

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



**A Vision of Hope** - If you are always eager and motivated and pro-active then this isn't for you. If you on the other hand suffer from bouts of lethargy, are often paralysed by feelings of fear, anxiety or self-doubt, then today's gospel carries a powerful message of hope.

Most of us probably fall into the second category. We start a project in a flush of excitement and commitment, but when the hard work sets in and success eludes us, we become discouraged. We take on a big financial commitment thoroughly convinced that we can deal with it, but begin to have sleepless nights, dreading the bills and fearing the bank manager. We enter into new relationships and quickly get disappointed when elements of that relationship demand more of us than we thought. We embark on a challenging career but become fearful and filled with self-doubt. Eventually we lose the hope that had originally driven us. Take Heart! We are no different from the early disciples. Jesus had been telling his disciples what being the 'Messiah' really meant, and it didn't entail hurling the Romans out on their ear, it entailed dying on a cross. Is it any wonder the disciples were feeling discouraged! Jesus knew that his disciples needed to see beyond the fear. He knew that he needed to re-ignite a vision of the rewards of their work, and he knew that vision needed to stay with them always to motivate them in times when their ministry weighed heavy. In short, Jesus needed to remind them how important their job was, and so he gave them the spiritual experience we now call the 'transfiguration'. This was a vision of himself in a dazzling light flanked by Moses and Elijah and God's voice from the clouds. "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

Like the early disciples, we have to look beyond our fears if we are to work through them. God gave each of us a talent, and with that a talent comes a vision of what we can do and what we can achieve. This is the vision we can call upon when we lose hope. This is the vision that will carry us beyond our fear.

**Bitesize** – "You block your dream when you allow your fear to grow bigger than your faith."  
~ *Mary Manin Morrissey*



**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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### 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – Year B

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

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 27 Feb.	6.00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Stephen Mealy (Mealy) Jean Donaghy (Goldner) The People of the Parish
Sun. 28 Feb.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 1 Mar.	10.00 am	S DAVID, Patron of Wales	U.C.M. Intentions
Tues. 2 Mar.	-	Lent Feria	<b>No Mass today</b>
Weds. 3 Mar.	10.00 am	Lent Feria	Private Intention
Thurs. 4 Mar.	10.00 am	Lent Feria	Patsy Gray (Mealy)
Fri. 5 Mar.	10.00 am	Lent Feria	Holy Souls (Sillince)
	10.30 am		
<b>Stations of the Cross</b> ( <i>Live-streamed – if you have a book at home to follow the Stations, please use it.</i> )			
Sat. 6 Mar.	-	Lent Feria	<b>No morning Mass</b>
Sun. 7 Mar.	6.00 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Elizabeth & Eamonn Geoghan (Mealy) The People of the Parish Bridget Ody (Tinney)
	9.00 am 11.00 am		

*All Celebrations of Mass are live-streamed on YouTube*

*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)

**MASS LIVE STREAM** – 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 (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** Dorothy Anne Gordon, Michael Joseph Carroll, Thomas Arbuthnot, Billy Reavey, Thomas Donaghue, Francis Langham, John Gaylard, Ernest B. Shaw, Archbishop Peter Smith (2<sup>nd</sup> Bishop of East Anglia). *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:** Jenny Rudd, Carol Whitesides, Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Greta Cummings, Patsy Gray, Brenda Winandy.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your offerings for the maintenance of our parish over the past few weeks. We were able to bank £963.89 into the parish account this week.

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 Fr. Brendan know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.



**Newsletter by Email** - Please let Fr. Brendan know if you would like to receive the parish's weekly bulletin by email. We have a GDPR compliant list of names for this purpose.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day** - Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him 10 hours a day to collect water. He says that his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. There is a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for CAFOD's Family Fast Day which took place on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February. There are envelopes at the back of church for donations or you can donate online (details below\*).

\*Donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give) or by using the envelopes or give £10 by text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10\*. \*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message: you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: [www.cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice)

**Women's World Day of Prayer, Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March** – Women's World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer held on the first Friday in March each year, have a continuing relationship in

prayer and service. Through Women's World Day of Prayer women are encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of the wider community. This year's World Day of Prayer in 2021 has been prepared by the women of the Vanuatu islands. The theme is "Building on a Strong Foundation". You can find the pre-recorded service at [www.wwdp.org.uk/2021/02/18/celebrate-wdp-2021-with-women-in-vanuatu/](http://www.wwdp.org.uk/2021/02/18/celebrate-wdp-2021-with-women-in-vanuatu/)

**130 Club** - Would members please collect their renewal envelopes from the letter rack in the entrance lobby. There are a number of unallocated numbers and if anyone would like to take up one or more of these numbers, please let Marcia know. Members are kindly asked to ensure that their renewals are returned as quickly as possible and before the end of March at the latest. Please either post your returns in the envelope provided, or drop them into the Presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

**Chrism Mass 2021**- The Chrism Mass this year will be taking place on **Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon**. There will be a booking system (via Eventbrite) for lay people and it is hoped there will be some representatives from across the Diocese. The Cathedral will ensure everything is in place for safe gathering. The Mass will be live-streamed.

**Jesuits in Britain: Knowing Jesus: Lent Online Retreat 2021** – Walk with us through Lent and Easter and really come to understand and love Jesus. We will ponder Gospel stories, reflect on their meaning and see how startlingly relevant Jesus is to living a truly human life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Follow the retreat online at <https://www.onlineprayer.net/>. Follow the Lent Retreat on the Jesuits in Britain social media channels: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. For further information go to: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/pandemic-resources>.

**Lent Talks (BBC Radio 4)** - Six people well known in their fields reflect on the story of Jesus' ministry and Passion from the perspective of their own personal and professional experience. Wednesday's at 20.45pm and Sundays at 5.45pm.

**Vaccination:** I am delighted to report that I have had my first inoculation against Covid-19. I look forward to my second jab in due course.

### Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing 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.

Our Lady of Walsingham, Pray for us.

St. Felix, Pray for us.

All Holy Martyrs and Saints of East Anglia, Pray for us.