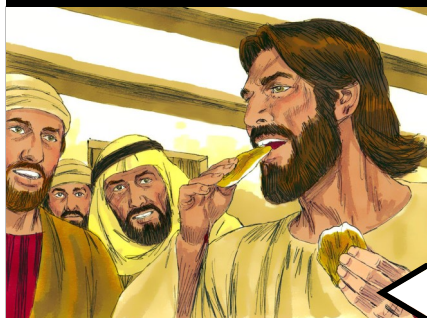


18th April 2021: Third Sunday of Easter (B)



CHRIST IS THE SACRIFICE THAT TAKES OUR SINS AWAY

Jesus Christ died for the sins of the world. God the Father raised him to life, and in his resurrection we too find life. In the light of Easter we can turn away from sin and discover the peace of Christ. We are witnesses to God's saving power in our everyday lives.

So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 17	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	Patrick Hunt RIP
Sun 18	✠ Third Sunday of Easter
09.30	Wellbeing for Sylvia & George Lakey
11.00	Divine Mercy - Thanksgiving
Mon 19	
09.30	PA Donatus RIP
Tue 20	
09.30	Staff, pupils and their families of OLSPN School
Wed 21	<i>Saint Anselm</i>
09.30	Tom Bell RIP
Thu 22	
09:30	Christina Corboy RIP
Fri 23	<i>Saint George</i>
09.30	Mary Morley RIP
Sat 24	
09.30	Wellbeing for Vincent Richard
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
	Colin Dunne RIP
Sun 25	✠ Fourth Sunday of Easter
09.30	Mary Smith RIP
11.00	Stanley Fellows RIP

Spiritual thought

In today's gospel we see Jesus appearing to his friends after his resurrection. We see the disciples, feel their fear, and observe their fear being changed into joy as they realise that the Lord is indeed in their midst and has a solid body. We want to share the emotions of the disciples. Can we sense the emotion of the Lord? Jesus reiterates the 'law of the cross' as he did to the disciples on the way to Emmaus. He then commissions them to continue his mission. As we listen to the disciples receiving their mission, what are our feelings? (Sacredspace 2021)

Vocations Sunday

Next week is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. As members of the Church, we are encouraged to pray earnestly for an increase in priestly and religious vocations. Next week we take up the second collection in support of the Priest Training Fund, which pays for the formation of Southwark Seminarians and Deacons and the good work of our vocations team.

Please be generous to this appeal. Your gifts will support 7 men currently in formation to the Priesthood for our Diocese. There will be a donation envelope available at Mass today, which can be used to Gift Aid your donation. You can also donate online via www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/vocations.htm, or by scanning the QR code, or via telephone on 0207960 2504 (office hours Monday – Friday). Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

GIFT AID

For those on the paper envelope Gift Aid scheme, this year's envelopes will be available for collection after each of the Masses this weekend.

This does not apply to those who have signed up to Gift Aid online, or via the payment machine in the Church lobby.

Parish Secretary

Please note that whilst we are within this current lockdown the parish secretary will only be available in the parish office on Friday mornings between 9am and 12 noon.

SECOND COLLECTION - This Week: Pew Kneelers

MASS COUNT LAST WEEKEND

Saturday: 18:30 (33) Sunday: 09.30 (81), 11.00 (65)

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

Gift Aid Tax payers, please sign up. We receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Visit www.olspn.church for details.

Tap to Donate Please use the Card Payment Machine in Church Foyer or donate via our website: www.olspn.church

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CAFOD

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING – Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 4

R. **Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.**

SECOND READING – 1 John 2: 1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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: 35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.