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Year A

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The account of the risen Jesus appearing to his disciples on the road to Emmaus is one of the most beautiful stories in the whole of Scripture. We can identify with the feelings of the two disciples heading out from Jerusalem after the tragic Passover—grief at the death of their Master, disappointment that their messianic hopes had been shattered, guilt that so many disciples had failed to stand by Jesus in his suffering, confusion over what would happen next, and emptiness now that their high expectations had come to nothing. So they share their feelings with the unknown stranger who walks with them.

When they reached their planned destination, the two disciples wished to thank their helpful companion by offering him a meal. On arrival, when he sat down as their guest, he took the role of the host. He broke bread for them, just as previously he had broken bread to feed the crowd of five thousand hungry people. Just at that moment they recognised him, but he had vanished from their sight.



What about us? - Like those early disciples, we can feel grief in times of loss, disappointment when our hopes do not work out, guilt that we have not always stayed close to our Lord, confusion over what can happen in our lives, and emptiness when our expectations are not fulfilled. But all the while, the Lord is walking with us on our journey of life, even if often we do not notice him. Let us ask him to open our eyes that we may see him, not only in the Scriptures and the Breaking of Bread, but also in the events of our daily lives.

1st: Acts 2:14, 22-33 It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades. **Psalm 16 R/ O Lord, you will show me the path of life.**

2nd: 1 Pet 1:17-21 Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.

Acclamation Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.

Gospel Luke 24:13-35 They recognised him at the breaking of bread.

A Very Big THANK YOU from Food Share The volunteers at Food Share send an enthusiastic and heartfelt Thank You to our Parishioners who have donated food for those in need. Your generosity is appreciated greatly and helps to provide vital support to the many customers who rely on Food Share for their survival in these difficult times. This picture shows some of the volunteers with the latest donations from St Joseph's. Thank you very much and please keep up your donations as the need for our support continues to grow.

April			
Sat	18 th	18:30	Beatrice Mathews, SI
Sun	19 th	08:00	Rosario Fernandes, A
		09:15	Jacky Doyle, A
		11:00	Ray Connell, RIP
		12:30	Baptism: Matteo
		16:30	Dignity of Life: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Tue	21 st	10:00	Ernest & Monica Fernandes, SI
Wed	22 nd	10:00	Vera & Michael McLoughlin, A
Thu	23 rd	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	24 th	10:00	Louise Wood, RIP
Sat	25 th	10:00	
		18:30	Piedade Pereira & Milagrina Marques, SI
Sun	26 th	08:00	Andrew McCarthy, A
		09:15	
		11:00	Starsal, SI
		17:00	Aquino Fernandes, A

Adoration*9-10am | **Confessions** Sat after 10am Mass / before 6.30pm Mass
A: Death Anniv; FM: Foundation Mass; RIP: Rest in Peace, SI: Special Intention

BINGO Night
RAFFLE

Pizza Supper & soft drinks provided
BYO wine/beer
£10 in aid of St Joseph's Parish Charities.


18 April
Doors open
7pm for
7.30pm start

St Joseph's Parish Centre
36 Cookham Road
Maidenhead
SL6 7EG

Thank you for all your kind wishes and prayers during my recovery. I'm getting better, but am only able to be in the office on Mon, Tue, and Fri mornings. I hope to see you then! I'll be working from home the rest of the time. Things will c

