

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER year C

This Sunday we read a very beautiful passage of the gospel where the Risen Christ encounters Peter who denied him. Jesus comes not to blame him but to restore Peter's hope and entrust him with a mission. There is a very significant play on words. In Greek, the word "*fileo*" means the love of friendship, tender but not all-encompassing; instead, the word "*agapao*" means love without reserve, total and unconditional. Jesus asks Peter the first time: "Simon... do you love me (*agapas-me*)" with this total and unconditional love (Jn 21: 15)?

Prior to the experience of betrayal, the Apostle certainly would have said: "I love you (*agapo-se*) unconditionally". Now that he has known the bitter sadness of infidelity, the drama of his own weakness, he says with humility: "Lord; you know that I love you (*filo-se*)", that is, "I love you with my poor human love". Christ insists: "Simon, do you love me with this total love that I want?" And Peter repeats the response of his humble human love: "*Kyrie, filo-se*", "Lord, I love you as I am able to love you". The third time Jesus only says to Simon: "*Fileis-me?*", "Do you love me?" Simon understands that his poor love is enough for Jesus, it is the only one of which he is capable, nonetheless he is grieved that the Lord spoke to him in this way. He thus replies: "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you (*filo-se*)".

This is to say that Jesus has put himself on the level of Peter, rather than Peter on Jesus' level! It is exactly this divine conformity that gives hope to the Disciple, who experienced the pain of infidelity. From here is born the trust that makes him able to follow [Christ] to the end: "This he said to show by what death he was to glorify God. And after this he said to him, "Follow me" (Jn 21: 19).

From that day, Peter "followed" the Master with the precise awareness of his own fragility; but this understanding did not discourage him. Indeed, he knew that he could count on the presence of the Risen One beside him. From the naïve enthusiasm of initial acceptance, passing through the sorrowful experience of denial and the weeping of conversion, Peter succeeded in entrusting himself to that Jesus who adapted himself to his poor capacity of love. And in this way he shows us the way, notwithstanding all of our weakness. We know that Jesus adapts himself to this weakness of ours.

We follow him with our poor capacity to love and we know that Jesus is good and he accepts us. It was a long journey for Peter that made him a trustworthy witness, "rock" of the Church, because he was constantly open to the action of the Spirit of Jesus.

Benedict XVI

FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

NET FOR GOD DVD – Tuesday 7th May at 8pm 'Seven Brothers for Eternity'

The monks of Tibhirine

'Growth in holiness is a journey in community, side by side with others. We see this in some holy communities' writes Pope Francis in Gaudete et exsultate. The seven Cistercian monks of Tibhirine, Algeria, murdered in 1996, were beatified in Oran on the 8th December 2018. They show us a path of unity where the community gave itself as a gift.

The film shows the steep path that led these monks to unanimously choose the ultimate gift of themselves. Through services seven times a day and community meetings, the Cistercian communities move towards a deep unity daily. This experience, lived in the monastic life, is an invitation for each of us to respond to the love of God through the gift of our life each day.



ADORATION & CONFESSION

Monday – Friday 6.00 – 7.00pm
Saturday after 11am Mass and 5pm

FUNERAL

Mary Mulrooney
11am – 8th May
Please pray for her soul



CANA WEEK

The Cana Week is designed to strengthen and deepen your relationship as a couple. We take care of your children so you have more time for you. 28th July to 3rd August 2019
Sclerder Abbey, Looe.
Cana Team : canaukinfo@gmail.com



MAY SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

During this Easter season we are delighted to have so many baptisms, these will be celebrated on Saturdays at 11am Mass.

Delilah Pacey – 11th May
Daniel and Alvaro Arroyo – 18th May
Marco Dalmasson – 25th May

We look forward to welcoming them into the family of God with your prayers.

First Holy Communions

27 of our parish children will receive Holy Communion for the first time on the following Sundays:

19th May at 9am and 11am Mass.
26th May at 11am Mass

Please pray for all these young children and their parents.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST IGNATIUS

25th May – 1st June

7 days of guided retreat in silence, to come to know Christ more intimately through His Word in order to love Him, to serve Him better in everyday life and to recognise God's call.

Sclerder Abbey, Looe, Cornwall
retreatsuk@chemin-neuf.org



REUPHOLSTERY OF CHURCH CHAIRS

ARE YOU SITTING COMFORTABLY?

The remaining chairs have now been refurbished. The last phase is to reupholster the chairs in the church which are fitted with arms together with the chairs in the entrance hall. Further donations are required to pay the final invoice.

Have you made a contribution?

Donations should be deposited in the Red Box on the pillar at the back of the church.

THANK YOU.

PARISH GROUPS

Prayer Group

We are still reeling from last Monday's Prayer And Praise Worship Evening. Next **Monday is a Bank Holiday** and we will have our usual sharing evening at 8 pm, led by Billy McLaughlin.

CWL Monthly Meeting - Wednesday 8th May is cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 12th June. **Just to remind you that our Cake Sale will be today after both Masses.**



Parent & Toddlers

Cancelled Wednesday 8th May back on 15th May.



The BT Club Thursday 1.30 - 3.30pm in the Small Hall

BT Club members - theatre trip on 16th May
Polite reminder: If you haven't already paid for your theatre ticket please can you bring £10 to the BT Club on Thursday 11th May. If this is not convenient please hand it in to Suzanne in the office over the coming week. Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.

MULTI-SENSORY PRAYER

Do you find it hard to go on retreat? Worried it will be too intellectual? Maybe you have physical or learning disabilities that make it difficult to participate? Or perhaps you're looking for a retreat suitable for the whole family?



Emily Westlake is organising a creative weekend retreat, suitable for all ages and abilities, at Worth Abbey, West Sussex, on 21-23 June 2019. Please contact Emily for more information or to book (emcat76@hotmail.com Tel: 07947103781).

KSC PARISH QUIZ

The Knights of Saint Columba Parish Quiz will take place on the evening of **Saturday, 11th May at 7.15pm**. Tickets will be on sale after weekend masses.



Sunday 5 May 2019	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER year C Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41. Ps. 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. Apoc. 5:11-14. Jn. 21:1-19.	Thursday 9 May	Easter Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Acts 8:26-40. Ps. 65:8-9. 16-17. 20. Jn. 6:44-51.
Monday 6 May	Easter Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Acts 6:8-15. Ps. 118:23-24. 26-27. 29-30. Jn. 6:22-29.	Friday 10 May	Easter Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Acts 9:1-20. Ps. 116. Jn. 6:52-59.
Tuesday 7 May	Easter Feria NO MASS Readings: Acts 7:51 – 8:1. Ps. 30:3-4. 6-8. 17. 21. Jn. 6:30-35.	Saturday 11 May	Easter Feria Masses: 11.00am & 5.30pm Readings: Acts 9:31-42. Ps. 115:12-17. Jn. 6:60-69.
Wednesday 8 May	Easter Feria Funeral of Mary Mulrooney Mass: 11.00am Readings: Acts 8:1-8. Ps. 65:1-7. Jn. 6:35-40.	Sunday 12 May	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER year C Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Acts 2:14. 36-41. Ps. 22:1-6. 1 Pt. 2:20-25. Jn. 10:1-10.