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# 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel. Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed

the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift-forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses. Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement. As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper. Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

Available at https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/third-sundayof-easter-cycle-b-sunday-connection/

Let us pray for the sick people of our Parish

Catherine Jennings, Ann Duckmanton, and Grace Gauci.

Let us pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time

Alfonso Barra Alcantara, Brigid Wilson, Patrick Jennings, Eugene McGreal, Margaret Devane,

Thomas Ashe, Veronica de Souza, Patience Gaskell, Jim McWalter, Eleanor Spurgeon,

Lawrence Birdseye, Bill Murphy

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

#### \*\*\*NOTICES\*\*\*

**POLITE NOTICE:** If your child becomes noisy and disruptive can you please take them to the room at the back of the church for the duration of the mass. Also, accompany the kneelers when you are using them and do not drop them so to avoid loud noise especially at Consecration time.

**DRESS CODE:** A gentle reminder that, when coming to Church, we need to dress appropriately as we are in a place of worship. Please make sure that you not wearing anything with a low neckline, sleeveless garments which expose the shoulders, clothing that exposes the knees or upper legs (whether sitting or standing), clothing that exposes the stomach or back, or clothing made of see-through material; also avoid excessively tight clothing. Dress well; you are in the presence of Our Lord, your king.

**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. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at *Redemptoris Mater*. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training 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.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** Will meet on Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Parish Room. This meeting is to discuss and plan events coming up: International Mass, May Procession, Parish BBQ, Parish Picnic, and the Summer Fayre. The meeting is open to everyone who wishes to join.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Every year we have a lot of Marriage Papers request for Marriages taking place abroad later in the year, especially November and December. If any couple is planning on getting married between November 2024 and January 2025, please contact the Parish Office via email at heston@rcdow.org.uk so we can arrange a group course in the early summer so the certificates are ready for the Marriage Papers. In your email please give the full name of both parties, the date of your marriage and where the marriage will be taking place.

**PARISH BOOKKEEPER:** We express our heartfelt thanks to Bejoy who worked as Parish Bookkeeper for the past two years, and for three months also helped in the Parish Office. Bejoy has left his post as bookkeeper as he has been offered a job in a NHS Trust in Carlisle; we wish him all the best on his new post. We are also please to inform you that the new bookkeeper will be Monika Ludwinek-Bilska, she will start next week.

**CURRY AND DISCO NIGHT:** The SDV Cooperators have organised a Disco & Curry Night to raise funds for vocations on Saturday 20 April. Cost is £5 per person; tickets are on sale after the weekend Masses or can be purchased upon entry. Join us at the Pope John Centre from 8 pm.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS:** On Thursday we have a Holy Hour and Prayer for Vocations from 6 pm followed by Mass at 7 pm.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** The envelopes can be collected from the Parish Office, please note that due to GDPR we cannot leave these at the back of the Church. If you ask someone else to collect on your behalf, please let us know in advance. We have also been made aware that not all boxes have been ordered, if your box is one of these please contact the Parish Office.

**REFERENCE REQUESTS:** When applying for a job at times you may be required to put down someone as referee for a character reference. From time to time, parishioners have put down one of the Fathers as their reference. When doing so, please, inform the fathers and make yourself known; with so many in our parish sometimes it can be difficult to put the name to the face.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY, WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024 AT 2:30PM: The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). Details of attendees are sent to <u>family@rcdow.org.uk</u>

THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is seeking new Foundation Governors to serve on our Governing Body. Like all school governors, Foundation Governors work to support the Leadership team and staff but also have a special responsibility to support the Christian ethos of the school. This is an important voluntary role, offering the opportunity to make a positive difference, working with the team to promote the school's success. If you would be interested in receiving more information about the role and an application form. please email Mrs Dulko at admin@rosary.hounslow.sch.uk

#### \*\*\*SACRAMENTS\*\*\*

**BAPTISMS:** Please use the form on the Parish Website to enquire about the Baptism for your child. We celebrate Baptisms on a Saturday only; we ask that you give us minimum 6 weeks' notice.

**MARRIAGE:** If you are planning to marry, we can only start the paperwork needed by the diocese 6 months prior your wedding day. Whether you are marrying in the UK or abroad we need minimum 6 months' notice, especially if we need to arrange a marriage course. Please do not leave it to the last minute!

**CONFESSIONS:** Confessions are available every Saturday morning between 10 and 10:45 am. If you need confession out of this time, please contact the Parish Office.

#### \*\*\* USEFUL PRAYERS \*\*\*

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER OF ST ALPHONSUS

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Justin, all the Angels and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION OF SAINT JUSTIN RUSSOLILLO

O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.

## **INVOCATION OF OUR LADY – THE MEMORARE**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you, I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me.

#### PRAYER FOR ASKING FAVOURS THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF ST JUSTIN RUSSOLILLO

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for the wellbeing of the Church you endowed with extraordinary gifts Saint Justin Maria Russolillo, and you made him a pious and zealous Priest, an apostle of "Divine Vocations" and a fervent promoter of your Glory, Love and Will for the Universal Sanctification and for the "Divine Union" of all souls, grant us the grace of experiencing the power of his intercession while imitating his devotion, humility, patience, zeal and kindness. May the Grace (...) that you will grant us through his intercession, be of spiritual advantage to us, for your own glory and for the growth of Your Kingdom on earth. *(Three "Glory Be" in honour of the Holy Trinity)* 

APRIL 2024	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm Vigil Mass	Baby Grace Sousa - RIP
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8 am Mass	Emerciano Joanes – RIP
+THIRD	9:30 am Family Mass	Lelis Fernandes & Virginia De Souza – RIP
SUNDAY OF	11:30 am Mass	Conrado Fuentes – RIP
EASTER	5:30 pm Mass	Mary Brennan - RIP
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	Prayer of the Rosary
	9:30 am Mass	Alfonso Barra – RIP
	7 pm Mass*	Maria Correia - RIP
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	Prayer of the Rosary
	9:30 am Mass	Julieta Fernandes – Good Health
	7 pm Mass*	Abigail Isaac - Thanksgiving
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	Prayer of the Rosary
	9:30 am Mass	Louis & Anna Clara De Sousa – RIP
	7 pm Mass (Novena)	Jennifer Hardiman - RIP
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	Prayer of the Rosary
	9:30 am Mass	Moore & Marron Family – Living & Deceased
	6 pm	Holy Hour and Prayer for Vocations
	7 pm Mass	Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	Prayer of the Rosary
St Alphege	9:30 am Mass	Alzira & Joaquim Fernandes - RIP
	7 pm Mass*	Annette & Melitus De Mel - RIP
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am Mass	Ida & Elvis Fernandes - RIP
	10-10:45 am	Adoration & Confessions
	7 pm Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving from Gonsalves Family
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8 am Mass	Alisha Fernandes – Birthday
+FOURTH	9:30 am Family Mass	Souls of Ancestors of Francis & Shilpa Fernandes
SUNDAY OF	11:30 am Mass	Francisco Fernandes – RIP
EASTER	5:30 pm Mass	Natalie Elizabeth Gawlak – RIP (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
*Mass will be celebrated in the Martyrs' Chapel, use Car Park entrance.		

# **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS/ACTIVITIES**

SUNDAY 14 APRIL: FHC Class after 9:30 am Mass SUNDAY 14 APRIL: FHC Parents' Meeting after 9:30 am Mass TUESDAY 16 APRIL: Social Committee Meeting at 7.30 pm THURSDAY 18 APRIL: Holy Hour and Prayer for Vocations at 6 pm SATURDAY 20 APRIL: Altar Servers Church Cleaning at 11 am SATURDAY 20 APRIL: Disco and Curry Night 8 pm Pope John Centre SUNDAY 21 APRIL: World Day of Prayer for Vocations SUNDAY 21 APRIL: Second Collection for the Priest Training Fund SUNDAY 21 APRIL: Confirmation Class after 9:30 am Mass

# **CHURCH DONATIONS AND COLLECTION**

Have you considered giving your donation to the Parish via bank transfer (single donations) or via Standing Order? If you wish to do so, you can use the following details:

**Account Name: WRCDT Heston** Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account Number: 11094912 Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper. If you wish to Gift-Aid your donation, forms are available at the back of the Church or on the website. Gift-aid is available to all UK taxpayer and at no extra cost to you. You can also give your donation by scanning the QR Code.

