

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Meeting Jesus

Two disciples travel along the road to Emmaus talking about recent events in Jerusalem. They are feeling helpless and defeated in the wake of Jesus' crucifixion. Perhaps they were still strongly tied to the Jewish expectation of a Messiah, and had little understanding of Jesus' divinity. They simply saw Jesus' death as a crushing defeat. Perhaps our own stories aren't too different. We

often feel defeated and helpless, unable to see what Jesus' death and resurrection could mean for us. Do we spend long periods of depression, unable to appreciate God's presence in our lives? One thing is for sure; it would be nothing short of a tragedy if we got to the end of life's paths without meeting Jesus, so how should we go about it?

Notice in today's gospel that Jesus opens the eyes of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus very gradually. The two travellers don't recognise Jesus straight away, but their hearts warm to him as he helps them to see recent events in the light of scripture. As he interprets what has happened, he gives them hope in the future and a clear vision of new opportunities. Then when the couple invite Jesus to stay, and he breaks bread with them, they come to realise who he really is. What a life changing moment that must have been!

This story is clearly not just for the benefit of the two travellers or even for the first disciples; this story is for the benefit of us all. We might think that we've been going to church long enough to have heard it all before, but there's always something new to learn. Today we are invited to meet Jesus in the Eucharist, and to re-find Jesus in the way we understand and interpret the scriptures. Take up the challenge.

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"The oil of hope makes life's machinery run smoothly." ~James Lendall Basford

**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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30TH APRIL 2017 – 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Masses – Page 259 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Donor's Int.
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Int. Mgr. Harry Wace (Fdn.)

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Dom Gregory Murray Mass

Entry 6pm – Regina Coeli (said); Hymn 660 – Godhead here in hiding ...

Offertory Hymn 643 – Gifts of bread and wine ...

Communion Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...

Recessional 11am – Regina Coeli (said); Hymn 765 – Lord of the Dance ...

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

Weekday Mass Times	(3 rd week of Easter)	[Psalter Week 3]
Mon.	10.00 am	Easter Feria/St Joseph the Worker – Special Int.
Tues.	No Mass today	St Athanasius
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	SS Philip & James, Apostles – Int. Patrick Monaghan (90 th birthday)
Thurs.	10.00 am	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS – Int. Michael Murphy
Fri.	2.00 pm	Requiem Mass for Gordon Lloyd
Sat.	10.30 am	Easter Feria – Int. Holy Souls
	6.00 pm	4 th SUNDAY OF EASTER – Donor's Int.

*Fdn. = Foundation Mass

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

Anniversaries this week: Roger Gerald Clancy, James Tinney, Mary Gatt, Sarah Courtney, Irene Barnes, David Horsburgh, Thomas Delahunt, Philomena Hutton, Hubert Barker, Winifred Gaylard and Patrick Charles Coyne. *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 £399.19. Thank you for your continuing support.

130 Club March Draw – Quarterly Prize £25 – Greta Cummings; 1st Prize £20 – Chris Sayer; 2nd Prize £15 – Donal McCarthy; 3rd Prize £10 – Anne Maskell; 4th Prize £10 – Kathleen Cox; 5th Prize £10 – Michael Fenton.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Mon. 1 st May	<i>Please note there is no Mother Teresa knitting group meeting this month due to the Bank Holiday – next meeting 5th June.</i>
Mon. 1 st May	Diocese of East Anglia Pilgrimage – The Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic National Shrine, Walsingham – 12 noon Angelus in Friday Market; 3.00pm Pontifical Mass of Our Lady. See the poster at the back of church for more details.
Fri. 5 th May	Please note that due to the requiem Mass today, the SVP ‘First Friday’ Coffee Morning is postponed until next week, 12th May.
Fri. 5 th May	Altar Servers meet – 7.15pm in Emmaus Room
Sat. 6 th May	Please note there is NO Saturday Club this week.
Sat. 6 th May	Confirmation Candidates’ retreat day at Walsingham.

The Ignite Festival for all young people in Year 9 upwards takes place this weekend, April 29th to May 1st. Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way at the Ignite Festival. Held in **Swaffham**, the weekend will include live music, powerful talks, passionate prayer, interactive workshops and lots of time for sports and fun, including sumo suit wrestling! Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information.

A Date for Altar Servers' Diaries - 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.

Young Adults Pilgrimage to Santiago - walking the Camino - The Diocesan Youth Service is organising a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in the last week of July. For those age 18 - 35. For more information see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Newman Lectures - The 2017 Newman Lectures begin at UEA on Monday May 8th at 6.30pm in the Julian Study Centre. The first speaker is Archbishop Eamon Martin, Primate of All Ireland, who is speaking on Church and State in Ireland. The Newman Lectures are free to attend, and parking at UEA is also free.

Children’s Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Tuesday, 30th 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 to ensure the children are included in the Welcome and possibly involve them more in the day. Contact Christine on 01493 717121 or email: chrissies18@hotmail.com

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.