♥ Carolyn

HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

 **HFP:** Holy Family Parish ♦ **SE:** St Elizabeth's
SJ: St Joseph ♦ **SEC:** St Edmund Campion
STM: St Thomas More

- ❖ **Children's Liturgy** teams look forward to seeing you again on 19 Apr (11am Mass). Helpers needed! Contact Tricia 01628 627265/ triciaweeksmail@gmail.com
- LITURGISTS** – please pick up latest rota from the filing cabinet in the kitchen lobby
- ❖ **3 May FR LIAM'S FAREWELL** There will be ONE Mass at **10:30am** followed by the party at 12pm in SEC School. If you want to bring food, sign up by 19 Apr with SEC office: office@stedmundcampion.org.uk. If you wish to give an individual gift to Fr Liam, please take an envelope from SEC porch. We will also celebrate Fr Liam's 30th Anniversary of his Ordination!
- ❖ **8 May Maidenhead SVP Quiz** Doors open 7:30pm. Teams of (max) 8, £7/person. Prizes for the winning team + a raffle and other games to participate in. All welcome! Tickets on sale after masses at SJ and SEC or from Siobhan (SJ) 07816445416.
- ❖ **10 May St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage 11.15am** Bus leaves from outside SEC. John Lynn is organising a free bus trip to Lyford Grange. Main celebrant: Fr Kevin O'Driscoll. Stop for lunch near Abingdon (pack your own or enjoy a carvery meal) + Mass at 4.00pm. Arrive back in M'head 6.45pm. See parish notice boards. Contact John 07931-292934 /01628-636668 to join.

REGULAR EVENTS

- ❖ **3rd Sundays 3pm Filipino Mass** SJ Church
- ❖ **Mondays 10am Mother's Prayers** SJ Church
- ❖ **1st & 3rd Tuesdays 2.30 – 4.30pm Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)** SJ St Liz Room
- ❖ **Thursdays Zoom Room: 2pm Rosary / 6pm Journey through Holy scriptures** www.tinyurl.com/2hz5axvp
- ❖ **Fridays 8.45-10:45am Baby & Toddler Group** SEC Centre (term time) / **6pm Legion of Mary** SJ Church. Contact Tereza for more info 07878 117907



St Mary's Catholic Pre-School Sept 2026 intake.
Pop into the school for an application form or contact 01628 627013 for an appointment!

CLASSES/ EVENTS IN SJ

See website for privately run events

- **Tuesdays: Practical Art** Join U3A untutored Art Group. Every 1st & 3rd Tues 2-4pm in SJ Hall. Contact Peter 01628 674097
- **Wednesdays: 5-6pm Taichi** in Hall.
- **Thursdays 6pm** Yoga with Una. All proceeds to SJ!

EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE

- **Starting 23 Apr 7.15- 9pm** for 7 weeks **The Life in the Spirit Seminars** online via Zoom . Register <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/0ntyh8dxTF6b72BXv1LByg> + **special Holy Spirit Day on 23 May** St Bede's Church Basingstoke
- **9 May 9am Formation morning for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.** St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester. Register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Each September, up to 6 boys join Westminster Cathedral Choir School in Year 4 or Year 5.

Choristership offers the chance to sing in a world class choir while attending one of the country's leading independent boys school with generous scholarships, and additional means-tested bursaries available covering up to 100% of fees. No extensive musical background required – just a genuine love of singing! Find out more on **29 Apr 6:30pm**. Register <https://tinyurl.com/2zsf92j8> or contact Rachel Bonnet at 020 7798 908/ RBonnet@choirschool.com

YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY

If you are 18-25 and looking for a new challenge, the Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and work in Churches and schools around the area. Internship scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives you the chance to join a vibrant team doing some amazing work. director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.com/join-the-team/

SACRAMENTALS All **forms** can be found here: <https://stjosephsparish.co.uk/newsletter/>

- 💧 **Baptism Course 7 Apr 7pm** For expecting parents and parents whose child(ren) is being baptised in M'head
- ♥ **Marriage:** Thinking of getting married? Enquire via our online form!
- ♥ **MARRIAGE SUPPORT:** If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

Confirmation & First Holy Communion Classes:

- **FHC: Next session SJ:19 Apr 9.30am.** Please stay on for Mass, & refrain from bringing devices to class/church.
- 💧 **Confirmation** Next class **SEC: 18 Apr 4.45pm, STM: 25 Apr 4.45pm.** Please bring along your Mass attendance cards. Please also bring along a copy of your baptism certificate (for those not baptised in the Parish). This is very important to ensure you can be confirmed.

✂ **OCIA:** Congratulations to all fully initiated candidates!

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