

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR OF ST MATTHEW

APRIL 19TH, 2020

(1836)

Parish Mass Book, Readings & Prayers 255-258 Prayer of the Church, 2

Each day during the week since Easter Sunday we have read one of the gospel accounts about the risen Christ. They are quite varied in their details



and invite us to meditate on the mystery of the resurrection in a variety of ways. Today we hear of two appearances of the risen Christ: to the apostles, whilst Thomas is not present; and again when he is with the others. On both occasions Jesus appears mysteriously. The doors are locked because, John tells us, the apostles were afraid of the Jews but this is no obstacle to the risen Christ. He is no longer Jesus as he was when they had shared their lives with him in Galilee and on the way to Jerusalem; he has changed and yet they recognise him and are 'filled with joy'. He breathes on them and they receive the Holy Spirit he had promised earlier (16:5-15). A manifestation of

this Holy Spirit they have received is that through their agency sins will be forgiven. Since only God can forgive sins (Cf Mk 2:7; Luke 5:21), we are led to believe, and do believe, that this Spirit is God working through the disciples of Jesus. Thomas, about whom everything we know comes from the Gospel of John, was not present on the day of resurrection, when all this happened and he refuses to believe; he demands evidence. But Jesus appears again, when Thomas is there, on the following 'Lord's day' and shows Thomas the evidence he sought: the wounds of the cross. We, who live in a world where proof is so highly valued, should show some sympathy for Thomas. But it is not the evidence which provokes his reply to Jesus; there is no time for him to accept Jesus' invitation to, "Put your finger here...", before he accepts Jesus as "My Lord and my God." The readers of John's gospel, including ourselves have known from the first page that "...the Word was God," and that, "...the Word was made flesh." We are able to pray with Thomas, "My Lord and my God". Jesus says of us, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." We have read the 'signs' and, believing, give thanks for the Gospel of John.

....from CHRISTUS VIVIT

"Some Catholic schools seem to be structured only for the sake of self-preservation. Fear of change makes them entrenched and defensive before the dangers, real or imagined, that any change might bring. A school that becomes a "bunker", protecting its students from errors "from without" is a caricature of this tendency. Yet this image reflects, in a chilling way, what many young people experience when they graduate from certain educational institutions: an insurmountable disconnect between what they were taught and the world in which they live. The way they were instructed in religious and moral values did not prepare them to uphold those values in a world that holds them up to ridicule, nor did they learn ways of praying and practising the faith that can be easily sustained amid the fast pace of today's society." (221)

PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGY

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

In addition to the regular www.walsingham.org.uk programme there will be an
EIGHT DAY RETREAT

led by Monsignor John Armitage

This will start after Compline at 8pm on Sunday 19th April

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

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

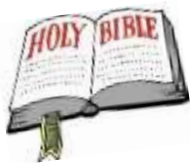


The Annunciation, Walsingham, NR22 6DB MASSES: Sunday, 10.30; Weekdays, 9.30

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 2:42-47;	Psalm 117;	1 Peter 1:3-9;	John 20:19-31
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31;	Psalm 2;		John 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37;	Psalm 92;		John 3:7-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26;	Psalm 33;		John 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33;	Psalm 33;		John 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42;	Psalm 26;		John 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7;	Psalm 32;		John 6:16-21

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

THANK YOU!

Father Tom and I would like to say ‘Thank you’ to all of you who were kind enough to send us Easter greetings. In the present difficult circumstances it was wonderful to have something tangible and familiar to help us realise we are not alone in celebrating the resurrection of the Lord but are doing so in the midst of a vibrant community of believers. God bless you all.

R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Howard Fears, who died last Monday and for the comfort of his bereaved family.

Some of you have been asking about Offertory Collections whilst there are no public Masses.

There is a notice on the parish webpage under ‘distanced but together’

CATECHESIS

The National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady is very grateful to Father Stephen Wang for allowing us to use his Sycamore Program. We shall be showing the 20 half hour videos, starting on Monday 27 th April. They will be shown at 10.30am and 4.00pm each day: www.walsingham.org.uk

Parish Clergy: Revv. Keith Tulloch, SM, (Parish Priest), Thomas Goonan, SM, Steven Leeder (Deacon)

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