



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 23rd April 2023

Emmaus and Us



Scripture Readings:

We should put ourselves in the shoes of the disciples in today's Gospel. Downcast and confused, they're making their way down the road, unable to understand all the things that have occurred.

They know what they've seen—a prophet mighty in word and deed. They know what they were hoping for—that He would be the redeemer of Israel. But they don't know what to make of His violent death at the hands of their rulers.

They can't even recognize Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. He seems like just another foreigner visiting Jerusalem for the Passover.

Note that Jesus doesn't disclose His identity until they describe how they found His tomb empty but "Him they did not see." That's how it is with us, too. Unless He revealed himself we would see only an empty tomb and a meaningless death.

How does Jesus make himself known at Emmaus? First, He interprets "all the Scriptures" as referring to Him. In today's First Reading and Epistle, Peter also opens the Scriptures to proclaim the meaning of Christ's death according to the Father's "set plan"—foreknown before the foundation of the world.

Jesus is described as a new Moses and a new Passover lamb. He is the One of whom David sang in today's Psalm—whose soul was not abandoned to corruption but was shown the path of life.

After opening the Scriptures, Jesus at table takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to the disciples—exactly what He did at the Last Supper (see Luke 22:14-20).

In every Eucharist, we re-enact that Easter Sunday at Emmaus. Jesus reveals Himself to us in our journey. He speaks to our hearts in the Scriptures. Then at the table of the altar, in the person of the priest, He breaks the bread.

The disciples beg him, "Stay with us." So He does. Though He has vanished from our sight, in the Eucharist—as at Emmaus—we know Him in the breaking of the bread.

SISTERS MISSION APPEAL

The Sisters who recently gave an appeal in the parish would like to thank you for generous response. £420.98 was raised. They assure us of their prayers and ask the Lord to bless our parish.

ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

Mark was not one of the 12 apostles and had not heard Jesus speak firsthand. He joined St Paul and St Barnabas on their first missionary journey to Antioch in 44 AD. His gospel was written between 60 and 70 AD and was based on the teachings of St Paul. He was the first bishop of Alexandria and died there as a martyr. His relics were stolen and taken to Venice where they are enshrined in the cathedral

CHILDRENS LITURGY

The children's liturgy takes place during the 10.30am Sunday mass, in term time. It is for ages 4-8 years although younger children are welcome if they bring along a parent. We have about 30 minutes of singing, prayers and gospel related activities. The first Sunday of the month is the Family Mass and the children will stay with us in church. The Catechists are Karen, Kate and Ben.

The Archbishop's Prayer for St George

Heavenly Father, give us the bravery of St George to stand up for the truth and the glory of God that we have seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

Give us the strength to overcome in our lives and in the world, all that is contrary to your rule of justice and love.

Help us to be good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; let the oppressed go free, and proclaim the good news of God's favour and Jubilee. Amen

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RC HOSPITAL

CHAPLAIN: John O'Neil. Please call the Chaplaincy office at the Lister Hospital
Contact Tel: Mobile: 07876 526935 Lister 01438 285518,

FOR ALL GENERAL PARISH ENQUIRIES

CONTACT: Parish Office: Tel: 01462 893127

CHURCH HALL HIRE:

Please contact parish office 01462 893127

BAPTISM

PREPARATION: For further information please contact the parish office on 01462-893127 .

RCIA COURSE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Contact the School Office or the Head teacher, Mr Tom Timson 01462 892478

The school website is <http://www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk/index.html>

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the parish email address (baldock@rcdow.org.uk) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

VATICAN NEWS

Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network www.news.va/en.

Your SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk. Please Contact: Patricia Cusack & Colette Murphy
Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk
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CHURCH CALENDAR

Open Air Mass:

2nd July 10.30 am, followed by BBQ.

Men's Group

All Men of the Parish are welcome to come and join our regular Men's Breakfast sessions.

These take place once a month on a Saturday morning with tea/coffee and a Danish served at 8.30am. At 9.00am we settle down to enjoy an episode of the popular trending Christian TV Series 'The Chosen'. This is a high quality and powerful dramatisation of St Matthew's Gospel. Time for discussion and reflection follows.

We finish at 10.30am. Come along and meet friends old and new. Forthcoming dates are: Saturdays 15th April, 20th May, 10th June. See Richard M or John B for more details

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING GROUP

We are looking for new members, so if you would like to be involved in this group please contact Fr. Denis.

THE CHURCH HALL

The hall is ready to hold events, parties, workshops, birthday parties etc. seating for 50 people, £15 per hour. If you are planning an event do now consider this venue with excellent parking and access. Contact Parish Office 01462 893127

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

As usual Cardinal Nicholas will lead the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 21st to 28th July.

People are encouraged to book now via the Tangney Tours portal at: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes> to avoid disappointment as places are limited

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:



We pray for the sick in the parish especially, Patrick Sarsfield, Denis Gunn, Fr. Philip Law and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, Fr. Peter Maher, Hannah Brownjohn and Sean Flahery, and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Mary Kate Drew; Vivienne Kingham; Paul Solich; William Currie; Maureen Eccles; Margaret Du Boulay; Elizabeth Dunne; June Mason; Charles Canty; Peter Dejkalo; Pamela Prior; Peter King.

YOUNG @❤️

Our next Young @❤️ will be on Thursday 11th May after the 10am mass. During the mass the sacrament of the sick will be administered, if you would like to receive the sacrament of the sick please do come along, or if you know of someone who is seriously ill please do invite them. I would encourage you to bring anyone who is house bound, if you have transport, as we would like to reach out to those who are lonely. Teas coffee and cakes will follow the mass Everyone is most welcome. We provide the tea & cakes & you come along for the chat.

Sat 22 nd	6. 30pm	Michael & Breege Kerrane RIP
Sun 23 rd	8.30am 10.30am	Leo Carillo RIP Lucy Lazarus RIP
Mon 24 th	10.00am	Lilian Murphy RIP St George, Martyr
Tue 25 th	10.00am	St Mark, Evangelist
Wed 26 th	10.00am	Amy King
Thu 27 th	10.00am	Claire & Dan
Fri 21 st	No Mass	St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis

Family Mass: 1st Sunday 10.30 am

Fr. Denis is still celebrating Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night for the Vigil Mass, Sunday morning Mass 10.30am, all are accessible through the Parish Facebook page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury**. For more information, please go to the Parish website **THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA** <http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>