

Sunday Message

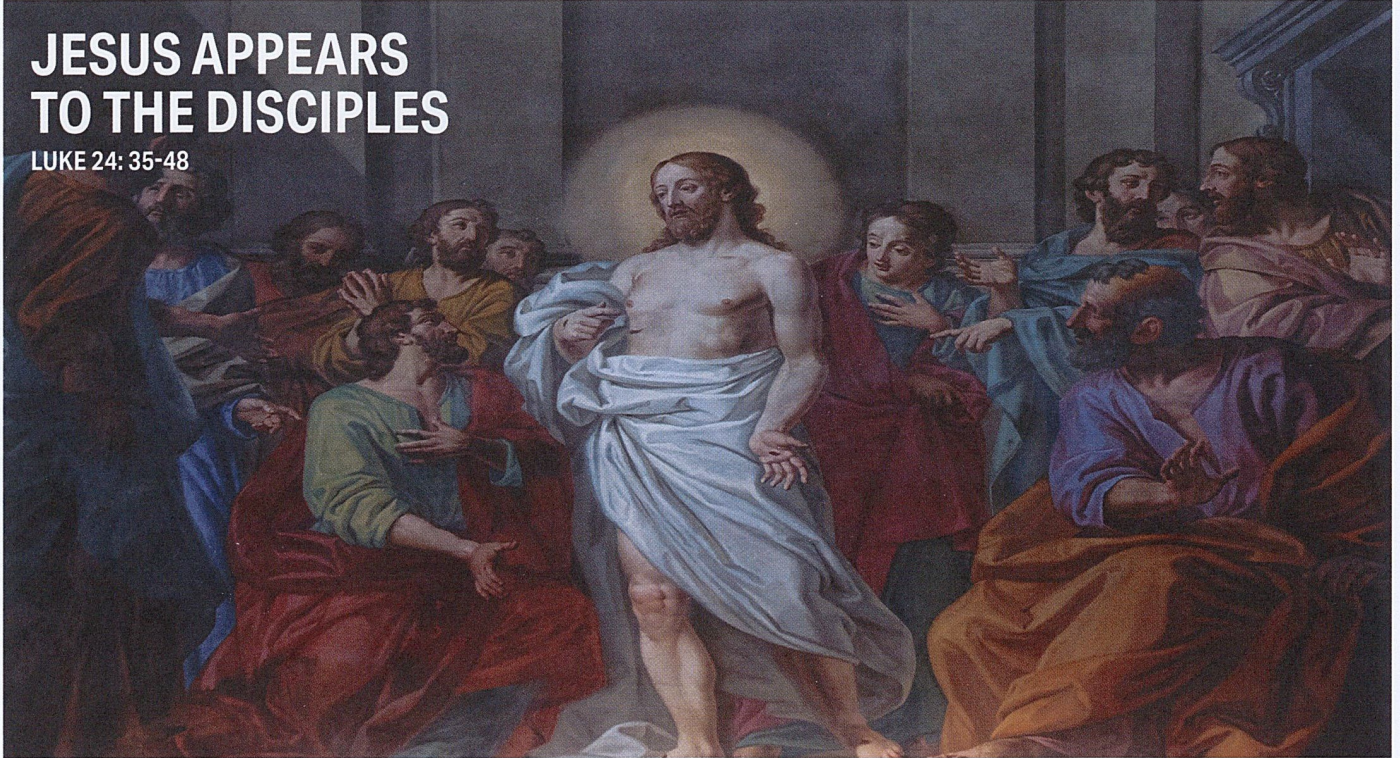
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

Year B • 14 April 2024 • Psalter Week 3

JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES

LUKE 24: 35-48



The disciples cannot make sense of Jesus' death. Nor can they make sense of what is going on when Jesus appears to them. When this Gospel is written, Luke writes it to strengthen the belief that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. By themselves, the disciples cannot arrive at an understanding of what is going on, they need the risen Christ to uncover the meaning of what is happening.

