

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND 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 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  
**Parish Music team:** Judy Reid, Kathleen Edmunds & William Preddy.  
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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
[Sundays Year C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 2]

### MASSES in the PARISH

<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Special Intention (PM)
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	09.00	MASS	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Tony Whitehouse+ (RB)
	11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	14.30	Funeral Service for Joan Wells+ at St Faith's Crematorium	<b>St Patrick, Patron of Ireland</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	10.00	MASS	<b>Lent Feria</b> Jessup & Vangrondelle Families' Ints. (MJ)
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	10.00	MASS	<b>St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM</b> John Perkins+ (CP)
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	10.00	MASS & ADORATION	<b>Lent Feria</b> Helena Josy (Birthday Ints.) (CC)
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	1130	Stations of the Cross, followed by Lent lunch	<b>Lent Feria</b>
	1730	Stations of the Cross	
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	<b>Lent Feria</b> Ciji Cyriac+ (CC)
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	09.00	MASS	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> For the People of the Parish
	11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Roy Manley+ (MM)

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

*Rosary & Morning Prayer are said weekdays before Mass from 09:15.*

*For Live Streamed Masses Search for Dereham Catholic Church on YouTube, or use the link on the parish website.*

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** John Hogan, Charles Hixson, Thomas Donoghue, Janet Lennon, Margaret Cliffe, Andrea O'Connor, Margaret (Peggie) Jackson, Joy Lannon, Mary Roberts, Desmond Stone, Anna Platt. *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, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Colette Barrow-Nessian, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Pat Grout, George Mealy, Peggy Mealy, Richard Allison, Marion Ring-Davies, Patsy Thompson, Ann McWilliams, Diana Banks-Conney.

**We are deeply saddened to share the passing of the following members of our community. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families and loved ones.**

- +Joan Wells – Funeral Service on 17<sup>th</sup> March at 1430 at St Faith's Crematorium
- +Kathleen Mohan – Funeral Service on 25<sup>th</sup> March at 1200 at Breckland Crematorium
- +Betty Reavey – Funeral Mass on 26<sup>th</sup> March at 1100 in the Parish
- +Joy Bussey - Funeral Mass on 8<sup>th</sup> April at 1030, in the Parish

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of Christ rest in peace. Amen.*

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £325.70 and £1945.00 in Standing Orders for February. Thank you.

For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: **Sacred Heart and St Margaret Mary Catholic Church.** 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.

<b>Diary for the week Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	
Sunday: 1100 Mass	<b>Children's Liturgy – for children in Yr1 to 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion age.</b>
Monday: 1730-1830	<b>Baptism Group – Emmaus Room</b>
Monday: 1900-2030	<b>AA Group Meeting - Emmaus Room</b>
Wednesday: 1430	<b>Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room.</b> All welcome.

<b>Diary for the week Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	
Wednesday: 1900-2000	<b>RCIA Group – Emmaus Room</b>
Thursday: 1730-1830	<b>First Communion Class – Emmaus Room</b>
Friday: 1915-2030	<b>Altar Servers' Group – Emmaus Room</b>
<b>Parish Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.</b>	

**Volunteers for Lent & Easter Services – Forms for the various Lent & Easter Services are at the back of Church. Please sign up.**

- Chrism Mass Coach travel. **More take-up of seats required to secure coach.**
- Friday Stations of the Cross – Mornings at 1130 followed by Lent Lunch & Evenings at 1730.
- Lectors & Washing of the Feet for Easter Triduum Services



**A Lesson from St Patrick, 17th March** - What can we learn from Saint Patrick? Well, not unlike Jesus, Patrick was a great storyteller. He had a great story to tell about his faith to the people of Ireland, and he had to figure out how to tell his story of faith to an audience that had never heard such a story before. Plus, he had to do it in such a way that people would be inclined to listen and believe. Today we have a similar challenge, to tell people about our faith in a way that will engage and involve, that will impact attitudes and ultimately lead to meaningful change. Happy Saint Patrick's Day.

**Saint Joseph, 19th March** - "Joseph was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage." ~*American Catholic*



**Easter Triduum Schedule**

- 17 April, Maundy Thursday: 1930 - Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 18 April, Good Friday: 1030 - Children's Stations of the Cross  
1500 Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 19 April, Holy Saturday: 2000 – Easter Vigil
- 20 April, Easter Sunday 0900 – Mass  
1100 – Mass

**Easter Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April** | Easter Egg Contest, Parish bring & share lunch and BBQ after the 1100 Mass.



We thank all our many parish volunteers and groups for their help each week in supporting the running and daily and spiritual life of the parish.