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&
ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPSFIELD

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EASTER III

Alleluia!
CHRIST,
having
risen from
the dead,
dies now
no more +
death shall
no longer
have
dominion
over him

Families and friends are strengthened through storytelling and shared meals. In a similar way, the Catholic Life is sustained by the Gospel of Christ and by His Real Presence in the Mass. This especially true in our weekly celebrations on Sundays. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us to strengthen our witnessing to the Risen Lord.

For many Christians, the Road to Emmaus is a favourite. We might want to share with family and friends some of our important memories of family life and meals together, from Wedding Breakfasts to picnics on the beach.

Cleopas and his companion never forgot this walk and its incomplete meal. They not only told the people in the Upper Room when they got back, but also told new groups of converts as the years went by for them to participate in what happened.

Shouldn't our experience of Mass in so many different circumstances, in different languages and in different countries be something we talk about as the Universal Church, with each other, visitors and new members alike?

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 13 th Apr		5.30pm	Sunday Mass	Nympsfield
Sun 14 th Apr		10.30am	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Dursley
Mon 15 th Apr	Easter Feria		No Public Mass, because of Fr. P's Day Off.	
Tue 16 th Apr	Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass (Richard Martin RIP)	Dursley
Wed 17 th Apr	Easter Feria	9.00am	Mass (Catherine Lynch RIP)	Dursley
Thu 18 th Apr	Easter Feria	10.00am	Mass with the School (Patrick Campbell's birthday intentions)	Nympsfield
Fri 19 th Apr	St Alphege	12.15pm	Burial of D. Duncan-Skingle	Nympsfield
		6.00pm	Exposition & Confessions	Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass (R. Kane's birthday intentions)	Dursley
Sat 20 th Apr	Easter Feria	Noon	Mass (Geraldine Moore RIP)	Dursley
		1.00pm	Holy Baptism	Dursley
		3.00pm - 4.00pm	Confessions	Dursley
			EASTER IV – Good Shepherd or Vocations Sunday	
Sat 20 th Apr		5.30pm	Sunday Mass	Nympsfield
Sun 21 st Apr		10.30am	Sunday Mass	Dursley

CAFÉ DOMINIC If you would be willing to help set up before or clear up after the 10.30 Sunday Mass, probably for only once a month, please speak with Father Philip or Laura Gardiner. **WE RE-OPEN THIS WEEKEND.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Recently Dead: PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died: David John Duncan-Skingle.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Bishop Declan on his medical retirement, our new Bishop Elect Bosco McDonald, all the Religious Communities in our diocese, consecrated women and men.

Churches Together: Dursley Tabernacle URC chapel, Quarry URC chapel

Parish Prayer Rota: Thanksgiving for the prayers and intercession of our religious sisters and our housebound parishioners.

SUNDAY MASS PROPERS

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!

Responsorial Psalm Lift up the light of Your Face on us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as You talk to us.

Communion Antiphon The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia!



ADVANCE NOTICE – SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK Because next week is Good Shepherd Sunday, the collection is for the clergy training fund.

RED BOXES PLEASE RETURN RED BOXES FOR EMPTYING THIS SUNDAY 14TH APRIL. MARY CRYAN

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL: FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Wednesday 1st May Feast of St Joseph the Worker in Nympsfield, Secondary Patronal Feast. Those who were unable to join us on 19th March get a second chance on this day.
- Friday 3rd May, Feast of Saints Philip and James the Apostles, Fr. P's name day
- 5th May will be Greek or Orthodox Easter this year.
- Wednesday 8th May at Noon in Clifton Cathedral Episcopal Ordination and Enthronement of Bishop Bosco McDonald as Tenth Lord Bishop of Clifton.
- **Thursday 9th May Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation**
- 25th May, Saturday at Noon, Annual Celebration Mass for Family and Marriage in Clifton Cathedral



200 CLUB DRAW FOR MARCH

1st prize, number 48, Norman Long. 2nd prize, number 70, Susan Terry. 3rd prize, number 3, Sean Macdonald

If you would like to sign up for this, please speak to Sue Whitney. You have to be in it to win it!



