

Catholic Parish of Walsingham

ST PETER, BLAKENEY ✕ ST HENRY WALPOLE, SJ, BURNHAM MARKET ✕ OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION, WALSINGHAM ✕ OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER
YEAR OF ST MATTHEW
APRIL 26TH, 2020

(1836) Parish Mass Book, Readings & Prayers 258-262 Prayer of the Church, 3

There is a mysterious quality about the accounts of the appearance of the risen Christ. They cannot be appreciated if we approach them as we



are accustomed to approach most of what impinges on our daily lives. In truth there is mystery in all that surrounds us but, generally, we fail to see it, filter it out or simply ignore it. The assumption that there is a 'rational' explanation for everything, which has brought great benefit to us all, can also impoverish the imagination. The story of Jesus in the road to Emmaus, unrecognised whilst conversing with his disciples draws us powerfully into the neglected dimension of mystery. When Jesus explains to them, "the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself," mystery enfolded them: "...their hearts burned within them." But, still they

they did not realise that it was him. It was only when he, "took bread, said the blessing, and broke it," that they recognised him. As disciples of Jesus we, too, can be joined by the risen Christ. In Matthew's gospel he says, "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." We read the scriptures together, or hear them read, open to the prompting of Lord who is with us, who can cause our hearts to 'burn within us' so that, mysteriously, our faith is strengthened. Then, as we celebrate together the Eucharistic Mystery, at the breaking of the bread, our eyes, like those of our brothers on the road to Emmaus, can be opened to what we cannot ordinarily see. At the moment, of course, we are prevented from actually taking part in this mystery. We can, however, even in isolation, follow St Paul's teaching: "Remember always Jesus Christ, raised from the dead" confident that, "If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him..." (2 Tim 2:8-12) as we look forward to the time when, once again, we can enjoy the privilege of celebrating the Mass together. I feel sure, as the old adage 'absence makes the heart grow fonder' suggests, our joy will be like that of those who first encountered the risen Christ when that day comes.

....from CHRISTUS VIVIT

"...we cannot separate spiritual from cultural formation. The Church has always sought to develop ways of providing the young with the best education possible. Nor should she stop now, for young people have a right to it. Today, above all, the right to a good education means protecting wisdom, that is, knowledge that is human and humanizing. All too often we are conditioned by trivial and fleeting models of life that drive us to pursue success at a low price, discrediting sacrifice and inculcating the idea that education is not necessary unless it immediately provides concrete results. No, education makes us raise questions, keeps us from being anaesthetized by banality, and impels us to pursue meaning in life. We need to reclaim our right not to be sidetracked by the many sirens that nowadays distract from this pursuit. (223)

PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGY

You can take part in the liturgy via the internet at the Catholic Shrine webpage:
www.walsingham.org.uk

In addition to the regular www.walsingham.org.uk programme there will be an
EIGHT DAY RETREAT
led by Monsignor John Armitage
This will start after Compline at 8pm on Sunday 19th April

"Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked..."

Because of restrictions imposed by the government in response to the Covid19 virus emergency, there will be no Masses or other services in any of our churches until further notice.

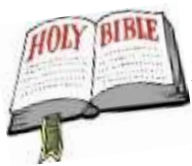
St Henry Walpole, SJ, Burnham Market, PE31 8HD MASSES: Sunday, 9.30; Friday, 9.30

St Peter, Blakeney, NR25 7NP MASSES: Saturday 18.00; Sunday, 11.00; Wednesday, 9.30



The Annunciation, Walsingham, NR22 6DB MASSES: Sunday, 10.30; Weekdays, 9.30

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Wells, NR23 1EY MASSES: Saturday 18.00; Sunday, 9.15; Thursday, 9.30



THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Befriending the Scriptures cannot, of course, meet at present. We can, however, keep reading Matthew's gospel and the readings appointed for the Mass of the day even though we cannot meet.

Sunday:	Acts 2:14-33;	Psalm 15;	1 Peter 1:17-21;	Luke 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15;	Psalm 118;		John 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51-8:1;	Psalm 30;		John 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1-8;	Psalm 65;		John 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40;	Psalm 65;		John 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-10;	Psalm 116;		John 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42;	Psalm 115;		John 6:60-69

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of reconciliation is a means of answering afresh the call to discipleship. In these difficult times getting to confession is a problem. We can take some consolation in the pope's advice.

"Many will say to me today: 'But, Father, where can I find a priest, a confessor, because one can't leave home? And I want to make peace with the Lord, I want Him to embrace me, that my Papa embrace me . . . What can I do if I can't find priests? Do what the Catechism says; it's very clear: if you don't find a priest to hear your Confession, talk with God, He is your Father, and tell Him the truth: 'Lord, I've done this, and that, and that . . . I'm sorry, and ask Him for forgiveness with all your heart, with the Act of Contrition and promise Him: 'Afterwards I will go to confession, but forgive me now.'"

Pope Francis, Homily, March 20th

NATIONAL MASSES

Each Thursday, at 7.00pm, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate a live-streamed Mass in his Cathedral for people to join in. By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage (cbcew.org.uk) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

23rd April	Cardinal Vincent Nichols	Westminster Cathedral
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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Robert and Mary Pegg who celebrated their Golden Wedding on April 4th.

Thanks, too, for many years of service to the Catholic Parish of Walsingham.

CATECHESIS

The National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady is very grateful to Father Stephen Wang for allowing us to use his Sycamore Program. We shall be showing the 20 half hour videos, starting on Monday 27th April. They will be shown at 10.30am and 4.00pm each day: www.walsingham.org.uk

R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Howard Fears, who was buried on Wednesday and for the comfort of his bereaved family.

Parish Clergy: Revv. Keith Tulloch, SM, (Parish Priest), Thomas Goonan, SM, Steven Leeder (Deacon)

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