

Catholic Parish of Walsingham

ST PETER, BLAKENEY ✕ ST HENRY WALPOLE, SJ, BURNHAM MARKET ✕ OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION, WALSINGHAM ✕ OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA

EASTER SUNDAY
YEAR OF ST MATTHEW
APRIL 12TH, 2020

(1836) Parish Mass Book, Readings & Prayers 251-255 Prayer of the Church, Easter Octave

The first indication that Jesus had risen from the dead was an empty tomb. In today's gospel it is Mary of Magdala alone who discovers that the



tomb is empty, and her first thought, naturally enough, is that someone has stolen Jesus' body. This is what she reports to Peter. It is only when 'the other disciple, the one Jesus loved' enters the tomb that the truth is revealed. We are told that, "he saw and he believed." The synoptic gospels tell us that Jesus had told his disciples, on several occasions that, "the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again," (Mark 8:31) but they had failed to understand. In John's gospel the prediction is, perhaps, more

obscure: "...the Son of Man must be lifted up so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him," (John 3:14) but it was not, it seems, the remembrance of this prediction that confirmed belief. They remembered, and now came to understand, "the teaching of the scripture that he must rise from the dead." At the time when the gospel was written 'the scripture' would have referred to the Jewish scriptures, and it is difficult to identify specific passages the author might have had in mind. It would be a distraction, I think, on this day when we celebrate the resurrection, to enter into the scholarly debate which has grown up around this line of the gospel. It is the Holy Spirit who enables the disciples to understand. Jesus had promised that, "When the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth." (John 16:13) The same Spirit which led the apostles from the observation of an empty tomb to a belief in the risen Christ is at work in us, today. When we recite the Nicene creed we remind ourselves that the Holy Spirit has, "spoken through the prophets." It is by his agency that the scriptures, now happily including today's gospel and all the other writings of the New Testament, are beneficial to us.

A HAPPY & JOYFUL EASTER TO YOU ALL

...from CHRISTUS VIVIT

"A home, as we all know, demands that everyone work together. No one can be indifferent or stand apart, since each is a stone needed to build the home. This also involves asking the Lord to grant us the grace to learn how to be patient, to forgive one another, to start over each day. How many times should I forgive and start over? Seventy times seven times, as many times as necessary. To create strong bonds requires confidence and trust nurtured daily by patience and forgiveness. And that is how the miracle takes place: we feel that here we are reborn, here we are all reborn, because we feel God's caress that enables us to dream of a more human world, and therefore of a world more divine."
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PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGY

You can take part in the liturgy via the internet at the Catholic Shrine webpage:
www.walsingham.org.uk

*Some of you have been asking about Offertory Collections whilst there are no public Masses.
There is a notice on the parish website under 'distanced but together'*

"... he saw and he believed."

Because of restrictions imposed by the government in response to the Covid19 virus emergency, there will be no Masses or other services in any of our churches until further notice.

St Henry Walpole, SJ, Burnham Market, PE31 8HD MASSES: Sunday, 9.30; Friday, 9.30

St Peter, Blakeney, NR25 7NP MASSES: Saturday 18.00; Sunday, 11.00; Wednesday, 9.30



The Annunciation, Walsingham, NR22 6DB MASSES: Sunday, 10.30; Weekdays, 9.30

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Wells, NR23 1EY MASSES: Saturday 18.00; Sunday, 9.15; Thursday, 9.30

THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Befriending the Scriptures cannot, of course, meet at present. We can, however, keep reading Matthew's gospel and the readings appointed for the Mass of the day even though we cannot meet.



Sunday:	Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 117;	Colossians 3:1-4;	John 20:1-9
Monday:	Acts 2:14-33; Psalm 15;		Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:35-41; Psalm 32;		John 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 104;		Luke 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8;		Luke 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 117;		John 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 117;		Mark 16:9-15

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Lent is a time for answering afresh the call to discipleship. The sacrament of reconciliation ranks highly among the means of doing this. Remember also that you may ask the priest at any time to hear confession even in these difficult times and that you may make an appointment for confession with any of us.

“Many will say to me today: ‘But, Father, where can I find a priest, a confessor, because one can’t leave home? And I want to make peace with the Lord, I want Him to embrace me, that my Papa embrace me . . . What can I do if I can’t find priests? Do what the Catechism says; it’s very clear: if you don’t find a priest to hear your Confession, talk with God, He is your Father, and tell Him the truth: ‘Lord, I’ve done this, and that, and that . . . I’m sorry, and ask Him for forgiveness with all your heart, with the Act of Contrition and promise Him: ‘Afterwards I will go to confession, but forgive me now.’”

Pope Francis, Homily, March 20th

Peter Coates writes:

“You may like to circulate this link to an information website for anyone who might need financial help during the current pandemic: <https://www.justfinancefoundation.org.uk/coronavirus-help-hub>”

Chris Lawrence writes:

As well as following the Liturgy another wonderful way to focus the day is the Angelus. Three times a day it directs the mind to the mystery of the Incarnation. Can't share in the Eucharist, but just as bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus, the Angelus reminds me that the Word was made flesh and dwells amongst us. A celebration of the Real Presence.

**Parish Clergy: Revv. Keith Tulloch, SM, (Parish Priest), Thomas Goonan, SM,
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