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## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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Parish in the care of the Fathers and  
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus  
(Betharram)



### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

25th April to 3rd May  
2020

**Welcome to this House  
of God:**

Talk to God before Mass  
Listen to God during Mass  
Talk to others after Mass

### Today's Mass Readings

Acts 2:14, 22-23;

Ps 15;

1 Peter 1:17-21;

Luke 24:13-35

### Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you all are staying safe and well as we continue to be in the lockdown situation due to the coronavirus pandemic.

This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Easter, gives us a beautiful story: the road to Emmaus, in which two disciples encounter or meet Jesus. The story of the two disciples of Emmaus is very well known and I like it very much because it is also the story of each one of us. Furthermore, the structure of this story is the same one as in the Eucharistic celebration. In the Eucharist we meet Jesus personally. This story tells us that at the breaking of the bread that the eyes of two disciples finally open and they see that Jesus' words become bread of real life. Even today, in the same way, we meet the Lord, like the two disciples when we participate in the Eucharist. Jesus is present with us in the Eucharist, he gives himself to us and opens our hearts and eyes. I know that for all of you, due to the coronavirus and closures of the churches, it is impossible to participate in the Eucharist. It is in this strange and difficult situation the modern technology that is watching live-stream Mass, united in the spiritual communion, reading the word of God (the Bible) and reciting the prayers become the road to Emmaus. In this way we encounter Jesus and we can open our eyes and hearts to recognise the great need of Jesus in this time. May this story of the road to Emmaus strengthen the people in faith and love.

I also would like to thank all those who have had concern about our parish finance and put their Gift Aid envelopes and offertory donations through the Presbytery door. Thank you so much for your continued support to your parish. There are many parishioners who had enquired about how to give offertory donations. The simple and easy way is to set up a standing order, if you can. To set up a standing order please collect an application form from the Parish Office.

Finally, be assured of my prayers and keep safe.

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**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Mary Arulandhu, Ossie Bishop, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Carmen Mulholland, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Maurice Hughes, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Elizabeth Ibbotson, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Sandra Pearson, Anne Jennings, Janet Chamberlain, Margaret Jacob, Kevin O'Neill, Kala Kanji, Grace Sharron, Rose Bohan, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon and Bridget Whitfield.

**RECENT DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Please remember **Margaret Dunne, Ireneusz (Eric) Majorczyk Lenard Turner**, and all those who have died recently. We also remember Patrick Pritchard, James Gardner, Betty Bacon, Josephine Moore, Francis Clarke, Linda Concannon, Bert Fenton, Naomi Hill, Gerard Hayes, Mary Whittle, Joseph Greaves, Mary Donohoe, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**DO WE RECOGNISE OUR LORD IN THE EUCHARIST?**

The two disciples walking to Emmaus from Jerusalem, a distance of about seven miles were down hearted. They wondered about the meaning of it all. Would God's promise of redemption ever be fulfilled? Then this stranger (Jesus) joined them as they walk along and he seemed not to know about all that had happened in Jerusalem about the crucifixion, death and burial of their master.

Although this stranger reminds them of the prophecies in scripture about the passion and death, teaching them one of the main lessons of Christian discipleship that there can be no life without death. The two beg this stranger to stay with them to have something to eat and he accepts their invitation. When the bread is broken by the stranger, the veil is finally lifted and they recognise Jesus - the risen Jesus, glorious and loving - he is still the same. Then he vanishes from their sight. They return quickly and excited to Jerusalem to tell the others of their experience. Do we recognise Jesus in the Eucharist? I hope we do.

**DEACON TERRY**

<b>This Week</b> <b>Saturday 25th April – 3rd May</b> <b>(Psalter Week 3)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Saturday 25th April</b> <b>Feast of St Mark, Evangelist</b>	10:00am Patrick Pritchard RIP	
<b>Sunday 26th April</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10:30am Margaret McManus, Linda Concannon RIP and Bert Fenton RIP	
<b>Monday 27th April</b> Easter Feria	10:00am Seamus Finnerty	
<b>Tuesday 28th April</b> Easter Feria	10:00am Patrick Doocey	
<b>Wednesday 29th April</b> <b>Feast of St Catherine of Siena,</b> <b>Virgin, Doctor of the Church,</b> <b>Patron of Europe</b>	10:00am Seamus Finnerty	
<b>Thursday 30th April</b> Easter Feria	10:00am Patrick Doocey	
<b>Friday 1st May</b> Easter Feria	10:00am Ann O'Brien RIP	
<b>Saturday 2nd May</b> Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	10:00am Stanley Davies RIP	
<b>Sunday 3rd May</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF</b> <b>EASTER</b>	10:30am Mr and Mrs White, Harold Johnson and Edna Jones	

### **GREAT BARR FOOD BANK**

We are low on all stock; milk (UHT or powdered), Fruit juice, cereals, pasta sauces, tinned sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, soup, tinned rice pudding, tea bags/instant coffee, instant mashed potato, rice/pasta, tinned meat/fish, jam and biscuit/snack bars. Any donations can be brought to the Presbytery. Many thanks.

**Bidding Prayers**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Celebrant** : God our Father, on this third Sunday of Easter, we learn to walk with Jesus, to listen to his word and to break bread with him. Open our hearts to the needs of our world as we make our prayers to you.

We pray for Pope Francis and for the leaders of the church. Like Peter, may they speak words of hope and conviction to bring Christ's message to a lost and hurting world.

Lord in your mercy ....

We pray for ourselves in this time when we cannot be present at Mass in person as we continue to celebrate the Easter season. May we join our selves to the worship being offered in our name and may we learn to truly appreciate the great gift that you gave us in the Eucharist.

Lord in your mercy ....

We give thanks for all who work tirelessly to care for the sick and to provide for all our everyday needs. Reward them for their kindness and support them in their efforts for those in need.

Lord in your mercy ....

We pray for all the sick, especially those close to death, and those who care for them. May Christ be come to them in their pain and distress.

Lord in your mercy ...

We pray for all who have died recently. We remember our family and friends who have gone before us. May they enter in the joy of the Resurrection with Mary and all the saints.

Lord in your mercy ....

Let us ask Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, to pray with us as we say Hail Mary

Let us pray for our own needs.

**Celebrant:** God our Father, your Son's disciples were down hearted as they walked along the road but this was changed to joy as they recognised Jesus with them. May our lives also be transformed by the knowledge of your everlasting love for us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord .

**Loose Money:**  
**£125.00**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:**  
**£54.00**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's Mass  
Readings:**

**Acts 2:14, 36-41;**

**Ps 22;**

**1 Peter 2:20-25;**

**John 10: 1-10**