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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



23rd April 2023 [Cycle A Year 1]

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33, | Psalm 15

1 Peter 1:17-21 | Luke 24:13-35

We should put ourselves in the shoes of the disciples in today's Gospel. Downcast and confused, they're making their way down the road, unable to understand all the things that have occurred.

They know what they've seen—a prophet mighty in word and deed. They know what they were hoping for—that He would be the redeemer of Israel. But they don't know what to make of His violent death at the hands of their rulers. They can't even recognize Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. He seems like just another foreigner visiting Jerusalem for the Passover. Note that Jesus doesn't disclose His identity until they describe how they found His tomb empty but "Him they did not see." That's how it is with us, too. Unless He revealed Himself, we would see only an empty tomb and a meaningless death.

How does Jesus make Himself known at Emmaus? First, He interprets "all the Scriptures" as referring to Him. In today's First Reading and Epistle, Peter also opens the Scriptures to proclaim the meaning of Christ's death according to the Father's "set plan"—foreknown before the foundation of the world. Jesus is described as a new Moses and a new Passover lamb. He is the one of whom David sang in today's Psalm, whose soul was not abandoned to corruption but was shown the path of life.

After opening the Scriptures, Jesus at table took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples—exactly what He did at the Last Supper (see Luke 22:14–20).

In every Eucharist, we re-enact that Easter Sunday at Emmaus. Jesus reveals Himself to us in our journey. He speaks to our hearts in the Scriptures. Then at the table of the altar, in the person of the priest, He breaks the bread.

The disciples begged Him, "Stay with us." So He does. Though He has vanished from our sight, in the Eucharist—as at Emmaus—we know Him in the breaking of the bread.

Reflection from St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology, Steubenville, Ohio

Prayer for Survivors of Abuse

The Day of Prayer for the Victims and Survivors of Abuse is an important initiative that was proposed by the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors. The Holy Father welcomed the proposal and asked that each Bishops' Conference choose an appropriate date to mark the day. The Bishops of England and Wales have chosen Tuesday 9 May 2023 as the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. The 'Let's be Honest Group', is a group set up to support survivor-centred initiatives such as this. The group have provided resources and prayers for the day at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/listening-with-love/>

Second Collection

This Sunday's collection is for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral.



Mass Intentions and Diary for the week

Friday 21 St Anselm	9.30am	John Chaplin RIP
Saturday 22	9.30am	Peter & Lisa Maughan TG
	5.15pm	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Christopher & Margaret Maughan TG
Sunday 23 St George <i>[Psalm Wk 3]</i>	9am	Timmy & Lisa Maughan TG (FC)
	11am	Brian & Annie Maughan TG (CC)
Monday 24	9.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 25	9.30am	Ann Brownsell RIP
Wednesday 26	9.30am	Tom & Stephanie Ward TG
	6pm	Youth Choir Practice
	7pm	Central Choir Practice
	8pm	Bible Study
Thursday 27	9.30am	Peter & Lisa Maughan TG
	7.30pm	Folk Choir Practice
Friday 28	9.30am	Christopher & Margaret Maughan TG
Saturday 29 St Catherine	9.30am	Timmy & Lisa Mongan TG
	5.15am	Devotion to Our Lady
	6pm	Brianshane & Ellie Maughan TG
Sunday 30 Vocation Sunday	9am	Tom & Tina Maughan TG (YC)
	11am	Liam & Selina Maughan TG (CC)

FC= Folk Choir, YC= Youth Choir, CC= Central Choir,

TG= Thanksgiving, WB= Wellbeing, BT= Birthday Thanksgiving, SI= Special Intention, RIP= Rest in Peace, GP= God's Protection and PI= Private Intention

NOTE: Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration follows every weekday Mass, until 11am on Tuesday through Thursday, and until 8pm on Friday.



