

St Joseph's and St Patrick's

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

18th April 2021

If you have Corona Virus Symptoms:

High temperature and new continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, take a test and stay at home. (NHS Advice) It is now compulsory to wear a face mask in church. Please sign your name and the number in your group, on entry to Church.

In view of the current situation, it is even more important that we take care to stay safe when we are in church. Please sit as far apart as possible and please do not congregate at the back of church to chat with others but leave safely and promptly.

Times of Masses:

Saturday 17 th	Vigil	5.30 p.m.	John Dwyer (LD)
Sunday 18 th	3rd Sunday of Easter	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	Edward Myers (LD)
		10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday 19 th	Weekday of Easter	9.00 a.m.	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 20 th	Weekday of Easter	7.30 p.m.	Intentions of K.O.
Wednesday 21 st	St Anselm	10.00 a.m.	Elizabeth Aves (A)
Thursday 22 nd	Weekday of Easter	10.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	Fr. Geoffrey Parfitt (LD)
Friday 23 rd	St George	10.00 a.m.	Lilian Price's Intentions
Saturday 24 th	Weekday of Easter	10.00 a.m.	Canon Raymond Coyle (LD)
	Vigil	5.30 p.m.	Margaret Eccles (LD)
Sunday 25 th	4 th Sunday of Easter	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	People of the Parish
		10.30 a.m.	Jimmy Keating (LD)

Confessions: Saturday : 9.30 – 10.00 a.m. and 4.45 – 5.15 p.m. In the Sacristy

Mass Intentions Received: Margaret Eccles (LD); Intentions of K.O.; Intentions of K.M.

Weekly Offerings: (14.4.21) £768.80 Many thanks.

Next Sunday: There is a 2nd collection for the Priests Training Fund. For people using Standing Orders, you can Gift Aid your donation by using the blue envelopes available in the collection plate. You only need to put your name on the envelope. Thank you.

Thank you for your Easter Offering which totalled (approximately) £900.

Red Mission Box Collection: The amount raised from both churches for last year was £1028.50. The missionaries and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by Covid-19, they pass on their thanks, and they pray for us all. For more information : missio.org.uk

Piety / Repository Stall. Please have a look at the stall, there are Mass cards, Rosary Beads and a great selection of reading matter as well as a selection of small gifts.

The Good Shepherd Centre, Keighley which supports the families of refugees, Eastern Europeans and people in need (based at the former Our Lady of Victories Church) has opened a charity shop at 64 Towngate, Keighley, and urgently need volunteers. Would you be willing to help? Please contact Mr Sean Gilligan e.mail tgsc.keighley@gmail.com
Telephone: 07756409246

St. Joseph's School Spring Raffle

Following our successful Bingo we invite you to join our first Spring Raffle on 29th April. Tickets are only £1 each and we have 5 fabulous chocolate and wine hampers to be won! The draw will take place at 6.30pm. We are raising money to buy new sports equipment and technology in school which all children will benefit from.

We would be very grateful if you could support this worthwhile cause.

Sign up on

<https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/school/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school-barnoldswick/sch113449/campaigns/>

Appointments and Clerical Moves: The bishop has published the list of priests who are moving parishes. They do not affect our parish or deanery. There are two priests retiring this summer – one who was in the same year at school with your parish priest, Fr Michael Walsh, and another four years younger!

There is one priestly ordination this year, Christopher Butler, one ordained deacon, Sean Elliot, and one ordained a permanent deacon (for Huddersfield).

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

Please see the poster at the back of church:

Centres (in person learning)

<http://brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php/course-centres>

Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)

info@studylifelight.com

01844 351 514

CCRS Online (online learning)

ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk

0151 291 3055

Special Prayers

Lillian Price – Jennie Hendley – Jim Kelly – Marie & Bob Fletcher – Mary Posiko – Margaret DeVito – Phyllis Kirrage – Val Kaynell – Mark Hoare – Dale McLaughlin – Marie Keating – Max Hudson – Peter Catley – Stan Nelson – Paul Wood – Tony Atherton - Jennifer Purcell – Pat Maloney – Clifford Ball - Mandy McLaughlan – Vincent Reeves – Alfred Atherton – Jo Walton.

Please pray for these and for the comfort of anyone suffering in any way. Please also remember the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Please! If you use the toilet, please sanitise afterwards using the sanitiser and paper towel provided.

Airedale Hospital Chaplain: If you require Fr Michael McLaughlin please phone 01535 653153

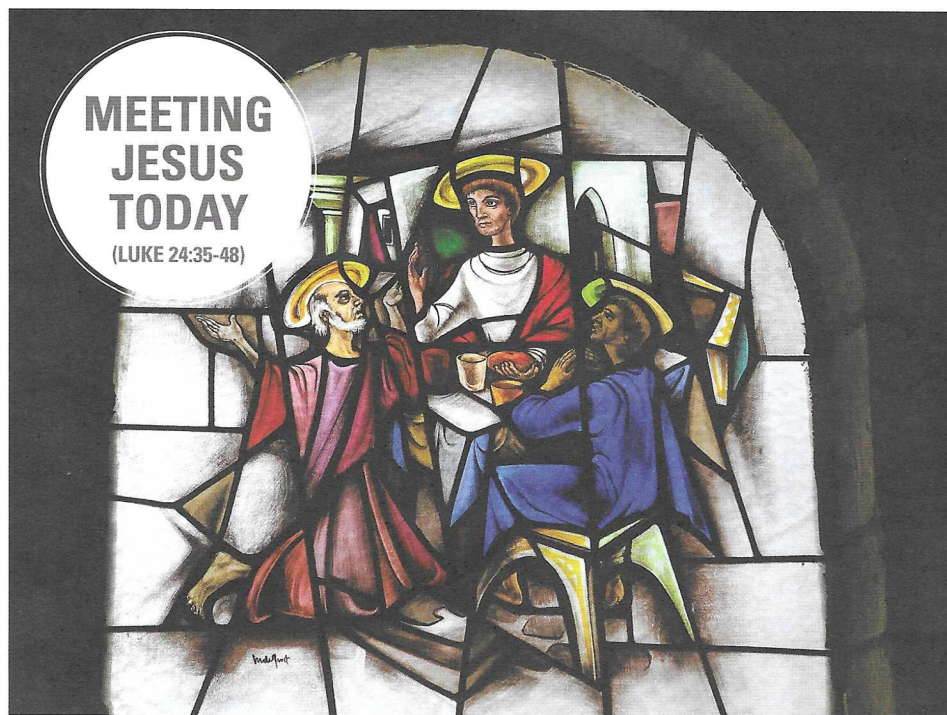
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Sunday Message

