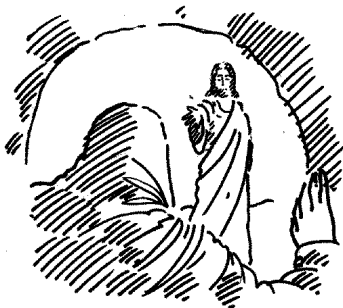


**GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



**Miraculous Life**

Sisters, Martha and Mary send word to Jesus to tell him that his beloved friend Lazarus is seriously ill. When Jesus hears this news, he remains another two days where he is before setting off to Judea. The story is puzzling to say the least! That Jesus delays rushing off to be with his good friends in their hour of need surely smacks of total indifference. In truth, Jesus' delay is essential to the story.

Jesus is about to deepen the faith of his good friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus and all those who know them. It is because he loves his friends and not because he is indifferent to them that he allows Lazarus to die before returning. It is through Lazarus' death that Jesus is about to display indisputable proof of God. Jesus is about to work the ultimate miracle. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

It is not just that Lazarus got his life back that makes this miracle so exciting, it's that everybody who witnessed it or heard about it had their lives changed as a result. The raising of Lazarus reminds us not only that we are to inherit eternal life, but also that our lives can be miraculously enriched by our faith in Jesus.

**Bitesize**

"There are two ways to slide easily through life: to believe everything or to doubt everything. Both ways save us from thinking."

~ Alfred Korzybski

US (Polish-born) author, logician, & scientist (1879 - 1950)

**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 Website: <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>  
Notre Dame High School, Norwich: Website <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>

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**2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2017 - 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Sunday Masses - Page 170 of Parish Mass Book**

Saturday	6.00 pm	Int. Joy Bussey
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Int. Roger Borthwick

**Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Belmont Mass**

**Entry** 6pm - *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 302 - Breathe on me, Breath of God ...

**Gospel Acclamation** - Hymn 184 - Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

**Offertory** - Hymn 892 - The Lord hears the cry of the poor ...

**Communion** *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

**Recessional** 11am - *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 749 - From heaven You came, helpless babe ...

*(The Servant King)*

**CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 5.30pm, or on request / by appointment**

**Weekday Mass Times** (5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent) [*Psalter Week 1*]

Mon.	10.00 am	Lent Feria - Int. Holy Souls
Tues.	<b>No Mass today</b>	Lent Feria
	7.00 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	Lent Feria - Donor's Int.
Thurs.	10.00 am	Lent Feria - Donor's Int.
Fri.	10.00 am	Lent Feria - Donor's Int.
Sat.	10.30 am	Lent Feria - Donor's Int.
	6.00 pm	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - Special Int.

The Parish Newsletter (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** Iain Walton, Ricci (Frederica) White, Maria Madalena Santana, Stephanie Grange, Roger Borthwick, Edith Graydon-Carter, Harold Chapman, James Juby, Patrick Joseph Mullally and Consuelo Murphy. *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 (QEII), King’s Lynn, 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 Fr Peter Rollings (01553 772220) for visits to QEII. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

**Sick List - Please pray for:** Joan Blakiston, David Peek, Robert Nicol, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Peter Brown, James Maxwell and Robert Anderson.

**Money Matters** – The collection for the maintenance of the parish last weekend amounted to £440.05. Thank you very much.

**130 Club** – A number of people have expressed an interest in joining the 130 Club but have not yet submitted their written applications. There are some vacancies for new members at present and forms for applying to join are available at the back of Church. Please speak to Patrick, who will explain all.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Mon. 3 Apr.	Mother Teresa’s knitting group meets – 1.30pm in Emmaus Room
Mon. 3 Apr.	AA Group meeting – 7.30pm-9.00pm in Emmaus Room
Tues. 4 Apr.	Please note Queen of Peace Prayer Group meets <b>at 7.00pm</b> this evening.
Weds. 5 Apr.	UCM meeting – 11.00am in Emmaus Room
Weds. 5 Apr.	SVP Conference meeting – 7.30pm in Emmaus Room
Fri. 7 Apr.	SVP ‘First Friday’ Coffee Morning – After Mass. All welcome.
Sat. 8 Apr.	Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

**The parish meeting** takes place following the 11.00 am Mass this weekend. There will be spare copies of the Reports available following the meeting for those unable to attend.

**Stations of the Cross – Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April - at 4.00pm, led by members of SVP.**

**Next Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> April) is Palm Sunday** and there will be the blessing of Palms before each Mass and the procession from the Presbytery garden before the 11.00 am Mass, weather permitting.

**Chrism Mass - On Tuesday, 11th April** we will leave at 5.30pm for the Chrism Mass in Norwich. *(Note – There will be no Queen of Peace Prayer Group meeting that evening.)*

**Mass and Services in Holy Week:**

- ❖ **Maundy Thursday: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper** (washing of feet and re-commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Watching at the Altar of Repose. *(All Altar Servers needed.)*)
- ❖ **Good Friday: 3.00 pm Solemn Liturgy of The Passion.** *(All Altar Servers needed)*
- ❖ **Holy Saturday: 8.00 pm Easter Vigil.** *(Altar Servers needed.)*

**Note:** Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence and there is a collection for the maintenance of the Holy Places, The collection during the Easter Masses is the traditional offering to the Parish Priest.

**Pope Francis’ Monthly Prayer Intention for April 2017** - Back in the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis had a message for young Christians everywhere. Pope Francis had urged young people living in situations of “war, extreme poverty, daily troubles and loneliness” to not lose hope and not be taken in “by the messages of hatred or terror all around us.” He added, “You are preparing to be Christians capable of making courageous choices and decisions, in order to build daily, even through little things, a world of peace.” This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis’ prayer intention **“...That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.”**

**Youth Poll on Life, Faith and Vocational Discernment** - The Catholic Church wants to hear what young people between the ages of 13 and 29 in England Wales have to say about your life, faith and vocational discernment. Whatever your religious belief, feelings about the Catholic Church or circumstances the Church wants to hear from you. You are invited to fill in a Mega Youth Poll online at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll) It should take you 15-20 minutes. This poll will be closed on Monday 5th June 2017 and the responses will be used in a report that will be sent to the Vatican in preparation for a gathering led by Pope Francis.

***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 worthy 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**