



LITURGY

First reading: Apostles 2:14, 22-33

Response to the Psalm: Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Second reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35



Dear Parishioners

Gospels come to life as we imagine ourselves taking part in them. In this Gospel, with the disciples walking on the road, we might picture ourselves represented, on our life's journey. They have a story to tell, of their honest loss of their hopes in him. Is it our story? Are we living with lost hopes? Until, prompted by this gospel, we waken up and realise it?

Our lives may be crowded with duties and customs and routines; our minds, full of disappointments; our consciences, depressed, with sins. There seems little room for hope in all this. What can we do? Step number one on our way is to realise that there is something we can do. Step number two is to realise that is something we must do. Step number three, and following, will be to listen carefully to what this stranger has to say. The stranger who is no stranger, but, strangely, our host, and our guest.

In our lives we all have great suffering; the worst, being our serious sins. What can seem harder to bear are our daily disappointments, petty sins. It would certainly be a victory, if we can understand and accept all these, in the 'glow of reality', the 'glory' of God. And find 'our hearts burning on the way,' with excitement at this discovery.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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3rd Sunday of Easter Year(A)

Week commencing Sunday 23rd April 2023

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Masses

Sat 22 nd April	5.00pm	3 rd Sunday of Easter (A)	Keith Cotterell RIP
Sun 23 rd April	10.30am	3 rd Sunday of Easter (A)	People of the Parish
Mon 24 th April			
Tues 25 th April		St. Mark (F)	Paul Bunn RIP
Wed 26 th April			
Thur 27 th April			Private Intention
Fri 28 th April			
Sat 29 th April	5.00pm	4 th Sunday of Easter (A)	People of the Parish
Sun 30 th April	10.30am	4 th Sunday of Easter (A)	Keith Cotterell RIP

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Rachel Severn.

Those who have recently died: .

Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley. Keith John Francis Cotterell.

Information

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

We will be collecting any new, unopened Christmas gifts and gift sets after Christmas for future fundraising sales. Please keep anything that you think might be saleable and check the bulletin for details of when we will be collecting these items. No alcohol. Thank you!

Sunday Coffee

Our next Coffee Morning is next week after Mass on 30th April and we look forward to as many of you as possible joining us for coffee cake and biscuits afterwards.

Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

- Diocesan Levy £5,500 p.a.
- Building's upkeep £36,000.00
- Insurance £3,744.77 p.a.

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

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