

Third Sunday of Easter

Our first reading on this Third Sunday of Easter is a portion of a sermon which the Apostle Peter preached in the temple after he had spoken these powerful words to a man who was lame from birth: "I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." What we hear today is his message, boldly proclaiming the Gospel and calling those in the temple to repentance. Notice, the Lord was continuing His ministry. Now, through His Apostles. Just as He had promised He would. And, these Apostles had just left the upper room, where they had been filled with the Holy Spirit.

So it still is in our day. The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ, and Jesus is with us right now. The Risen Lord is here, with us. He is not dead. He is alive. Do we honestly believe this? We should. And, the same Holy Spirit has been given to each one of us. We need to recover the holy boldness and living faith which characterized the early Church. We can, if we ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with His power.

Our Gospel today immediately follows the wonderful account of the Risen Jesus walking alongside of two of the disciples as they journeyed to Emmaus. They did not recognize Him, at first. Even as he broke open all the scriptures for them. They finally recognized him in the breaking of the bread. This "breaking of the bread" points to the Eucharist, the breaking of the Bread which continues at every Holy Mass. The two disciples recounted this wonderful post-Resurrection account to the others. Then, Jesus stood in their midst and greeted them with these words, "Peace be with you". He showed them His glorified wounds and invited them to touch them! Then, he ate the fish they offered. Then, He "opened their minds to understand the scriptures".

The Risen Jesus wanted them to know He was alive, in His glorified Body. He wants us to know this as well. Jesus Christ is not dead. He has been raised. And we receive Him in the most Holy Eucharist every Holy Mass. *(Deacon Keith Fournier)*



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SAFEGUARDING - The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Epi Pfunde and Miss Lilli Pace. They can be contacted at sg.olol.kingswinford@racob.org.uk or sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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14TH APRIL 2024

PSALM RESPONSE

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus

In the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Easter B1	Easter	Intention/Info
Sunday 13th/14th 3rd Sunday of Easter	9.45am Mass BH 10.30am KF	People of the Parish Michael Skelding
Monday 15th	10am Mass KF	Christopher Payne
Tuesday 16th	10.30am Funeral Service KF	Salvatore Calleia
Wednesday 17th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Bert Mifsud Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 18th	9am Mass School	School Intention
Friday 19th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Holy Souls Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 20th	5pm Mass KF	People of the Parish
Sunday 20th/21st 4th Sunday of Easter	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Gareth Floyd

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Salvatore Calleia, those on our April deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Chris Payne, Fr Cecil, Irene Brown, Christine Holding, Brian Saunders, Christine, Marlene and Tony Lyons, Ian Manley, Noel O'Reilly, Georgina Czuk, Martha Jones, Mavis Geach, Sheila Rowley, Roger Ward, Pauline Bant, Dorothy West, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Chris and Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Rob Bryan, Betty Storey and Connie Birch. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

Collections BH 31/3 GA £42.00 Raffle £241.00 Teas £13.60
7/4 GA £23.00 Loose £133.04 Maintenance £71.85
KF 7/4 GA £107.00 Loose £158.64 Maintenance £69.31 Candles £42.14

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Church maintenance, next week for Clergy Training Fund.

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 15th Apr 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre
KINGSWINFORD: Friday 9.30 - 11.30am Foodbank.

FOODBANKS - If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations as the need is growing.

DO YOU LIVE ALONE?

If so, please complete the form in the Sacristy, or speak to Fr Shanju, with your contact number and if possible, the contact name and number of a relative. These will be kept securely in the safe. We can then ensure that you are ok if you are missing unexpectedly from Mass. Thank you.

Fr Stefan will be saying Mass at KF next Saturday. Please make him welcome.

Tea/coffee after Mass - Please join Fr Shanju and stay for tea and coffee after Mass on Sunday morning at BH for a chat and a catch up. No teas at KF until further notice.

Wall at BH - the wall has now been replaced. Thank you to all those who have contributed to this costs, especially by the raffle and other donations.

Walsingham Pilgrimage - Saturday 11th May organised by Fr Philip Griffin. Please see poster at the back of Church and the website www.walsingham.org.uk for more information. Fr Philip needs to know by the end of April if you will be attending.

Job vacancy for Deputy Diocesan Solicitor Please see poster at the back of Church for more information.

Foodshare break-in as some of you know the foodshare store at Old Hill was broken into and all their expensive stock was stolen including £120 worth of coffee and a large donation of toiletries from the Black Country food bank. Joan Rees has sent the following message *"The foodshare gang would like to thank everyone for their kind generosity following the break in and stealing of stock from the garage. We were overcome by how everyone helped us over such a nasty experience. Thank you all and God bless"*

Saturday 27th April the children from St Mary's Primary School will be making their First Holy Communion at BH at 10am. Please pray for them, their families and the teachers who are preparing them to receive the Blessed Sacrament for the first time.

Missio wishes to thank all parishioners who have contributed through the Red Boxes as well as via Direct Debits, cheques and online. Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners raised £1,457.34 in 2023 and the Archdiocese of Birmingham raised over £200,000. For further information on obtaining a Red Box or making contributions via Direct Debits, cheques or online please contact Richard Turner on 07974-824251.

Pope's prayer intention for April For the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. Amen.