'INVITED' A FORMATION COURSE This is a course running from April to July, on Wednesday evenings. It is organised by and taking place in the parish hall at our neighbours, Immaculate Conception in Stroud. It is for anyone wanting to learn more about their faith and passing it on to others. It will suit experienced catechists and those relatively young in the Faith.

**ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!**

EASTER GREETING TO OUR LADY, BEFORE THE LAST HYMN AT SUNDAY MASS

**Joy to thee, O queen of heaven. Alleluia!
He Whom thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia!
As He promised, hath aris'n, Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer, Alleluia!**

**Rejoice and be glad, o virgin Mary, Alleluia!
For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

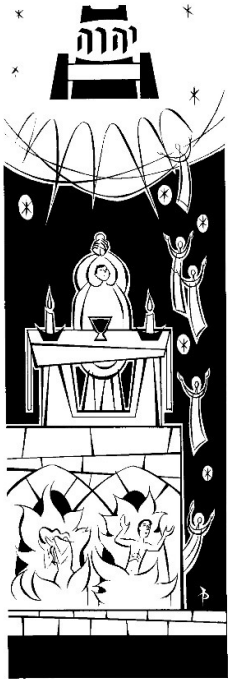
Let us pray.

O God, Who has brought joy to the whole world, grant that through the prayers of His mother, the Virgin Mary, may be brought to the glory of the glory of the Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord.

AMEN.



FR. PHILIP WRITES Frequently the Risen Lord greeted His people with the words, "Peace be with you!" The exchange of His peace at Mass is something we do every time we celebrate, even today. It would seem that the Apostles themselves began to use this same Easter Greeting when the Church got together to pray and celebrate the seven Sacraments.



For our Bishop Elect this is something he is preparing to get used to. The opening greeting for any Mass at which the bishop presides or pontificates is always, Peace be with you! As a priest he has not done this up to now, but very soon, he will start doing it every time, whether in his private chapel or at Confirmation or a religious profession. We offer him our prayers and support as he continues his preparation for his episcopal ordination next month.

The Road to Emmaus does not have this important greeting. Instead, the Risen Lord comes incognito to join Cleopas and his companion as they walk out of Jerusalem. In my mind's eye, Cleopas is joined by his wife. I guess she is the lady we met during the Passion Narratives as Mary the wife of Clopas. Mary and Cleopas, in the way so many couples do, are not rowing but discussing heatedly what they have heard before setting out. To me, the Risen Saviour does not greet them with peace; He makes peace between them. He answers their questions, makes clear the facts and then goes on to explain how what they've heard relates to the Sacred Scriptures they heard read in the Synagogue Saturday by Saturday.

This making of peace and establishing of Easter Faith makes their hearts glow with a special warmth, an experience in depth of the love of God, may be also an anticipation of the warming effect of Pentecost. Peace making and reconciliation can still have the same effects on the person bringing God's peace and on the parties being reconciled. Peace making is a form of liberation, for it sets folks free from anger and resentment. It can do it for just one side if only one side is willing to be set free and the other side or sides can catch up later.

This is why the Universal Church has always taught the need for at least annual confession at Easter time. It places a Pascal emphasis on the sacrament, rather than a Lenten stress on sins. In truth these are but two sides of the same coin. God wants us to be at peace with Him and with each other, so the Church tells us to come to confession and celebrate the gift of peace. "God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of His Son, has reconciled the world with Himself Through the ministry of the Church, may He grant you pardon AND PEACE..." These words from the formula of Absolution remind us of the Easter nature of Sacramental Confession. Let Paschal Peace abound!

After eight days,
the doors being closed,
Jesus came and said
PEACE
BE TO YOU
Alleluia·Alleluia

WELCOME INTO GOD'S FAMILY It is great pleasure to receive into the Family of Jesus Christ anyone who seeks Baptism. Easter is a season for such things. As we look forward to the Christening next weekend of **Olivia Watson**, we offer our prayerful support to **Kyro Madlala** baptised in St Joseph's in the Easter Octave.