

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Believing Jesus is the Son of God



Jesus is the Son of God, but there are those who have other opinions. Perhaps, they say, he was just a very good man with a gift for teaching and healing. Perhaps he was just a prophet. Perhaps he was just a charismatic leader, a social worker, a philanthropist, a rebel or some kind of religious genius.

Today Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. And as Jesus was praying the appearance of his face is changed, and his clothes become a dazzling white. Suddenly they see two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They have appeared in glory and are speaking of his departure, which he is to accomplish at Jerusalem.

What the Bible is saying here is that Jesus of Nazareth was no ordinary human being. Jesus was no ordinary carpenter from Galilee. Jesus was not just a miracle worker, not just a teacher, not just a healer. In the 'Transfiguration' Jesus reveals his true identity. Jesus is the Son of God, the only Son of God'. It's no wonder that Peter wants to erect three tents to hold onto this truth. How privileged the early disciples were to have been given this vision. We have not been given first-hand experience of the Transfiguration, but what we do have is the evidence of how the disciples' lives were changed by the Knowledge of Jesus' identity. The disciples had the memory of the Transfiguration to motivate them through the difficult times ahead. We have the memory of Peter's commitment and influence to motivate us similarly.

There are those who think it is good enough simply to believe Jesus was a good man. For those of us who believe Jesus is the Son of God, we will never attend the funeral of a loved one with thoughts of never seeing them again. Believing in God, means believing that one day we will share in Jesus' glory.

Bitesize - 'Some things have to be believed to be seen.'

~Ralph Hodgson, *The Skylark and Other Poems*



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.

Permanent Deacon: Rev. Martin Sanderson

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Sunday 5th March 2023 – 2nd Sunday of Lent – Year A

[2nd Week of Lent, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 4th March

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

E. Maguire+ (*Foundation Mass*)

Sunday 5th March

09.00 MASS

2nd Sunday of Lent

G. Maguire+ (*Foundation Mass*)

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

For the People of the Parish

Monday 6th March

10.00 MASS

Lent Feria

The English Family (*Foundation Mass*)

Tuesday 7th March

10.00 MASS

Lent Feria

Mona Murphy+ (*Foundation Mass*)

Wednesday 8th March

10.00 MASS

St Felix, Secondary Patron of Diocese. Feast

Richard Bremer (Sick) (*EK*)

Thursday 9th March

10.00 MASS & ADORATION

Lent Feria

Live streamed

Friday 10th March

11.00 Stations of the Cross

Lent Feria

Saturday 11th March

18.00 *First MASS of Sunday*

Lent Feria

For the People of the Parish

Sunday 12th March

09.00 MASS

3rd Sunday of Lent

11.00 MASS *Live streamed*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30
EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: After Thursday Mass

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: Thomas Donaghue, Francis Langham, John Gaylard, Ernest B. Shaw, Archbishop Peter Smith (2nd Bishop of East Anglia), Esther Rawe, Robert Patrick, Kenneth Gaylard, Robert Nimmo Nicol, Elizabeth Mary O'Donnell, Roy Smith, Michael John Irvine Barty, Henry Durham, Ronald Jack Heasman, Catherine Honora Hare, Charles Christie, Pauline Fenton. *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, Collette Barro-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Fr. Brendan, William Dunn, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Marco Johnson, Ena Marie Mifsud.

Money Matters Offering for last Sunday: Plate £259.23 and Columban Mission Appeal: £522.45. Thank you very much.

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.** **Gift Aid forms** are available at the back of church. This will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – There is a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for the CAFOD Fast Day which took place on Friday, 3rd March. There are envelopes for your use at the back of church. You can use the CAFOD envelope to Gift Aid your donation, which boosts your donation by 25 per cent. The focus this Lent is to support those most affected by the climate change crisis.

Thanks – Our grateful thanks go to Fr Tom of the St Columba Missionary Society for his appeal last weekend for the Columban Missions. We are also very grateful to Fr. Michael & Fr. John for kindly holding the fort while Fr. Jay was on holiday.

Weekday Rosary & Morning Prayer – On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, there will be Rosary at 09.20 followed by Morning Prayer at 09.40. On Thursdays, there will be Morning Prayer at 09.40.

Stations of the Cross this Friday, at 11.00 a.m., followed by soup and rolls.

Parish Events this week		
Tues. 7 Mar.	14.30	SVP Group Meeting – Emmaus Room
Weds. 8 Mar.	17.00-18.00	First Communion Class – Emmaus Room
Fri. 10 Mar.	19.15-20.45	Confirmation Group - Emmaus Room

Please note that the **Youth Sports Activities** will be resuming next week, as follows:

- **Tennis** – Saturdays at 10.00-11.30
- **Chess & Table Tennis** – Sundays after 11.00 Mass

Deanery Lenten Station Mass – The Norwich Deanery Station Mass will be taking place on Tuesday, 21st March at the Cathedral, Norwich commencing at 18.00 with Exposition and Confession, followed by Mass at 19.00, and afterwards a light buffet or soup at 20.00.

Parish Lenten Reflection – 1st April from 16.00 – 17.00.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March 2023: For victims of abuse - Pope Francis tells us, "In response to cases of abuse, especially to those committed by members of the Church, it's not enough to ask for forgiveness. Asking for forgiveness is necessary, but it is not enough. Asking for forgiveness is good for the victims, but they are the ones who have to be "at the centre" of everything. Their pain and their psychological wounds can begin to heal if they find answers—if there are concrete actions to repair the horrors they have suffered and to prevent them from happening again. The Church cannot try to hide the tragedy of abuse of any kind. Nor when the abuse takes place in families, in clubs, or in other types of institutions. The Church must serve as a model to help solve the issue and bring it to light in society and in families. The Church must offer safe spaces for victims to be heard, supported psychologically, and protected." This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention "... for those who have suffered because of the wrongs done to them from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering."

