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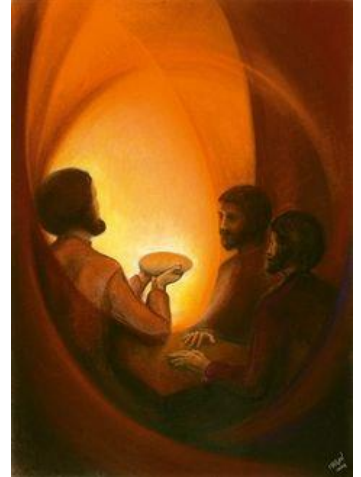
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER– 22nd/23rd APRIL 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the third Sunday of Easter and we will listen to Luke's Gospel describing how Jesus walks by the side of the disciples on their way to Emmaus. I'm sure this story is familiar to us, probably the majority of us know this passage. I was thinking, why are we hearing this passage again? Why this passage is in the Bible? What is this passage telling us?

The disciples are walking towards a village. They are sharing their thoughts. As they walk along they express their confusion, they do not understand what has happened. They have not yet reached Emmaus. Neither are they at the beginning of their journey. Is this telling us something?



We are not at the beginning of our lives, we are not at the end neither. We are on the journey. Perhaps like the disciples sometimes we are confused.

Jesus is walking side by side with the disciples. Jesus is not confused, but he is walking along with them, at their pace. He is waiting until they are able to recognise Him. He listens to their story. He explains the Scriptures that are about Himself. Somehow through that listening and sharing, gradually they are able to recognise him. Their response is "*Did not our hearts burn within us as He explained the Scriptures to us?*" Once they realise that Jesus is present with them, they go full of joy and wish to tell to the others that Jesus is alive, that He is present and they recognise Him *in the breaking of bread*. Their confusion and blindness are removed.

What is this Easter telling me? Perhaps it is not my first Easter, then what is my Easter experience so far? Have I recognised Him in my "confusion", in my current situation?

I personally like this Gospel passage. It speaks about God as a companion. He is not far from us. He is not scandalized by how we live or by our failures, but on the contrary, is ready to reach out to us and accepts us. He accompanies us in our not-too-clear situations, because he desires that we recognise Him precisely there, with us. He makes us witnesses of His hope in the realities of our lives.

The disciples were walking the path of confusion but after meeting Him were on the path of Hope and Joy. Does he not want to do the same for us?

The Psalm prays: *Show us, Lord, the path of life*. We can make this our prayer for this week. Show us, Lord, the path of where we can see you walking by our side.

Have a blessed week,

Anabel Gonzalez, FMVD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH ACTIVITY –TEAS /COFFEE MORNING TEAS/COFFEE

In the Parish Hall on Sundays, after 9am and 11am Masses.

Tea & Coffee after Sunday Masses:

We need more volunteers to help out in this Parish activity which people have found most helpful.

Please contact the Parish Office

westgreen@rcdow.org.uk

We also welcome parishioners and newcomers on Thursday mornings after the 9.15am Mass

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2022

For any enquiries, please contact Sr. Anabel on 07455544065 or the Parish Office.

SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Next session: **Sunday 30th April after 9am Mass**

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Next session on Saturday 29th April 2023

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Next session on Saturday 29th April 2023



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

A programme for adults who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.

Application Form at the back of the Church

BAPTISM FOR INFANTS

Application Forms at the back of the Church. Please contact the Parish Office or Sr. Anabel.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Thanks to your generosity, the parish debt incurred by the purchase of the New Presbytery at number 10 Vincent Road, has been paid off this week. It has been a wonderful achievement and all you are to be applauded for your continued financial support over the past years.

Remarkably, this was without any nagging about money matters!
We should add a word of gratitude to the Financial Directors of the Diocese.
Thanks again!

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei Spirituality Centre. All welcome!
Next session **2nd May, 2023**

INVITATION TO OUR MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL

At the Home Office, Marsham Street,
SW1P 4DF from 12.30-1.30pm
Monday 15th May 2023

PLANNING GIVING & GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

for 2023-2024 ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION.

We thank all those who support our parish through the weekly offerings, offertory envelopes and Standing Orders.

This weekend and over the next three weeks, we will be giving out the envelopes for your offertory donations **from 9th April 2023**.

On collection of your envelopes, please give an update of change of address or whether or not you pay tax.

New members are welcome to join the Gift Aid - Planned Giving Scheme – register at the back of the church.

If you are an Income Tax Payer and not on Gift Aid please consider signing a Gift Aid declaration; as a registered charity, your offertory contributions increase this gift by 25p for each £1 given, if your annual income tax is more than the tax we will reclaim.

An additional source of income to the parish at no added cost to you.

If you no longer pay tax please contact Germaine. Thank You!

WALKING THE CAMINO FOR HORNSEY FOOD BANK

Anne Lamont is walking 100km of the Camino de Santiago to support the work of Hornsey Food Bank. If you would like to sponsor her, please donate through this link:

<https://localgiving.org/fundraising/walking-the-camino-for-hornsey-food-bank/>

TOTTENHAM REFUGEE ALLIANCE,

has Home Office approval to bring a refugee family to resettle in Haringey under their Community Sponsorship Programme. It's one of the few safe, legal routes for refugees to enter the UK in the hostile environment and facing the illegal Migration Bill. We have been struggling for a year now trying to find suitable and affordable housing to rent for a refugee family. If you know a sympathetic landlord or think you could help us find one, please contact us on housing@tottenhamrefugees.org.uk
Thank you! Please share

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **48** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **14** of whom are from our own Diocese, as well as two men studying in Rome and two in Valladolid. Last year **five** men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests.

This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

FUND-RAISING CAKE SALE and RAFFLE

Kate is having a cake sale and raffle to help raise fund for her daughter, to attend the School Choir Festival in Germany from 1st July to 15th July.
Thank you for your support.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul of

Ernest Emmanuel Carrott, Snr RIP

[father of Ernest, Jnr]

Funeral Mass on

Tuesday 25th April at 9:15am

and

Mary Josephine Sullivan, RIP

Funeral Service at Enfield Crematorium

Tuesday 9th May at 11:00am

We remember their families and friends in
our prayers.

May they rest in peace.

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday at 9.15am

**Tuesday 9:15am – Funeral Mass for the
late Ernest Carrott Snr, RIP**

Saturday 6pm – Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

ROSARY

Weekdays at 8.45am (before Mass)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5-5:30pm

NEXT SUNDAY: 4th SUNDAY of EASTER

1st Reading: 2:14. 36-41

Psalm: Psalm 22

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Joe Ryan, Parish Priest

Sr. Anabel Gonzalez, Parish Sister

Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul:

Pat Ceary

Mary Josephine Sullivan

Januario Pereira Batista *[Edla's uncle]*

Kathleen McKernan

Eric D'Olive *[brother of Monique]*

Bernadette Stapleton *[mother of
Katherine]*

Ernest Carrott Snr *[father of Ernest Jnr]*

RIP Anniversary

Cyrina Bicar

Jeremiah Maher

Mary Teresa Flattery

Philomeni Forni

May McDonagh

Special Intentions:

Kathleen Murphy

Sr Angelica

And for the sick and those in our parish

Angela

Ann

Eduardo

Helen

Ivy

John T

Kathy F

Kim

Laura

Lenora

Merle

Michael J

Monica

Patricia

Pantaleone

Phil

Pierina

Rose

Sheila

Veronica

Yollie

***NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE
ARE LISTED IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS***

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

To make an appointment

Phone: 0208 888 5518 or email

westgreen@rcdow.org.uk

*We cannot guarantee to have anyone available
outside of these hours.*