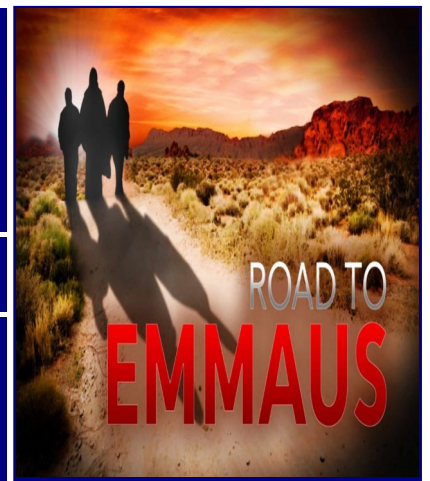


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3rd Sunday of Easter (Year A) 23rd April 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 22nd April	Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	Phil Carey
Sunday 23rd April	3rd Sunday of Easter	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	Helen Birch RIP
Tuesday 25th April	St Mark	7.00pm	Fr Peter Maher RIP
Wednesday 26th April	Easter feria	9.15am	Helen Birch RIP
Thursday 27th April	Easter feria	9.15am	Bebe Ryan
Friday 28th April	Easter feria	9.15am	Bill Metcalfe
Saturday 29th April	Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	Eugene Potter

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Mass Intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 23rd April 2023

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.

Responsorial Psalm: Show us, Lord, the path of life.

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

Next week's Readings: Acts 2:14, 36-41, Psalm 22 I Peter 2:20-25, John 10: 1-10

The disciples in today's Gospel are downcast and confused after Jesus' death. Perhaps fearing for their own safety, they are making their way down the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus, trying to come to terms with all the things that have occurred.

They know that Jesus was a prophet mighty in word and deed. They believed and hoped that he would be the redeemer of Israel. But they are at a loss know what to make of his violent death at the hands of their rulers. They don't recognize Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. He seems like just another stranger visiting Jerusalem for the Passover.

Jesus listens patiently to their story and does not disclose his identity until they they describe how their friends found his tomb empty but "of him they saw nothing." Yet to know for sure that he has risen, they see only an empty tomb and a meaningless death.

In revealing himself to the disciples at Emmaus, Jesus first, interprets "all the Scriptures" which referred to him. In today's first reading, Peter follows Jesus' example by preaching that King David in his prophecy foresaw Christ and his resurrection. Jesus' death was according to the Father's "set plan"; foreknown before the foundation of the world. 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 took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples; exactly what he did at the Last Supper.

In every Eucharist, we reenact 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, the bread is broken for us.

The disciples pressed him to stay with them. And so he did. He will always accept our invitation to spend time with us and we will always recognize him in the breaking of the bread.

Priest Training Fund

Next Sunday is **Good Shepherd Sunday**, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood.

The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place **next weekend 28/29 April**.

This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 14 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year 8 men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests.

Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.



Job vacancies –Diocese of Westminster

There is a printed list of the current vacancies on the side wall near the Door of Mercy. Please take a look as there is a great range of jobs from a Singing Teacher to a Door Manager. Plus a range of locations across the Diocese. The list is also available online via <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

Fr Peter Maher RIP

Funeral details for the late Fr Peter who died on Holy Thursday 6th April.

Fr Peter's mortal remains will be brought to St Joseph's Church, Gardenia Avenue, Luton LU3 2NS on Tuesday 9th May at 7pm. Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Canon John McArdle and the homily will be given by Canon Tony Brennan.

Fr Peter's Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 10th May at 1pm at Our Lady and St Michael, Crown Rise, Garston WD25 0NE. The celebrant will be Mgr Kevin McGinnell and the homily will be given by Fr Simon Penhalagan, priests of the Diocese of Northampton, at Fr Peter's request. Bishop Paul McAleenan will be present to represent the Cardinal. Cremation will follow at the West Herts Crematorium, High Elms Lane, Watford WD25 0JS

Our Easter Raffle

What a success the Easter Raffle was! **£556 was raised for Church funds**. All the winners have been contacted. A massive thank you to everyone involved in any way.



As we start the new Tax year, don't forget to let us know if your tax circumstances have changed & you need to amend your Gift Aid Status. If you don't already give by Gift Aid and you find that you could, please pick up a Gift Aid declaration today. It doesn't cost you anything and means we can claim an extra 25p from the government for every £1 that you donate. You just have to be a UK taxpayer who pays enough tax to cover the amount of gift aid that is claimed back.

The new planned giving envelopes have arrived and are ready for collection at the back of church. It's still not too late to swap the way you give to the parish! **The most helpful way of supporting the parish is donating by standing order**, which also reduces our volunteers' work in counting .

If you would like to switch from envelopes or cash, to standing order, please let us know asap. Alternatively, pick up a standing order form at the back of the church.



Offertory for Sunday 16th April 2023

Envelopes	£ 332.20
Loose	£ 187.90
Total	£ 520.10

Many thanks

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn, Phil Carey and Alice Sheppard.