The two disciples of Emmaus have returned to Jerusalem to tell their story of a personal encounter with Jesus and how they recognised him at the breaking of bread. But can the assembly of the disciples make sense of all that has happened? While they are still talking and debating about all they have heard, Jesus appears among them. And like the account in John's Gospel, he prays peace upon this holy gathering. Rather than recognising Jesus, they are alarmed and frightened. They think they are seeing a ghost. They are unable to make sense of what is happening before their eyes. There are parallels here with the story of Doubting Thomas. He too struggled with the initial signs shown by the risen Jesus. Here too, the appearance of Jesus does not open the eyes of the disciples. Only the risen Christ can take the disciples from mystery to revelation, from confusion to understanding. ■

REFLECT

The understanding of the Church today and the unique insights we have of the risen Jesus and his life and ministry are based on the unique experiences of the early disciples and the documentation of these experiences in the bible. The first disciples may have struggled initially to make sense of what was happening before their eyes. However, they did not keep their experiences to themselves. They became missionaries, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the world. The Church is always missionary and evangelises everywhere. As this text is being written, Pope Francis is visiting the Church in Mongolia. A place where the initial seeds of the Word are growing and where the presence of Pope Francis offers hope and encouragement to all who believe. Every generation must make the message of Jesus its own and pass it on to others. We keep the message alive by giving it away. We recognise Jesus at the breaking of bread, and we show his peace and love to the world. ■

LEARN

'The source of the Church's mission is the conviction that Christ is risen and fully alive and present to the community of believing Christians.' (Archbishop John Niendstedt)

SAY

'Give something, however small, to one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.'

(Saint Gregory of Nazianzus)

DO

How can you be of service to God's people this week? Is there a reluctance in you to volunteer for a worthy parish initiative? How can you support your fellow lay missionaries?





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Parish Bulletin

A Very Big Thank You

A huge thank you must go to Dipak and his wonderful team for such an enjoyable Curry Lunch last Sunday. They managed to feed over 90 people with a most amazing selection of Indian Food. The hall buzzed with such a friendly atmosphere and everyone commented what a great success it had been and how grateful we are to have such talented people in our Parish. We would like to thank everyone for coming and particularly all those who helped in any way to make the lunch such a resounding success. We managed to raise around £700, so thank you also for your generosity. The funds will go towards our Outreach projects.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Please make a note in your diary to join the Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Norfolk, the National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady, on **Saturday 18th May**. More details to follow

Grandparents Pilgrimage

A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. As always please car share if possible as parking is limited. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Places can be booked through this link [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(26-Jun-2024\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)

Big Church Festival

Big Church Festival 25-26 May 2024

A Christian music festival in the heart of our Diocese. Join with 30,000 people from across the UK and beyond to worship together on the Wiston estate in West Sussex. With Mass on Sunday morning being celebrated by our very own Bishop Richard.

Save up to 52% by booking with this link <https://bigchurch.group/2024/catholics-at-big-church-festival>

School Volunteers Required

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice?

Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school?

Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, add to parish and school life whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists.

Contact the CAFOD A&B office at:-

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Email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

Website: www.cafod.org.uk

Marriage Care Volunteers Needed!

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support. We are looking for Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage (full training is provided for this role), Qualified Relationship Counsellors to support couples in distress and Trustees to provide governance and strategic direction for the organisation. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Springs Event

The next Ecumenical Springs Event will be on **Friday 19th April 7.45 for 8pm** at Three Counties Vineyard Church, Hammer GU27 3QW. The talk is entitled "A Better Story" reaching into our Past, Present and Future. The talk will be given by Lisa Rodrigues. Some of you may remember Lisa as she was a member of our Parish.

Caring for Creation In the Community:

Earth Day Family Celebration, Haslemere Museum, Saturday 20 April 10.30-4pm

"Come along to Haslemere Museum to consider sustainability, the environment and the natural world in advance of this year's Earth Day. There will be Stalls, Displays, Kids' Activities, Pre-loved Clothes. Free Entry. Cafe Open

Invitation From 3 Counties Vineyard Church

Saturday, 27 April 7:00pm - 9:30pm 3 Counties Vineyard, Linchmere Road, Hammer, GU27 3QW An evening for anyone wanting to engage more in discussion about climate change from a Christian perspective. Come and see the film 'Talking About Climate Change' presented by Katherine Hayhoe (a leading US climate scientist and Christian). There will be breaks for discussion and refreshments.

100 Club

Thank you to all members of the 100 Club for their continued membership. The 100 Club is one of the main ways in which the whole Parish can continue to raise money on a regular basis for charitable donations. The cost of one ticket is £5 per month but you can have more than one ticket plus there is a chance of winning a cash prize.,£150, £100 & £50.

If you are interested in joining the 100 Club forms are available at the back of the Church, given to Fr Rajesh or contact The Parish Office.

Welcome to New Parishioners

We would like to express a very warm welcome all new parishioners and ask that you take a few moments to go to our website and enter your current personal details which will be included in the new Parish Database. This will help us all stay connected and ease the Parish Office work. On the top bar of the Website on the far right click 'Contact' and then the option for 'Online Data Form'. Be sure to give permission for your details to be used by the Parish. For those without internet access please ask Parish Office for a form to complete and Diane will enter the details on your behalf. For a link to our website click [here](#)

The Haslemere Food Bank

The Food Bank is having to support increasing numbers of people in need at a time when many are experiencing financial hardship. Please place items in the collection box in the porch. Thank you all for your continuing generosity in support of those in need.

