

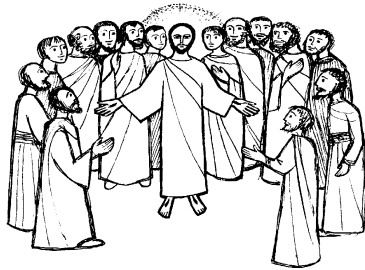
NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

We have trouble believing anything these days so we can't feel too badly about the disciples. Actually that's not true - we can believe in lots of things - ghost TV, fortune tellers, the Da Vinci Code and so did the disciples - their world was full of shades, spirits and demons.

And if they saw the Risen Christ then this was probably what they were expecting - a possessed body, something intangible, a shiver up and down their spine. But that wasn't what appeared before them. Christ appeared from nowhere but then spoke; and not only spoke but ate - real food that was given to him, not conjured up. And still hard for the disciples to believe? Of course it is, it had never happened before, it was beyond belief - except it was true.

I am still overcome, more than halfway through Easter week now, how quietly and ordinarily Christ did this. This is the Resurrection - have you ever seen a painting or work of art that has treated this event so casually as Christ himself does? There's always light, clouds, angels, an exuberance of something - but when Christ does it - it's just him - him being the 'more than enough'.



BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon to arrange to see him after an 11am Mass on Sunday morning.

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm. that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Tony Ford.

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“United in conviction and united
 in love, with a common purpose
 and a common mind”
 Philippians 2:2

15TH APRIL 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 14th April	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Noel Stewart RIP
Sunday 15th April	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Mrs Mary Doran
Monday 16th April	9:30am 7:30pm	Catherine Insley RIP Scripture Group
Tuesday 17th April	9:30am 10:30am	Elizabeth O'Connor RIP Coffee morning
Wednesday 18th April	Noon	Aimee Child RIP
Thursday 19th April	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 20th April	7:00pm	No service St Georges Day Fish & Chips Supper
Saturday 21st April	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation John Payne Jnr RIP
Sunday 22nd April	9:30am 11:00am	Peter Kennerley RIP People of the Parish
Monday 23rd April St Georges Day	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mr Peter Fox

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

Flowers for the church were donated
by Gerry Doherty

If you would like to make a donation for
the flowers please add your name to
the list in the porch and place your
donation into the wall box.

Fruitful discipleship: Living the Mission of Jesus in the Church and
the World. A Conference by Sherry Weddell For the Laity and
Religious. St Ambrose College, Hale Barns, Saturday 12 May 2018
9:30/10:00am – 3:30pm.
See the poster on the Notice Board.

St George's Fish & Chip Supper Friday 20th April. Evening starts at
7pm. There will be a Raffle and a Quiz. The Meal will be served at
approx. 8:30pm. Pricing and menu options are available in the porch.
Please sign up indicating your choice from the Menu and if you
would like the Bar to be available. We are currently proposing
people bring their own drinks unless enough sign for the bar to be
open (40+ needed).

Coffee morning: Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesday
17th April at 10:30am. There will be tea and coffee, cakes and
biscuits, Bingo and a Bring and Buy Sale. Everyone is welcome, so
please come along and support this event.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function,
please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Reading Luke 24: 35-48

Then the two went over everything that happened on the
road and how they recognised him when he broke the bread.

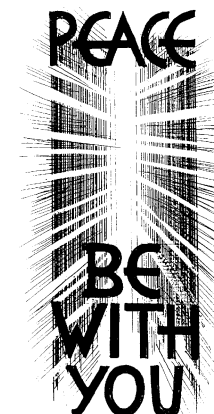


While they were saying all this, Jesus appeared to them
and said, "Peace be with you." They thought they were
seeing a ghost and were scared half to death. He
continued with them, "Don't be upset, and don't let all
these doubting questions take over. Look at my hands;
look at my feet—it's really me. Touch me. Look me over
from head to toe. A ghost doesn't have muscle and bone
like this." As he said this, he showed them his hands and
feet. They still couldn't believe what they were seeing. It
was too much; it seemed too good to be true.

He asked, "Do you have any food here?" They gave him a
piece of leftover fish they had cooked. He took it and ate
it right before their eyes.

Then he said, "Everything I told you while I was with you comes to this: All the
things written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets, and in the
Psalms have to be fulfilled."

He went on to open their understanding of the Word of God, showing them
how to read their Bibles this way. He said, "You can see now how it is written
that the Messiah suffers, rises from the dead on the third day, and then a
total life-change through the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name to
all nations—starting from here, from Jerusalem! You're the first to hear and
see it. You're the witnesses."



The next Scripture Group meeting is on Monday 16th April at 7:30pm. The
group meets once a fortnight on Monday evening in the Presbytery.
At present we are looking at the Sunday readings. There is no need to come
to every meeting or to have academic knowledge - all welcome.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi