

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

30th April 2017

Meeting Jesus

Two disciples travel along the road to Emmaus talking about recent events in Jerusalem. They are feeling helpless and defeated in the wake of Jesus' crucifixion. Perhaps they were still strongly tied to the Jewish expectation of a Messiah, and had little understanding of Jesus' divinity. They simply saw Jesus' death as a crushing defeat. Perhaps our own stories aren't too different. We often feel defeated and helpless, unable to see what Jesus' death and resurrection could mean for us. Do we spend long periods of depression, unable to appreciate God's presence in our lives? One thing is for sure; it would be nothing short of a tragedy if we got to the end of life's paths without meeting Jesus, so how should we go about it?

Notice in today's gospel that Jesus opens the eyes of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus very gradually. The two travellers don't recognise Jesus straight away, but their hearts warm to him as he helps them to see recent events in the light of scripture. As he interprets what has happened, he gives them hope in the future and a clear vision of new opportunities. Then when the couple invite Jesus to stay, and he breaks bread with them, they come to realise who he really is. What a life changing moment that must have been!

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: Next Sunday is 'Good Shepherd Sunday', the day we are asked to pray for vocations, especially vocations to the Priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This Fund helps our Diocese pay for training seminarians (we are blessed to have 39 at present!) and priests for further studies for specialised ministries. There are donation leaflets available at the back of Church today, please take one and read it and bring back your donation next week. There is also a prayer card for vocations. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: the next course for parents wishing to have their infants baptised will take place on Wednesday 3rd & Tuesday 9th May at 7.00pm in St John the Evangelist Church, Duncan Terrace, Angel. You should attend both sessions please.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS: Interested in helping to plan parish social events? Please come to a meeting in the hall following the 11:00 Mass today.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND CRAFT: Next Saturday, 6th May, 2:00 - 4:00.

HOLY COMMUNION: Final children's class next Sunday, 7th May at 9:45 a.m.

CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: This year there will be two First Holy Communion Masses: Saturday, 13th May at 1:30 and Sunday, 14th May at 1:30. Parishioners are welcome to come to support the children at this special time.

HELP NEEDED PLEASE: A few strong people with spades who can help dig up some soil that needs to be removed from behind the church. Please let Sister Miriam know you are willing and when you could be available so we can find a time to suit all the volunteers. Many hands make light work! Thank you.

WEB SITE: Check out the parish website at www.rcdow.org.uk/copenhagenstreet the site now includes the newsletter and much more. If you Google Blessed Sacrament, don't go to the "Catholic Directory" site as it is outdated.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £205.60 Loose £155.42
Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Sr Mary Bartsch SSND who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: especially Leny Tirado, Mary Payne, Alice Clancy, Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Eugene Mariner, Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Margaret Phillips, Peggy Walsh, Nora Moran, Maria Carrano, Teresa Finnigan, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach , Albert Boateng, Anne Griffin, baby Freddie Mudd.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 30 th April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass Book p.258)	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Peter Waddick RIP & Johanna Waddick's Int.
Monday 1 st May	<i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	10.30am	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tuesday 2 nd May	<i>St Athanasius</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 3 rd May	<i>SS Philip & James</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 6 th May	<i>Easter feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 7 th May	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass Book p.262)	8.30am 11.00am	Private Intention All our Parishioners

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Confessions: Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome

Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm