being given a second chance, or when we are unable to forgive.

The one character in the story that is beyond reproach is the father. Like God, the father is loving and compassionate. The father's love enables him to look beyond the transgressions of his younger son. Similarly, the father is patient and understanding towards his self-righteous son. The father is ready to forgive even before he is asked to forgive. The father doesn't give up on either son. His love is exemplary.



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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Sunday 27th March 2022 – 4th Sunday of Lent – Year C

[4th Week of Lent, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 4]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 26th March

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

Bridget Murphy

Sunday 27th March

09.00 MASS

4th Sunday of Lent (*Lætare Sunday*)

11.00 *MASS Live streamed*

Stephen & Bernadette Murphy

Monday 28th March

10.00 MASS

Barry Evans

Tuesday 29th March

10.00 MASS

Lent Feria

Wednesday 30th March

10.00 MASS

Helena Jossy (Thanksgiving)

Thursday 31st March

10.00 MASS & ADORATION

Lent Feria

Live streamed

+Hugo Pamme

Friday 1st April

17.30 Stations of the Cross

Lent Feria

Saturday 2nd April

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

For the Parish

Sunday 3rd April

09.00 MASS

Lent Feria

11.00 *MASS Live streamed*

For the Sick

14.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Lent Feria

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For Penitents & Wanderers

5th Sunday of Lent

+John Perkins

For the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30

EXPOSITION: Thursday after Mass and Sunday at 14.00

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

For **Live Streamed Masses** Search for **Dereham Catholic Church** on **YouTube**, or use the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbzezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

Anniversaries this week: Helena Josephine Bennett, Michael Casey, Sidney Carter, Antonio Pereira, Patrick Malone, Mary Godin, Margaret Hindle, Gladys Reeve, Rita Power, Vera Conway, Iain Walton, Ricci (Frederica) White, Maria Madalena Santana. *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. Jay 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: Offering for last weekend: Plate £214.90. Thank you.

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	
Sat. 2 nd April	First Holy Communion Class is on Easter Holidays. Classes resume on 23 rd April.

Lay Ministers of the Eucharist for Sunday Masses – Following the easing of the Covid-19 restrictions and as attendances at Mass begin to increase, it is desirable to have a Lay Minister of the Eucharist assisting at Sunday Masses once again. It would be appreciated if a Lay Minister from each of the current Sunday Mass rotas could volunteer when they attend for Mass.

Coffee & tea is back, but we need Volunteers for this after Sunday Masses.

Services for Holy Week and Easter Sunday –

- **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: 10th April:** Mass at 1800 (Sat.), Sunday 0900 and 1100.
- **Chrism Mass at St John's, Tuesday, 12th April at 12 Noon** - It is hoped to run a coach to the Chrism Mass. A list for those wishing to attend is available for you to sign at the back of church.

The Easter Triduum -

- **Maundy Thursday: 14th April:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 1930, with watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight.

- **Good Friday: 15th April:** Children's Stations of the Cross at 1030. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 15.00.

- **Holy Saturday: 16th April:** Easter Vigil Mass at 2000.

Easter Sunday: 17th April: Mass at 0900 and 1100.

Volunteers for Easter Services – Volunteers are needed for the forthcoming Holy Week liturgies. There are lists available at the back of church for volunteers for the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday, as well as Readers and Lay Ministers for each of the services. Please put your name down in one of the spaces if you are able to help at any that you are planning to attend. It would also be great to have as many of our Altar Servers in attendance for all of the Holy Week ceremonies. Thank you.

Some future dates for your diaries, please –

- **Parish Open Meeting –** 4th May 2022 (suggested date) at 1600. There will be an updating of all the organisations in the Parish, including the Eucharistic Ministers.
- **Altar Servers Meeting –** Saturday, 7th May 2022 at 1400.
- **First Communion –** Sunday, 26th June 2022 at the 1100 Mass.
- **Youth Club –** There's a plan to organise a Youth Club. If any of you are interested in joining or could contribute some ideas, please acknowledge by joining us for a meeting on Wednesday, 11th May at 1600.

Parish Choir – A plan to kickstart a Parish Choir at the 1100 Mass. Interested? Please email me – edsacredheart@gmail.com.

Ukraine - The SVP thanks everyone for their tremendous effort. The last trip has gone from the Railway Tavern for now and 24 carrier bags were donated by you, the parish, which included nappies, sanitary wear, sleeping bags, paracetamol, toiletries, toothbrushes and toothpaste to name a few. Paul Sandford has said Sowerbys are still collecting and I will liaise with them. No clothes are needed, so any I have will be donated elsewhere. I still have three boxes to pass on from you which came in this weekend. Until I know otherwise, and I will keep you in touch, please stop dropping things at the church. Cash from 10p to £1000 can still be donated via SVP and marked Ukraine. Caritas has asked that this is done via Cafod and marked Ukraine. This can be done personally as well, you do not need to come via us, but it would be lovely to report how we do. £320 so far. *God Bless you in St Vincent, Terri Sanderson, President, Dereham Conference of SVP. Advice on how you can help people caught up in the war in Ukraine is also available from the Catholic Social Action Network at <https://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine/>*

Prophets & Poets in Passiontide – A streamed talk to be given by Fr. Bob Eccles, a Dominican from Cambridge, at **Wymondham on Wednesday, 30th March 2022 at 1900.** Visit <http://www.wymondhamrcchurch.org.uk>