May 2: Strength to Strength course begins

May 7: First Holy Communion

Prayer requests: Albie Shahpazov, Paul Ford, Michael Colairo, Richard Neal, Catherine Roberts, Paula Seradi, Maria Luisa Mapple, Sheila Sharp, Michal Pacala, Hilda Gill, Michael Rowback, Max & Isabelle Mifsud, Kristine Harvey, and Margaret Fox.

Anniversaries: Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur this month.

Priest Training Fund Second Collection 30th April

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 3 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you!

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.

Pope appoints new Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain



Pope Francis has appointed His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía as Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain. Commenting on the news, Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: "On behalf of our Bishops' Conference, I assure him not only of our warm welcome but also of our full cooperation when he takes up these new responsibilities."

Born in Madrid on 19 November 1955, Archbishop Maury Buendía studied philosophy and theology at the Conciliar Seminary of Madrid before being ordained a priest for the Archdiocese on 26 June 1980. He followed a two-year program of studies at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy in Rome, and entered the Holy See's diplomatic service in July 1987, serving in diplomatic missions in several countries such as Rwanda, Uganda, Morocco, Nicaragua, Egypt, Slovenia and Ireland.

A neglected encyclical

Sixty years ago, Saint Pope John XXIII, as his life was drawing to an end, shared his encyclical *Pacem in terris*, on peace in the world, as a contribution toward the first steps towards disarmament and détente. The doctrine of a 'just war' was finished, and with great realism, the Pope warned of the risks of the new and powerful nuclear weapons. Sixty years later, that text is still relevant but sadly unheeded.

Bleed control packs

Life-saving bleed control packs have been installed in all 37 parish centres across the Archdiocese of Liverpool after being inspired by the work that Ava White's family have been doing since her tragic death from stabbing in 2021. The packs are designed to help blood loss in the critical moments before professional medical help arrives. Ava's family have set up a petition to make it a legal requirement to have bleed control kits in all public places. You can sign the petition here:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/636046>

How to talk about our Catholic Faith

Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a five-week (Zoom based) course on how we talk about our Catholic Faith with other adults, young people and children - do join us if you can. Subjects covered include:

How to talk about God - April 20

How to talk about Jesus Christ - April 27

How to talk about Salvation (and the problem of evil) - May 4

How to talk about the human person - May 11

How to talk about the Church - May 18

To sign up for the series, click on the following link:

<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/further-training-for-catechists-2023-04-20-19-30>

Politics for the Common Good

Pope Francis says politicians must ask themselves a question: "What good did I achieve in the position that was entrusted to me?" CAFOD wants to remind MPs that an answer to that question must include what we do to stand in solidarity with our global family – including tackling poverty, hunger and the climate crisis. There will be a CAFOD reception on Monday 22 May, with MPs in Parliament itself at 18:00, with the reception starting in the Terrace Pavilion of the House of Commons at 19:00. To book your place go to: <https://tinyurl.com/msbusp8e>

Gun Buyback Events in Chicago parishes

The United States have recorded at least 132 mass shootings so far this year, according to the Gun Violence Archive which tracked more than 647 incidents in 2022 and 690 in 2021. Cardinal Cupich of Chicago, who is a vocal supporter of arms control in the United States, spoke out saying: "Rather than allow ourselves to despair in the face of this mounting death toll, we must do as Pope Francis has asked and continue the work of eliminating gun violence by building a culture of peace...These gun buyback events have taken thousands of guns off our city streets." At the gun buyback event shortly to be hosted at Blessed Trinity Parish in Waukegan, Cardinal Cupich will make a personal donation to buy back 100 guns.

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

Nearly 3000 people joined the Big Lent Walk campaign to help vulnerable communities fight poverty, raising more than £243,000 between them by the end of the Easter weekend with the total still increasing daily.

Shukla's Story

Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." People support us in so many ways – giving in church, giving to us by direct debit, or leaving us a gift in their will. This generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to cafod.org.uk/GiftinWill

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