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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 18th APRIL 2021

*"Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and blood as I have."
And as he said this he showed them his hands and his feet. (Luke 24:39-40)*

The two disciples who had met Jesus on the road to Emmaus have given their report. Nevertheless, when Jesus appears, the disciples are still slow to believe. They struggle to comprehend what they are seeing. Jesus demonstrates the reality of his risen body. Though transformed, he appears to them in bodily form. Jesus teaches them, as he taught the two disciples on the road, that the Scriptures can help them to grasp what has happened. The writings of the Law, Prophets and Psalms have been fulfilled. Israel's hopes and dreams of salvation have been realised. The challenge of faith invites all people to embrace a new life. The disciples are sent out as witnesses to the world. The story of the spread of the gospel begins, and still continues today. The good news of Christ Risen must be told to all, beginning from Jerusalem and extending to the ends of the earth. Do I realise that faith is seeking to come to know the Risen Lord more fully day by day? Do I strive for a love and deeper understanding of the Holy Scriptures? Let us pray that the whole Church may be renewed in this Easter season. Let us pray for the mission of the Church to the world of today.



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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.

THE 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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading Acts 3:13-15,17-19

A reading 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. R. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 4:2,4,7,9

R. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

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 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. R. 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

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 all 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 still could not believe it, and they stood there 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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.*For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (all bow) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and your may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.



May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.*

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

FRIDAY 23RD APRIL: *The solemnity of the feast of St George, Patron saint of England.*

VOCATION SUNDAY AND SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: *Next Sunday is Vocation Sunday, a day to pray for Vocations. There will be a Second Collection to help towards the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Programme starts on Saturday 24th April at 10.30am in the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES: Are on Saturday 10th July at 1pm & 3pm. Catechists will contact the parents to finalise the time of your child's FHC Mass.

CONFIRMATION: The programme starts on Saturday 24th April at 11.15am.

CONFIRMATION MASSES: *Are on Sunday 11th July at 2pm & 4pm. Catechists will contact the parents to finalise the time of your child's Confirmation Mass.*

CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID: *We have two card terminals to make your offering. YOU CAN FIND THE TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS. You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. If you wish to use your card for your offering/ donation, please follow the instructions at the terminals. Thanks for using the facility.*

SENIORS DAY: We value very much the presence and the contributions of Seniors to our Parish Family. To say a thank you to them, we celebrate a Day in honour of them which will be on **Sunday 25th July with a special Mass at 12:00** followed by a dinner & entertainment in the hall. If any senior parishioner would like to come for dinner, please collect a ticket from 15th June.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you very much to those people who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. **This Monday is Week3 (Team 3) at 10am.**

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE will be on **Monday 26th April at 7.15pm** in the Parish Hall.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS: 9.30am on Mon– Sat and Sun at 12:00.

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am.



CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGES: We will have a special Mass on **Sunday 6th of June 12:00 to celebrate Marriages.** You will have an opportunity to renew your Marriage Vows during the Mass. You are most welcome to invite your family and friends to this special occasion.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY is Fundamental Rights. We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

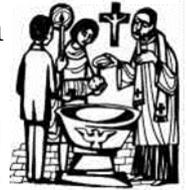
MONTH OF MAY: MONTH OF OUR LADY-FAMILY DEVOTIONS: Marian devotions can take place within the family, around a "May Altar" consisting of a table with a Marian picture or a Statue of Our Lady decorated with many flowers and the family would pray together. I encourage you to please say the rosary at home specially this month.

DIED RECENTLY: Norris James, Camilla Prosper, Grace Tenkorang, Desmond Lawrence, Elaine Awad & Anne Laknau.

Funerals of: Elaine Awad on *Thursday 22nd at 1pm*, Anne Lakanu on *Friday 23rd April at 12:30* and Camila Prosper on *Friday 14th May at 10:30*.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: How distant you are from my sight while I am present to your sight! You are wholly present everywhere and I do not see you! (St Anselm)

TO BAPTISE A BABY: Please discuss with a priest during Parish Open House which is every Friday 4pm – 6pm in the Parish Office.



NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come to the Parish Open House on FRIDAYS. No appointment needed

HOSPITAL VISITS : If you or a family member are admitted to St George’s Hospital and would like to see a priest, please contact Fr March Higgins, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Helena O’Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D’Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Beverley King, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastasia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin , Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly & Eli Lee Roberts.

Anniversaries: Antonio Ramos, Maurice Walsh, John O’Regan, Mary Winters, George Jughroo, Honorio Montfort-Gill, Yves Koo-Mo-Shan, Kathleen Clarke, Eileen Vernon, Irene Tomkinson, Josephine Martin, John O’Sullivan, Marie Nemorin-Noel, Acham Alamrew, Lewis Elwin, Joycelyn Mason, Ann Sexton. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	17th & 18th April	24th & 25th April
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)	
Sat 18.30	Kirsten D’Souza	Merichel Altea
09.00	Angus Xavier	Andrea Mango
10.30	Christi Anoop	Princes Ikpoh
12.00	Charmaine Fernandes	Matthewson Matthews
13:00	Ian Johnson	Callum Fernandez
18:30	Philippa Keeling	Remija Mponzi
Cleaning Rota:	Wk3: Mon 19th April @ 10am	Wk4: Mon 26th April @ 7pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last weeks collection (£2450.31)
Box collection £1033.31, Card collection: 794.00 & S/O: 623.00



DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<u>Sunday 18th April</u> THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 18:30	Int the Robin Family Jim Bolger, RIP Theresa Schembri & Curuana Family Michael Stafford, RIP November Altar List
Monday 19th April Saint Alphege	09:30 18:30	Michelle Hoy RIP Kathleen O'Sullivan RIP
Tuesday 20th April Feria	09:30 18:30	Kiri Baker Ints Victor & Claudia Peppin RIP
Wednesday 21st April Saint Anselm	09:30 18:30	Raymond Peppin 70th Birthday Anthony Cafferty RIP
Thursday 22nd April Feria	09:30 13:00 18:30	Cecilia Figueira RIP Funeral : Elaine Awad Jakub Birthday Ints
Friday 23rd April Saint George	09:30 12:30 18:30	Roque Fernandes RIP Funeral: Anne Lakanu George & Dean Bennett RIP Ilena D'Souza Birthday
Saturday 24th April Our lady	09:30 18:30	Ikpoh Family & Ada Birthday Ints Katherine Kurian RIP
<u>Sunday 25th April</u> FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER VOCATIONS SUNDAY A Day of Prayer for Vocations	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 18:30	Johnnie Conway Lorraine Scully RIP Anita Fonseca Ints Ints of Ruby Fernandes Thanksgiving – Fernandes Fly

All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.
Tamil Mass: 7.15pm on Thursday 15th April.
Parish Open House: Friday 23rd April 4-6pm

Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm	Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am
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