April Jubilarians

Stephen Ballard, Sheila Danson, Michaela Gilbert, Vivianne Franklin, Guy Lemieux, Angela Diben, Samantha Dudley, Patricia Ives, Katarzyna Blaszczyk, Stuart King, Timothy Glover, Charlotte Lindsay, Dorin Simons, An-

namaria Raczy, Marylou Honey, Christopher Kelly, Avril Cooper, Easter Oxley, Jodie Ripley, Michael Humphrey, Piotr Sidorowicz, Nick Crane, Luke,, Gedge-Gibson, Tara Budden, Robert Dibden, Elizabeth Desanges, Frances Clayton, Ivy Clayton, Cecily Holt, Ireneusz Stadler, Angela Cash, Clive Evenden, Adrian Miller and Sherine Mathew.

Repository The shop at Our Lady of Lourdes will now usually be open every Sunday following the 11am Mass. Come and browse.

Diocesan Weekly E-Bulletin

The Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Please click on the link to sign up mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist – it's a great way to stay in touch!

Live Simply Tips

"Pray the News" - as you listen to a bulletin or read the paper, say a quick prayer for those adversely affected or offer thanks for the fortunate ones.

Second Collection

NEXT WEEK

For Education of Future Priests
(Gift Aid)

Please pray for:

The sick: Diana Molyneux, Louise Milford, Hazel O'Flynn, Joan Shaw, Abigail Stafford Johnson, Livy Miller, Louise Reeve, Patricia Reidy, Tish Watkinson, Jo Allen, Jane Adolph, Carmel & Roland Murray, Teresa Marshall, Alberto Costantini, Sebastian Codlin, and Betty Harding.

The Deceased: Gwen Wheeler, Caroline Braun, Sister Kilda, Edward Thorneycroft, Penny Hennen Frances Prince, Peter Allen, Sister Bettine Tarver and Sean Casey.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 14 Apr — THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

6pm (Sat)	SA	All Parishioners	
9.00am	ST		
9.30am	HX		
11.00am	OLL		Elsy Augustine RIP
12.30pm	OLL		First Holy Communion Candidates First Confessions

Monday 15 Apr — Monday after the Third Sunday of Easter

11.30am	HX	NO MASS
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Tuesday 16 Apr — Tuesday after the Third Sunday of Easter

10am	SA	NO MASS
11.30am	HX	

Wednesday 17 Apr — Wednesday after the Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am	HX	NO MASS
10am	ST	

Thursday 18 Apr — Thursday after the Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am	HX	
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Friday 19 Apr — Friday after the Third Sunday of Easter

10am	OLL	
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Saturday 20 Apr — Saturday after the Third Sunday of Easter

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Sunday 21 Apr — FOURTH 'Good Shepherd' SUNDAY OF EASTER

6pm (Sat)	SA	All Parishioners
9.00am	ST	
9.30am	HX	
11.00am	OLL	

Confession on Saturdays by appointment tel.: 01428 643877

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of
our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope to
the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites,
and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his
servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed
over and then disowned in the presence of
Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him.
It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just
One, you who demanded the reprieve of a
murderer while you killed the prince of life. God,
however, raised him from the dead, and to that
fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor
your leaders had any idea what you were really
doing; this was the way God carried out what
he had foretold, when he said through all his
prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you
must repent and turn to God, so that your sins
may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 4 :2,4,7,9

Response:

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.
Or Alleluia!

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me! (R.)

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those
whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)

3. What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.
(R.)

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at
once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.
(R.)

SECOND READING

1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John.

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.
We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him,'
and does not keep his commandments, is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk
to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

The disciples told their story of what had
happened on the road and how they had
recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about this when Jesus
himself stood among them and said to them,
"Peace be with you!" In a state of alarm and
fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost.
But he said, "Why are you so agitated, and why
are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at
my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me
and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and
bones as you can see I have." And as he said
this he showed them his hands and feet. Their
joy was so great that they could not believe it,
and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to
them, "Have you anything here to eat?" And
they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he
took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, "This is what I meant when
I said, while I was still with you, that everything
written about me in the Law of Moses, in the
Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled."
He then opened their minds to understand the
scriptures, and he said to them, "So you see
how it is written that the Christ would suffer and
on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in
his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins
would be preached to all the nations, beginning
from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(all bow during the next two lines)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such great
gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day
rise from the dead;
in his name repentance and remission of sins
must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal
mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

