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Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 23rd April 2023

Acts 2: 14, 22-33

1 Peter 1: 17-27

Luke 24: 13-35

The first reading, from Acts, taken from the beginning of Peter's first public proclamation about Jesus, tells us how God raised Jesus from death, thus fulfilling the Messianic prophecies about the promised descendant of David. In the second reading, Peter exhorts the early Christians to place their Faith and Hope in God Who has saved them through the precious Blood of His Son and Who has raised Jesus from the dead. The Emmaus incident described in today's Gospel shows us a God who will not abandon us when we are hurt and disappointed. The message of today's Scripture readings is that the followers of Jesus are to maintain contact with their Risen Lord through prayer, the Eucharist, and the Bible. The readings also remind us that our belief in Jesus' presence in the consecrated Bread and Wine should help us to understand better his presence in the Bible and in the believing and worshipping community. Putting the two appearances (to the Emmaus disciples and to Peter), together, it is clear that the risen Jesus wanted Peter to act as spokesman for him, and that the faithful who seek to follow Jesus should seek his company in prayer, the Eucharist, and the Bible under the direction of Peter and his successors.

Yours Fr. Tomy

Mass times	Feast Days
11am: Wedding of Tommaso Morelli & Lora Tchistova 6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 22nd St Adalbert of Prague Born in 956 in Bohemia, now Czech Republic. Youngest son of Duke Slavonic of Libice. Appointed Bishop of Prague in 982 when only 26 years old.. Conflict between his family and the powerful Duke Boleslaus II who wanted to start a war with Poland.. Had problems over opposition to his reforms and authority. Left Prague to consult the pope in Rome. The opposition to him in Bohemia continued so he went to Poland.. Mission to convert pagan Prussians near what is now Gdansk in Poland. Murdered at instigation of a pagan priest
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 23rd April Third Sunday of Easter Thanksgiving Mass for 13th birthday of Emmanuel
First Communion Training from 16:45 to 17:45 Mass 6.30pm	Monday 24th St Fidelis of Sigmaringen Born Mark Rey in 1577 in Germany of noble parents. Studied law and philosophy at Freiburg University. Led an austere life. Taught philosophy. 6 years travelled in Europe visiting churches and hospitals helping the poor. Became a lawyer. Stood up for human rights. "Lawyer of the poor". Gave his estate to the poor and became Capuchin Franciscan monk and took the name Fidelis. Read theology to train to be a priest in present day Switzerland. As a priest was a great preacher and sort after confessor. Went to Austria. During a severe epidemic cared for the sick. Fidelis led a group of Capuchins to Switzerland to oppose Protestant Reformation. Mission was a great success with many converts. Murdered by a mob of 20 Calvinist soldiers in 1622.
10 am Mass	Tuesday 25th St Mark St Peter's "interpreter". Possibly the one of the four Evangelists that is the easiest to read and understand. The most historic and devoted a third of his text on the last week of the life of Jesus to emphasise the "Theology of the Cross". Wrote in fluent Greek for the non Jews.
6.30 Mass	Wednesday 26th Isle of Wight Martyrs. Blessed Robert Anderton and Blessed William Marsden Both friends from childhood. Grew up in Catholic Lancashire where anti-Catholic penal laws were not enforced to the same degree as other parts of England during reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Both went to Oxford University. 10 th July 1580 both entered English College in France to train as priests. On 4 th February 1586 the two ordained priests left France for the English Mission to serve the Catholic community. Their ship was caught in a storm and came ashore on the Isle of Wight. Recognised as priests after hearing them praying for safety. Tried at Winchester for treason. Found guilty. Returned to Isle of Wight where Captain George Carey, cousin to Queen Elizabeth, tried to get them to reject their Catholic faith. Both refused and were hung, drawn and quartered together at a scaffold on a hill overlooking Cowes on 25 th April 1586. Every Catholic church on the Isle of Wight has pictures of the two martyred priests and a scroll describing their martyrdom. Memorial created for them at Cowes.
10 am Mass 41st anniversary of the death of our father Matthew	Thursday 27th St Asicus Born in a wealthy Druid family in Ireland in 5 th century. Converted by St Patrick. One of his first disciples. Skilled metal worker in brass and copper. Also a very able silversmith and bell founder. St Patrick made him Bishop of Elphin and then Abbot-Bishop of Ireland. Felt he was unworthy and resigned to become a hermit for 7 years.

No Mass	Friday 28th St Louis-Marie de Monfort. Born in 1673 in Monfort, France. At school was inspired to be a missionary to foreign lands. Developed a strong devotion to the Virgin Mary, the Rosary and Guardian Angels. In school holidays helped the poor. Walked to Paris to a seminary to train for priesthood aged 20. Ordained at the famous Saint Sulpice seminary in Paris aged 27. Wanted to be a missionary to Canada. Told he had to be a priest In France. As a hospital chaplain tried to reform hospital care of the sick and staff. Became a strong and inspiring preacher. Attracted large crowds. Opposed the heresy of Jansenism. Founded two Orders, one of priests and one of nuns.
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Diana Stimson RIP	Saturday 29th St Catherine of Siena Born in 1347 in Italy to a large fairly rich family. Gave away family's food and clothing without permission. A member of a lay Dominican Third Order. Still lived at home and refused to marry. Mystic who experienced visions. Suffered stigmata and tried to reform the Church and solve the papal Great Schism.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 30th April Fourth Sunday of Easter Mass of thanksgiving for birthdays of Jean-Michel and Jean (RIP)
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Your prayers are needed for the following people					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Kay Duggan		

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT



The wedding of Tommaso Morelli and Lora Tchistova will be celebrated at St Vincent de Paul church at 11am on Saturday 22nd April

Congratulations to Tom and Lora who are relatively new to our parish but who have quickly made friends in the parish and are a great asset to our faith community in many ways. Both work in the National Health Service as a doctor and nurse and are involved in different aspects of medical research as well as their normal duties



Congratulations to Moira Hodgson who had her 96th birthday last week on Tuesday 18th April

Moira is a daily Mass attendee and normally sits near the front on the right hand side of the church. She has made many friends in the parish since she retired from office work many years ago and they all appreciate her gentle kindness and friendly attitude

Safeguarding Training for SVP parish is on Saturday 3rd June

Morning session for "Child Protection" is from 10 am to 12 noon

The afternoon session for "Working with Adults at Risk" is from 1 pm to 3 pm.

Safeguarding training is open to all those in recruitment for, or currently working in roles with children and/or adults at risk. You do not need to attend both sessions if you only work with one of those groups e.g. Children's liturgists who only work with children at the church only need to attend the morning session. In accordance with the National Safeguarding Standards, safeguarding training must be completed every 2 years. You will receive a certificate on completion of this training.

If you are unable to attend this course an alternative is available at St Edmund Campion, 40a Altwood Road, Maidenhead SL6 4PY on Saturday 17th June 2023. Morning session for Child Protection from 10am to 12 noon. Working with adults at risk at an afternoon session 1pm to 3pm

8 hours of adoration followed by Mass every third Friday of the month from 9 pm

The next session will be Friday 19th May from 9 pm to 5 am ending with Mass at about 4 am

Parish collection for last weekend 15th and 16th April

							SPECIAL COLLECTION		
Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other Money	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
£74	£18.50	£166.82	£242.54	£51.98	£553.84	---	---	---	£553.84

Special Mass to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III at 6.30pm on Friday 5th May

The parish does not normally have a Mass on Friday although there is a morning Mass on Friday at Holy Family. Fr Michael Cronin is celebrating this Mass the day before the coronation for the new King Charles.