

# NEWSLETTER

3rd SUNDAY  
EASTER

## MASS INTENTIONS

### April 25, 2020

6pm - Tom Madden RIP

### April 26 2020

11am— Sick & Housebound  
of the Parish

For weekday mass intentions  
please, see the notice board on  
the left hand side of the main  
door of the church.

**The church remains  
closed but masses contin-  
ue to be offered behind  
the closed door.**

**Parish Office remains  
open.**

**Please, contact us in  
case of any problem  
caused by the lockdown.  
We got a team of healthy  
people ready to help.**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Gospel reading from Luke 24: 13-35 The road to Emmaus. When I first read this Gos-  
pel passage, I recall asking myself, what is my Emmaus?

It compelled me to look at my life, to recall, the wicked things I have done and been in-  
volved in, the selfish things I have done, the hurt I have afflicted on those who loved me-  
though it hurts and is painful. What hurts most is the preference I had shown for the inferi-  
or. I accepted the fantasy as reality; I favoured the fantasy and disregarded the reality:  
Why? This question confronted me and I was angry with myself and lamented-as I re-  
called how I was ready to take the fantasy, to listen to the sounds of sweet airs which give  
delight and doesn't hurt so when I woke-never did-I cried to sleep again. All I could claim-  
was that which I've always known, that the alternative reality existed, and I had to look for  
it, aware that my quest was the only true and serious purpose life held. *Fr. Chris*

### Hearts Aflame

The first sign of love is this: that Jesus has given us his flesh to eat and his blood to  
drink. The property of love is to be always giving and always receiving. Now the love of  
Christ is generous. All that he has, all that he is, he gives; all that we have, all that we  
are, he takes away. He enters even into the marrow of our bones, and the more lovingly  
we allow him to do so, the more fully we savour him. He knows that we are poor, but he  
pays no heed to it and does not spare us. He himself becomes in us his own bread, first  
burning up, in his love, all our vices, faults, and sins, he wants to consume our life in or-  
der to change it into his own; ours, full of vices, his, full of grace and glory.

When we receive Christ with interior devotion, his blood, full of warmth and glory, flows  
into our veins, and the fire is enkindled in our depths. We receive the likeness of his vir-  
tues, and he lives in us and we in him. he gives us his soul with the fullness of grace, by  
which the soul perseveres in love and praise of the Father! Love draws its object into  
itself; we draw Jesus into ourselves; Jesus draws us into himself. Then carried above  
ourselves into love's interior, seeking God, we go to meet him, to meet his Spirit, which is  
his love, and this love burns us, consumes us, and draws us into unity where beatitude  
awaits us. *St Elizabeth of the Trinity*

'Devotion to Mary is not an optional 'add-on' to Catholic belief, but an expression of what  
is at the heart of our faith. To draw close to Mary is to draw close to Jesus. As the earli-  
est Christian witnesses often taught, Mary was open to receiving Jesus in her mind and  
in her heart before she gave birth to him in her flesh. For this reason, she is the first of all  
the disciples of the Lord as she is the most faithful of all the Lord's followers. In he mater-  
nal love of us, she continues to assist us in our following of Him; a consecration to her  
Immaculate Heart gives expression to this in a simple way' *Cardinal Vincent Nichols*

Let's pray for:

- Tom Madden, St  
Edmund's long term parish-  
ioner who died on 22nd  
April 2020.

- priest of our Dio-  
cese who have died recently  
Mgr Fred Miles, died on  
06.04.2020.

Fr John Helm, died on  
07.04.2020.

Mgr John Coghlan, died on  
11.04.2020.

Fr John Seabrook, died on  
14.04.2020.

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

## Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading; Acts 2: 14, 22-33  
Psalm 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11 response v 11  
2nd Reading - 1 Peter 1; 17-21  
Gospel – Luke 24; 13-35

1st Reading; Acts 2: 14, 36-41  
Psalm 22 response v 1  
2nd Reading - 1 Peter 2; 20-25  
Gospel – John 10; 1-10