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3rd Sunday of Easter



14th April 2024



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread (Luke 24:35).

A disciple wants to do what disciples do! In this weekend's Resurrection Gospel we see the disciples telling their story of what had happened on the road. The 'road' can be understood as the road of life along which we are all travelling. It's on this road that we come to meet Jesus. In the case of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, they recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

For St Augustine, it was not until his later years that he looked back and recognised that the Lord had been speaking to him through his mother! As a young man he hadn't recognised the voice of wisdom and had been unable to find his way in life.

We are invited to reflect on how we have met Jesus on the road... in a moment of forgiveness, in a moment of healing, in a moment of experiencing Jesus' guidance or provision. As disciples of Jesus we are then called to tell our story to others. Our story then helps others to recognise Jesus as he meets them on their journeys. May the blessings of Easter fill our hearts with love and joy. Fr Gerard.

Communion under both kinds

The Church teaches that the fullness of Christ, i.e. his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity is present in the Sacred Host. The fullness of the sacramental sign, however, as given to us by Jesus, includes both the eating of the Body and drinking of the Blood. The sacramental signs are the human realities which draw us into the spiritual realities, opening up our hearts to the reception of grace and then to the experience of the effects of grace in our lives.

As we should always aspire towards best liturgical practice, albeit taking other considerations into account, I think it is now reasonable to re-introduce the Communion chalice by first of all making it available at daily Masses which are more manageable than the fuller congregations on Sundays.

It might be a good moment to review where we are with all our Eucharistic ministers so I'm compiling a list of those who used to be Eucharistic ministers and those who are currently taking Communion to the sick and housebound. These are the names I have: Sheila Hawthornthwaite, Helen Keating, Roger Lee, Joan Penny-Heys, Margaret Needham, Eileen Spillane, Linda Goddard, Joe Gibbons, Margaret Borman, Carmel & Ian Dempsey, Mick & Karen Eccles, Francis Ryan, Khuram Javed, Marie Clark, Mag Hillary, Anne Spain, Monica McArdle, Ray Condon, Tyrone McLaughlin, Bernadette Whittaker, Betty Stinchon, Sue Barnes, Barbara Martin, Paul Stinchon, Venus Ghulam, Marion Reilly, Sheila Cooper, Marie Parker...

If you appear in the above list but would not like to be included at this time for Eucharistic ministry, then do let me know. If you have not been a Eucharistic minister before, but feel that this is something you would like to do, then likewise, just let me know. Fr Gerard.

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 15th April, 2024

Monday 15th April	Tuesday 16th April	Wednesday 17th April	Thursday 18th April	Friday 19th April	Saturday 20th April	SUNDAY 21st April
NO MASS	REQUIEM MASS C.C. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS & Exposition C.C. 10.00am	MASS with children H.S. 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Children's Church: C.C. - Bridgette W & Margaret M **H.S.** - Sarah K, Susanne K and Gift Team

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 14th April	Luke Mendoza	David Zycinski
Next Sunday: 21st April	Tony Finnan	Roger Lee

BRIDGET QUIRKE, RIP.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Bridget Quirke who died on Easter Sunday, 31st March. Her Requiem Mass will take place this coming Tuesday, 16th April at Christ Church at 10.00am. May she be received into the full blessing of the resurrection of Jesus.

FRIDAY MASSES

For the next four Fridays, Mass will take place at Holy Saviour's church at the usual time of 10.00am. Each week, a class from Key Stage 2 from Holy Saviour's school will be attending and will participate in the liturgy. This will give the children experiences of their parish church, of the Mass, and of the priest in his church setting.

As we know, connections between the church-attendance community and the school communities is not so strong, so some changes have to be made to open up the possibility of bringing about a new situation.

It's only the Holy Spirit who has the power to create spiritual bonds, so we pray that, if we do what we can, he will be with us in our parish community bringing about miracles of grace! Come, Holy Spirit!

POUND DRAW

£10.00 Michael Davies
 £10.00 Madeline Manley
 £10.00 Tyrone McLaughlin
 £10.00 Keith Wilcock
 £80.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

- April 14th William Rourke (1938)
Thomas Ashworth (1992)
- April 15th Elsie Doreen Lambert (2006)
- April 18th Sheila Fayle (2005)
- April 19th Rose Ann Kegg, (1997)
Eileen M Sharkey (2021)
- April 20th Alice Rushton 1986)
Louis Purcell (2013)



We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, that the Lord will receive them into the fullness of his resurrection life!

CHURCH COLLECTION

7th April: £311.60
 Standing Orders: approx: £607 p/w
 Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Michael Jennings, b'day anniv, April 12th
 (d.25th May 2001)
 Bridget Quirke, died recently (x3)
 Family Intention
 Alan Waddington, b'day anniv

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The Sacramental Programme continues this week with our next meeting on Tuesday (16th April) at 6.00pm at Christ Church.

The organisers at the food bank, opposite Holy Saviour's church, wish to thank the parishioners for their generous monetary and food donations over the recent months.

Thank you