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

Year B • Psalter Week 3



**MEETING
JESUS
TODAY**
(LUKE 24:35-48)

Stained glass window in the fifteenth-century Elzenveld Chapel in Antwerp, Belgium, depicting Jesus and two disciples at Emmaus

Our Gospel passage follows the encounter of the two disciples with the risen Jesus on the way to Emmaus and his making himself known to them in a setting with a Eucharistic background.

The episode today echoes last Sunday's reading from John, in which Jesus makes himself present to the group of disciples in Jerusalem. Cleopas and his possibly female companion have to return to the holy city, because that is the place where God's plan of redemption is to be worked out and, as yet, it is not completed: that will come with Pentecost.

The appearance of Jesus emphasises that he is the same person as was crucified and laid in the tomb. The detail that he ate the piece of grilled fish "before their eyes" is an indication that the disciples are authentic witnesses to the resurrection: it is the same Jesus whom they knew before the crucifixion, but now he is transformed; he is not a ghost or a resuscitated corpse. The mention of fish recalls the feeding of the five thousand, which has Eucharistic overtones.

The risen Jesus then "opened their minds to understand the scriptures", another Eucharistic allusion. The earlier Emmaus episode shows the importance of the Hebrew scriptures in making sense of the story of Jesus. Here the same message is reinforced, underlining that the paschal event is part of God's plan.

Luke's Gospel narrative of Jesus is set in the context of a journey with Jerusalem as its focus: Jesus now tells the disciples that Jerusalem will become the hub from which the preaching of the Gospel will radiate out to the whole world. But not quite yet: the Holy Spirit will be the driving force and the Spirit has still to come. ■

REFLECT

Luke is concerned to show that the risen Jesus is present when his disciples gather together to share a meal in his memory. The essential elements in this celebration are setting what happened to Jesus in the context of the Hebrew scriptures and the breaking of bread.

In our Sunday readings, the first reading and the Gospel are thematically linked: sometimes the connection is more obvious than on other occasions, but the fundamental point remains, that the Gospels can only be fully understood against the background of what we usually call the Old Testament. A homily is an explanation of the scripture readings: a sermon is more of a class or lecture on some specific point of church teaching. It is an interesting point from the Emmaus story that Cleopas and his companion are homilising as they make their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They are focused on Jesus and what happened to him, but, without the Hebrew scriptures, this remains an insoluble puzzle. The same message is forcefully conveyed in today's passage.

There is much more interest now in Catholic circles in the study of the Bible: a version with cross-references in the margin is a great help in making the links between Gospel passages and their Hebrew counterparts. ■

LEARN

In the Bible, people never discover God: God always reveals Godself.

The official teaching of the Catholic Church places the scriptures in the context of God's self-revelation as the Word of God.

The liturgy of the word is an essential element in the celebration of the Eucharist and of equal importance to the sacramental part.

DO

Look up the references to the Jewish scriptures in some Sunday Gospel passage. See if this helps your understanding of the reading and, more importantly, of the person of Jesus.



SAY

**The word of our God
remains for ever.**
(Isaiah 40:8)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of
our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter said to the people: "You are Israelites,
and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and
Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has
glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus
you handed over and then disowned in the
presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided
to release him. It was you who accused the
Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded
the reprieve of a murderer while you killed
the prince of life. God, however, raised him
from the dead, and to that fact we are the
witnesses.

"Now I know, brothers, that neither you
nor your leaders had any idea what you were
really doing; this was the way God carried
out what he had foretold, when he said
through all his prophets that his Christ would
suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God,
so that your sins may be wiped out."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 4

Response:

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.
or
Alleluia!

- When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have
mercy and hear me! (R.)

- It is the Lord who grants favours to those
whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.
(R.)
- "What can bring us happiness?" many
say.
Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord. (R.)
- I will lie down in peace and sleep comes
at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in
safety. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John.

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.
We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, "I know him",
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk
to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

The disciples told their story of what had
happened on the road and how they had
recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about this when
Jesus himself stood among them and said
to them, "Peace be with you!" In a state of
alarm and fright, they thought they were
seeing a ghost. But he said, "Why are you
so agitated, and why are these doubts rising
in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet;
yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for
yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones
as you can see I have." And as he said this
he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy
was so great that they could not believe it,
and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to
them, "Have you anything here to eat?" And
they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which
he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, "This is what I meant
when I said, while I was still with you, that
everything written about me in the Law of
Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms,
has to be fulfilled." He then opened their
minds to understand the scriptures, and he
said to them, "So you see how it is written
that the Christ would suffer and on the third
day rise from the dead, and that, in his name,
repentance for the forgiveness of sins would

be preached to all the nations, beginning
from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this."
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(all bow during the next two lines)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such
great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day
rise from the dead;
in his name repentance and remission of sins
must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people,
O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by
eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.