

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Finding the Best Way** - Prisons are full of people who have never set out to be bad. Our path in life is often set from childhood. Our futures are often decided for us by our upbringing, by good parents or by bad parents, by mistakes we have made that have set us on a wrong path, or by exams that we have either passed or failed. But our past doesn't have to equal our future. If we want God to prepare us a place in heaven, we have to live by God's teaching, and that starts with a simple decision. We only have one life, and we have to find the best way to live it.

If you have faith in God, you also have faith that Jesus is preparing a place for each and every one of us. So how do we find our way to that place? Jesus' only advice is, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." To the early disciples Jesus must have sounded like he was talking in riddles, but to have tied up all the loose ends for the early disciples would not have helped us future generations. We have to find our way to the Father through Jesus without maps or answer books. How could Jesus have left specific answers two thousand years ago on subjects like embryology for instance, cloning, or IVF? Jesus simply trusts us to work things out in the light of his teaching, just as he trusted his first disciples.

"No one comes to the Father except through Jesus". There are many rooms in God's house ... room enough for everybody who acts in good faith .... room enough for everyone who lives their life the way Jesus has taught.

**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 COELI 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.

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

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## 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017 – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Sunday Masses – Page 265 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Donor's Int.
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. Mealy Family
	11.00 am	Int. People of the Parish

### Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Dom Gregory Murray Mass

**Entry** 6pm – Regina Coeli (said); Hymn 965 – As the deer pants for the water ...

**Offertory** Hymn 964 – You shall cross the barren desert ...

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

**Recessional** 11am – Regina Coeli (said); Hymn 960 – Guide me, O thou great Redeemer ...

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

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

Mon.	10.00 am	Easter Feria – Donor's Int.
Tues.	<b>No Mass today</b>	Easter Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	Easter Feria – Int. Patrick Monaghan
Thurs.	10.00 am	Easter Feria – Int. Holy Souls
Fri.	10.00 am	Easter Feria – Int. Holy Souls
Sat.	10.30 am	Easter Feria – Donor's Int.
	6.00 pm	6 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – Donor's Int.

**Anniversaries this week:** Margaret Kingsbury, Paul Theocleous, Henry Westcott, Noel Kenneth Daly, John Conway and Esther Power. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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

**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 £438.13. The retiring collection for The Priests' Training Fund came to £310.83. St. Edmund's Fund was £127.00 and during April £362 was given to the parish be Direct Debit/Standing Order. Thank you for your generosity.

**130 Club April Draw** – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £20 – Richard May; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 – Adrian Howard; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 – MAD Knight; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Diane Rosi; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 – Jadwiga Bingham.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Mon. 15 <sup>th</sup> May	AA Group meeting – 7.30pm in Emmaus Room
Weds. 17 <sup>th</sup> May	SVP Conference Meeting – 2.00pm in Emmaus Room
Fri. 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Confirmation Group meets – 7.15pm in Emmaus Room
Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

**Holidays** - I will be taking my Summer holidays between May 22nd and June 6th. While I am away the Sunday Masses on May 27/28 will be celebrated by Fr. Donie O'Connor who will speak on behalf of The A.P.F. (The Red Boxes). This is not a cash appeal, but the usual five yearly visit from the Mill Hill Fathers. Please see the poster at the back of the church. On the following weekend, Fr. Michael Stack (Archdiocese of Birmingham) will celebrate the Masses. He will also be contactable in cases of emergency for the Sacrament of the Sick, if required, and will celebrate Mass on Monday and Friday of that week.

**Christian Aid Week: 14th - 20th May** - Tens of millions of people worldwide are in the terrible position of fleeing conflict and disaster, making dangerous journeys in search of safety. Christian Aid Week was set up 60 years ago to support work with those left with nothing following the Second World War. Compassion has no borders and the needs remain. You can give your support by donating online at [www.christian.org.uk](http://www.christian.org.uk) or look out for the collecting buckets this week.

**Newman Lectures** – The next of the 2017 Newman Lectures in the Julian Study Centre at UEA is on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm (free entry). Dr Caroline Farey of The School of the Annunciation will be speaking on 'Catholic Culture and Sacred Art'. The final lecture will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, (Prof. John Charmley: "Churchill and the Churches").

**A Day with Mary: Sunday, 21 May at the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham** – 12 noon Sunday Mass. 2.30pm Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Rosary and Benediction and concluding with procession along the 'Pilgrims' Way' at 5.50pm. See the poster at the back of church for full details.

**A Date for Altar Servers' Diaries: 27<sup>th</sup> May** - Altar Servers' Mass at St. John's Cathedral on May 27th at 12.00 noon, followed by a B-B-Q. Families of servers are also invited. We will need to submit the numbers of those wishing to attend to the Bishop's P.A. A list will be put up. I cannot be with you this year as I will be on holiday.

**Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017** – This annual Diocesan pilgrimage for children takes place during school half-term holiday. The day will begin with a procession from the village at 10.45am, walking to the shrine along the safe path (formerly the railway line), with pauses for prayer along the way. Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 noon, with Bishop Alan, and afterwards with a picnic in the meadow. It is hoped to finish the day on the beach at nearby Wells-Next-the-Sea. Children provide the music for Mass, serve and read. Any musicians or servers from the Parish would be welcomed. Parishes are asked to let Christine Storman know if they are bringing a group. Contact Christine on 01493 717121 or email: [chrissies18@hotmail.com](mailto:chrissies18@hotmail.com)

**Marriage Celebration Mass – Saturday, 17th June** - Bishop Alan Hopes warmly invites all married and engaged couples to attend a special Mass celebrating marriage and family at the **Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich** on **Saturday, 17th June, 12 noon**, followed by a lunch reception. Certificates will be awarded to those married 1yr, 5yrs and every multiple of 5 years thereafter. They will also be given to couples who have had a new baby in the last year. For more information, and to RSVP and register, please contact Kerry Urdzik on 01473 251301, or email [mflc@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:mflc@rcdea.org.uk)

**Mid-Norfolk Foodbank Spring Newsletter** is on the notice board at the back of church, together with a Certificate of Thanks to Sacred Heart for your magnificent donation of 520.6 kg of food during 2016 – enough to feed at least 104 people for three days. See the full details in the newsletter.

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**Bite Size** - "Choices are the hinges of destiny." ~ Edwin Markham