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The love and generosity of Jesus in responding to the confusion and hopelessness of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and his teaching them the fuller meaning of his actions, offer us an insight into his own total self-giving for others at the Last Supper and in his suffering and death. Jesus may walk beside us unrecognised, just as he was not recognised by the two disciples. He can be with us and encourage us in our struggles, even though we aren't aware that he is present. Only after Jesus opens their eyes to the Scriptures and they share fellowship together do they finally see Him. Jesus is the one who takes the initiative, he is the one who comes alongside them and opens their eyes.



Open our eyes, Lord. Without the gift of your revelation, our eyes are kept from recognising you. Appear before us, suddenly, unexpectedly, in all your glory so that we, too, may proclaim to a world in despair that we have seen the risen Lord. Stay with us in every part of our journey, no matter how full of doubt or fear we may be in today. Help us see you as our risen Lord in all your beauty and in all your loving power. Amen.



SPUC PRO LIFE PRAYER CHAIN ~ Monday, 27th April 2020 ~ We invite you to take part in a nationwide indoor act of witness to commemorate the lives of 9 million unborn babies killed by abortion since the implementation of the Abortion Act on 27th April 1968. **Please join us in praying the following prayer to end abortion worldwide.** Many thanks.

Prayer of St John Paul II for the protection of life in all stages

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.
Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life
with honesty and love to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel
as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will
the civilisation of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life. AMEN

Masses with no Congregation

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (*Divine Mercy Sunday*)

26	Sunday		People of our Parish
27	Monday		Joyce & Dixie Thomas ~ Diamond Wedding Anniversary
28	Tuesday		
29	Wednesday St Catherine of Siena		
30	Thursday		
1	Friday		
2	Saturday St Athanasius		Anthony Ward

4th Sunday of Easter

3	Sunday		People of our Parish
Anniversaries:		Mavis McQuillan, Cecily Waters	
		Riska Okninski, Monica McShane, Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd. Audrey Bentley	



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Acts 2:14, 22-33**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11**
- **Second Reading ~ 1 Peter 1: 17-21**
- **Gospel ~ Luke 24: 13-35**



Mass for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care . . . The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales recognise that this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting every person in our countries. Those who are sick, and their families, are suffering many hardships of isolation from contact with those they love. Our front-line workers in hospitals and in care homes all over our lands are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable at this time. In order to show a spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved in the ways described above, each week on a Thursday, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join. **This will take place every Thursday at 7.00pm**

- ❖ 30th April Bishop Richard Moth Arundel Cathedral
- ❖ 7th May Bishop Marcus Stock Leeds Cathedral
- ❖ 14th May Bishop Robert Byrne CO Newcastle Cathedral
- ❖ 21st May Bishop Mark Davies Shrewsbury Cathedral
- ❖ 28th May Bishop Terence Draney Middlesbrough Cathedral

By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage (cbcew.org.uk) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

The Benedictine Monks of Ampleforth Abbey live-stream their daily Masses on Sunday at 10am and Monday to Saturday, 8.45am. Please see www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk

Rosary in front of Our Lady's Statue: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3pm
St. Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough (You tube) (Middlesbrough.diocese.org.uk)

It is so difficult when you can't go to a funeral whether for family, friend or neighbour. Many are facing this in the current crisis. When this time of social distancing is over, there may well be an opportunity to meet together at a special time of remembering and thankfulness.

Heavenly Father, you have not made us for darkness and death, but for life with you for ever. Without you we have nothing to hope for, with you we have nothing to fear. Speak to us now your words of eternal life. Lift us to the light and peace of your presence, and set the glory of your love before us today: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CATECHESIS . . . Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham. The Shrine is very grateful to Father Stephen Wang for allowing us to use his Sycamore Program. We shall be showing the twenty half hour videos, starting on Monday 27th April. They will be shown at 10.30am and 4.00pm each day. www.walsingham.org.uk.



RAINBOW PRAYER . . . Thank you for this symbol of hope and promise of renewal which appears to me from time to time, unannounced, but happily and reassuringly. Let this multi-hued arch in the sky be always a reminder that You are there, in Your Majesty, far beyond my sight but still always here, too, close to me within my heart and my soul, patiently understanding my every worry and every joy. May I stop each time I see this glorious sign of Yours written in light across the sky to thank You for all Your gifts and all of Your creation. Please keep me reminded to stay on the path of righteousness, to persevere bravely through all storms, and to follow my rainbows undaunted to eternity. Amen

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