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Thu 6pm
Sun 9am & 11am

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 2026



“They had recognised him at the breaking of bread.” Luke 24:35.

Priest Training Fund – collection next weekend

On Good Shepherd Sunday there will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund.

This fund plays a crucial role in supporting men who are discerning and preparing for the priesthood. Their formation includes academic study, spiritual development and pastoral training, all of which are essential for their future ministry.

Christ the Good Shepherd continues to call shepherds for his Church today. Please keep our seminarians and those considering this calling in your prayers.

Next weekend you will have the opportunity to support this important work. Thank you for your generosity.

“The two disciples of Emmaus first open their hearts to Jesus, then they listen to him explain the Scriptures and then they invite him home. [Three steps] (1) opening our hearts to Jesus, entrusting him with the burdens, the hardships, the disappointments of life; (2) listening to Jesus [in] the Gospel; (3) praying to Jesus in the same words as those disciples: ‘Lord, ‘stay with us.’ Lord, stay with me. Lord, stay with all of us because we need you to find the way.’ And without you there is night.” Pope Francis

Thank you to all who donated to the Lenten Appeal 2026 through the designated slot in our safe. We collected an extra £166.14. Your contributions will help people encounter Christ, live their faith in love and ensure no one faces life’s hardest moments alone across our Diocese.

Mass Schedule

Sat 18th April	8:15pm Neocatechumenate
Sun 19 th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9am Pro Populo 11am Deceased members of Grazyna's family
Mon 20 th April	NO MASS
Tue 21 st April	12:30pm Sabino Albornoz wellbeing Nalishebo Nyambe RIP
Wed 22 nd April	12:30pm Carmel San Juan
Thu 23 rd April	12:30pm Heather Byrne wellbeing 6pm Raphael Chiu RIP
Fri 24 th April	12:30pm Benjamin Borromeo RIP

“This Sunday I know that many of you in your own parishes will join the Bishops of England and Wales in a Holy Hour, praying before the Blessed Sacrament for the promotion of a culture of life in our society. In so doing, we come together to pray that the dignity of life from conception to its natural end will always be recognised and that assisted suicide will not become law.”

Archbishop Richard Moth

Donations of non-perishable, in date food for the **Foodbank** are welcome.

Join our WhatsApp group to see the hymns being sung on Sunday.



From Crisis to Christ



Beloved,

A crisis is a time of decision.

The Greek root of the word ‘crisis’ (*krinō*) relates to making a judgement or decision.

A crisis of faith happens when an event forces us to choose between clinging to our beliefs or letting them go.

The Crucifixion shattered the faith of the disciples in Christ because they believed that God would become the king of the world through his Messiah’s superior religious authority and military power.

Risen from the dead, Jesus explained to the disciples of Emmaus that according to “*the full message of the prophets [the Messiah] should suffer and so enter into his glory*” because he was not a ‘religious authority’ but was God present in our suffering flesh and offered in love for us like bread broken for the life of the world. He was no commander of worldly armies but the One with authority over the Lord of death, rescuing humanity from his clutches and undoing all his works.

When we believe that Christ is the key to ensure wealth, health, success or pain-free relationships in this life, we are bound to hit a crisis. This is the reason many people leave the Church. They want the kingdom of earth while Christ is the incarnation of the kingdom of heaven. He can, and often does, bestow earthly blessings upon us but he came to bestow much greater blessings: the pledge of something that can survive pain, sickness, poverty and death! That is, the rule of God over our hearts on earth as it is in heaven.

Like with the disciples of Emmaus, a crisis may force us to let go of our imperfect and self-centred beliefs about God in order to embrace Christ, the one in whom death has been defeated and through whom suffering love can transform our lives into bread broken for the life of the world.

To Oscar,