



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



Third Sunday of Easter

Week 3

Year B

Sunday 18th April 2021

6pm* Martha McGowan +

9am: Frances Brook +

11.30am: Private Intention

6pm: Paddy Falvey (int)

Easter Monday 19

6.30pm: Terry Loftus (int)

Easter Tuesday 20

10am: Ivor Francis +

Easter Wednesday 21

NO MASS

Easter Thursday 22

10am Michael & Eva
McCann ann +

Easter Friday 23

St George

10am Mary Fitzsimons ann+

6pm Adoration in Church

Easter Saturday 24

6pm* Theresa Harrington +

25th Fourth Sunday of Easter

9am: Joseph Breen (int)

11.30am Margaret Oversby +

6pm: Joan Ferguson (int)

*vigil mass (sat)

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them. But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

If you are anything like me, I usually fail to believe unless I can see with my own eyes. As we journey through Eastertide, our Parish community is called to have even deeper and stronger faith. The Gospel accounts attest to the reality of the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. Jesus goes to great lengths to assure his disciples that he is no mere ghost or illusion. He shows them the marks of his crucifixion and he explains how the Scriptures foretold his death and rising.

Eastertide Quote: St Jerome (347-420 AD), an early church bible scholar, comments:

"As he showed them real hands and a real side, he really ate with his disciples; really walked with Cleophas; conversed with men with a real tongue; really reclined at supper; with real hands took bread, blessed and broke it, and was offering it to them... Do not put the power of the Lord on the level with the tricks of magicians, so that he may appear to have been what he was not, and may be thought to have eaten without teeth, walked without feet, broken bread without hands, spoken without a tongue, and showed a side which had no ribs." (From a letter to Pammachius against John of Jerusalem 34)

Fr John

Adoration: Friday 23rd April, 6pm - all welcome

Apologies, mass will not be live-streamed this weekend

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them, including: Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Irene Jones, Maria Wallace, Mariella Mansi, Margaret Greaney, Maurice Hunt, Ben Price, Amparo Abalos, Linda Quilter, Stasia Gallagher, Suzanne Greig, Marina Melinta, Roberto Lusignani, Leonor Driscoll, Delia Ward, John Lever, Jeanette Fernandes, Aishleen Sheeran, Elaine Brennan, Sarah Macdonald, Julie Loh, Veronica Soosay, George Buhagiar, Mark O'Brien, Marlene Hollocks, Fr Antony Conlon, Kathleen Flynn, Agnes Day, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Paddy Falvey, Terry Loftus, Joan Ferguson, John Bridgeman, Patrick Boland, Ouida Jayasuriya.

Recently Died: Mary Stella Soosay

Offertory Envelopes: Have you signed a Gift Aid Form? We will soon be claiming the income tax you have paid on your donations. If you have stopped paying income tax or you have any queries, please email the parish office barnet@rcdow.org.uk so that we do not ask for the tax you have paid. **Planned Giving Boxes will be available for collection at each Sunday Mass on 24/25 April 2021.**

Please note we are not allowed to leave them in the porch unattended due to general data protection regulations. After the 24th April, you can collect from the presbytery, but please telephone before your visit. Thank you.

I have completed the CAFOD Walk for Water of walking 400,000 steps during Lent. I actually walked 665,245 steps! Thank you to everyone who has been so generous in supporting me on my 'Just Giving' page which is still open for your kind donations: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-for-water-with-cafod2022> My walking has produced over £1,605 - I would love to reach my target of £1,850. Thank you for your support. God Bless, David Williams. If giving online is impossible for you, offerings can be placed in an envelope marked 'David Williams' through the presbytery door.

An update on our 2016 Church Building Project: you may recollect that we took a loan from the Diocese of Westminster for over £500,000 to pay for the rebuild of our church. Over the last 3-4 years, your generous donations, many of which were gift aided, enabled us to make several repayments to reduce the outstanding loan balance to £315,000.

Despite these difficult 12 months, during the pandemic, a number of you continued to donate generously to the church fund. These donations, together with a refund from the tax authorities and a reduction in overheads due to staff furloughs, has allowed us to make a further payment of £45,000 to the Diocese to reduce the loan which now stands at £270,000.

The Finance Committee and I truly thank you for your thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity.

Please be assured of my continued prayers.

God Bless Fr John

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