



**The Parish of English Martyrs,
St Joseph & St Peter
in Chard, Ilminster and Crewkerne.**

THE GOOD NEWS

15th April 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

“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 ...” (Mark 24: 46-48)

In today’s Gospel, the brief introductory mention of the encounter on the road to Emmaus sets the scene for the rest of the Gospel passage and shows the two main themes that are found in most accounts of the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus:- the experience of the risen Lord, and the ritual meal of the community. It simply states that they recognised him in the breaking of the bread. Luke’s main interest is to show that the risen Jesus is the same person the apostles had known prior to the crucifixion. He emphasises the reality of Jesus’ bodily resurrection, but it makes clear that the resurrection is not a return to earthly life – Jesus has risen to a new life beyond death.

It was by combining various passages from the prophets that the early Christians came to accept the idea that a suffering Messiah was part of God’s plan of salvation. So Luke has the risen Lord showing the apostles how the scriptures had foretold that the Christ would suffer and so enter into his glory. Jesus also gives them a mission – the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins.

Today’s Gospel reading reminds us, also, that we need to be fed from both tables in the liturgy. Without the word of God, received in the Liturgy of the Word, our sharing in the Paschal Mystery in the Liturgy of the Eucharist is incomplete. We, too, need our minds ***“opened....to understand the scriptures”*** if we are to participate in the life of the Risen Christ.

Welcome to this House of God: Talk to God before Mass, listen to God during Mass, talk to others after Mass.

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Induction Loop
systems are installed
in our churches in
Chard & Crewkerne.

BULLETIN BOARD

Fr Dominic would like to thank parishioners for their Easter offerings, cards and gifts.

Clifton Children's Society Annual Appeal takes place this weekend so please be as generous as you can in today's Special Collection. Your donations greatly contribute to their work finding families for children who need them, and providing lifelong support to them once they are adopted. **You can text your donation** via mobile to CCSA04 on 70070. CCS need to find many more adoptive families and would love to hear from anyone considering adoption. For information please call CCS on 0117 935 0005

The Taize group meet on alternate Thursdays - see Page 3. Please join us as we learn more chants to sing during mass and services. You do not have to be a singer!

The 2018 DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE will take place from 24th to 31st August. If you are interested please contact Deacon David Wakefield on 07711 834800.

MARCH COFFEE MORNING: Well done to the Men's Group who raised **£197.10** on a damp and misty Saturday!

GOOD FRIDAY's collection for the Holy Places raised **£195.06**. Thank you!.

CHOIR CONCERT: Thank you to all who supported this event, which raised **£957.45** for our 2019 Centenary Fund. Special thanks to the Yorkshire Mixture Singers, who gave their services completely free of charge. It was a wonderful evening!

COFFEE & TEA EVERY SUNDAY in the hall, after the 11am Mass. Please encourage all visitors to join us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES will be held every week in Chard after 11.00am Mass, commencing on Sunday 29th April. Candidates need to attend at least six classes to be eligible to make their First Communion on Sunday 1st July..

FOOD BANK: *There is great need in our local communities. Please support your local food bank by donating items of non-perishable food. There are collection boxes in our churches in Chard and Ilminster, and in Crewkerne you can donate at the "Churches Together" collection point at the Town Hall.*

Community Nativity event: A planning meeting will be held on **Monday 23rd April at 6.30 pm in the Guildhall, Chard**. Please come along if you are interested or would like to help in any way.

PARISH OUTING TO UGBROOKE HOUSE & GARDENS, DEVON

Wednesday 16th May 2018



£28 per head, which includes:

- Return Coach Travel & Driver's tip
- Mass in St. Cyprian's Chapel
- Two-course buffet lunch
- Guided Tour of Ugbrooke House
- Tea/Coffee and a look around the gardens.

Tickets on sale after all Sunday masses.
Book early, as places are limited!

AT MASS AND IN YOUR PRAYERS
THIS WEEK

Please remember with the whole Church, our Pope Francis and those who hold high office under him.

Our whole Diocese follows a cycle of Prayer, so during Easter we are asked to pray for: New Members of the Church; Vocations; Human Work; The Right Use of the Media; The Church.

In our own Parish, we pray for all parishioners and visitors; for those who are unable to be with us today, the sick and the housebound and those who care for them, and all who have asked for our prayers, all those who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

DIARY

Thursday, 26th April: *Taize Group meet at 7pm in Chard.*

Saturday, 5th May: *Parish Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 11.30am*

Tuesday, 15th May: *CLG meeting at 11.00am in Chard. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE** - a week later than usual!*

Wednesday, 16th May: *Parish Outing to Ugbrooke - see Page 2.*

Monday, 21st May: *SVP Meeting at 10am*

*Please take this
newsletter home with you as a
reminder of this week's
Masses and events*

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St. Alphege (953c - 1012) was a native of Bath, a monk at Deerhurst in Gloucestershire, later a hermit on Lansdown Hill and then, respectively, Abbott of Bath, Bishop of Winchester and finally Archbishop of Canterbury. In 1011 the Danes captured Canterbury. Alphege was imprisoned and an enormous ransom was asked for him, which he forbade to be paid. The Danes murdered him at Greenwich during a drinking bout and by his death he became a national hero.

St. Anselm (1033 - 1109): Anselm was a monk at Bec in France under the influence of Lanfranc. He was made Prior and to this period belong his famous prayers and meditations. He succeeded Lanfranc as Archbishop of Canterbury, where he defended the rights and liberties of the Church against encroachments of the English Kings, who plundered the Church's lands, impeded the Archbishop's communications with the Holy See and claimed the right to invest prelates with ring and crozier, symbols of the Church's spiritual jurisdiction. Anselm was a great philosopher. He developed a method of reasoning which prepared the way for the great thinkers of the Middle Ages. He was devoted to Our Lady and was the first to establish the feast of the Immaculate Conception in the West.

CONFESSIONS: Chard - Tuesdays and Saturdays, after Mass; Ilminster - Saturdays, after mass. Crewkerne - by arrangement with Fr. Dominic

MASS - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

- ENTRANCE HYMN:** 644 - Alleluia, sing to Jesus
- FIRST READING:** from the Acts of the Apostles 3: v 13 - 15
- RESPONSE:** **Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.**
- SECOND READING:** from the first letter of St. John 2: v 1 - 5.
- GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** **Alleluia, Alleluia!** Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. **Alleluia!**
- GOSPEL:** from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 24: 35 - 48.
- CREED:** **Said**
- OFFERTORY HYMN:** 610 - Take our bread, we ask you
- OUR FATHER:** **Said**
- COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.
- COMMUNION HYMN:** 720 - Be still, for the presence of the Lord
- RECESSIONAL HYMN:** 772 - Lord Jesus Christ
- Today: Special Collection for CCS Adoption Children's Society*
- NEXT SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year B**

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES for this week - EASTER WEEK 3, Year B

Saturday 14th,	5.30pm	Ilminster	Mass:	<i>James Hollywood RIP</i>
Sunday 15th April	9.00am	Crewkerne	Mass:	<i>Deceased members of the Rowntree & Kearney families.</i>
	11.00am	Chard	Mass:	
Monday 16th April	NO MASS or PRAYERS			
Tuesday 17th April	6.40pm	Chard	Evening Prayer	
	7.00pm		Mass	<i>Sally Nulty</i>
Wednesday 18th April:	10.00am	Ilminster	Mass	<i>Veronica, Julia & Simon Shuldham</i>
Thursday 19th April:	9.10am	Chard	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am		Mass	
Friday 20th April:	9.10am	Chard	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am		Mass	
Saturday 21st April:	9.10am	Chard	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am		Mass	<i>Clifton Mission Benefactors Fund</i>
Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday of Easter (Yr B)				
Saturday 21st,	5.30pm	Ilminster	Mass	
Sunday 22nd April:	9.00am	Crewkerne	Mass	<i>Shaun Cosgrove RIP & Patrick Cosgrove RIP</i>
	11.00am	Chard	Mass	<i>Peter & Fanny Williams Wedding anniversary</i>