



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

SCHEDULE

Sun 19th	3rd Sunday of Easter 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:45 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
	Parish Leadership 12:00 Meeting	
Mon 20th	Easter week 3 08:00 Mass	
Tue 21st	Easter week 3 09:15 Mass	
Wed	Easter week 3	—
Thu 23rd	10:00-12:00 Garden Open	
	St George 12:00 Mass	
	12:30 Friendship Group	
Fri 24th	Easter week 3 09:15 Mass	
	Peace Vigil 18:00 Holy Hour & Evening Prayer 19:00 Mass for world peace 19:45 Rosary & Night Prayer	
Sat 25th	10:00-12:00 Garden Open	
	Sacramental Programme 11:00 Meeting	
	St Mark 11:00 Confession & Adoration 12:00 Mass	
	4th Sunday of Easter 17:00 Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 26th	4th Sunday of Easter 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	

Saint George, intercede for us with God, that we may have the courage to overcome challenges and remain steadfast in our faith, even in the face of adversity. Protect us from the physical and spiritual dangers that threaten our well-being. Saint George, patron saint of England, soldiers, and all those in danger, pray for us. Amen.

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

The Resurrection appearance of Jesus on the road to Emmaus is tantalising and mysterious and might lead us to ask all sorts of questions beginning with, "Why?" So, you might like to read the passage carefully again and answer these questions.

Why were the disciples walking away from Jerusalem and going to a village called Emmaus? Why didn't these two disciples recognise Jesus? Why doesn't Jesus just reveal himself to them and say, look, it's me?

Why didn't these two disciples respond more positively to the testimony of the women? We learn that they had heard a report that some of the women had seen a vision of angels declaring Jesus to be alive. Why didn't they take note of what these women had said and go to check out the story?

Why did Jesus have to go through all the scriptures with them again? He would have done this in the three years he spent with them and the Gospel accounts make clear that Jesus explained to his disciples that the Son of Man would have to suffer and die and be raised up on the third day. Why have they forgotten everything?

They still haven't recognised Jesus, so why did they ask him to stay with them?" Why were their eyes opened? Why did they recognise him in the breaking of the bread? Why did their hearts burn within them as he explained the scriptures to them. Why did he then vanish from their sight?

God bless, Fr Kevin.

HOLY HOUR, PEACE VIGIL AND MASS FOR WORLD PEACE

Pope Leo has asked the Church throughout the world to pray for peace, especially in the Middle East. We are called to celebrate masses for this intention and to hold peace vigils. I have therefore arranged a Peace Vigil for Friday 24 April as follows:

- ✘ **18.00 – 19.00** Holy Hour with Evening Prayer, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Confession.
- ✘ **19.00 – 19.45** Mass for World Peace
- ✘ **19.45 – 20.30** Rosary and Night Prayer

Even if you can't come for the whole time, please do your best to attend at least some of the above.

PARISH PRAYERS

If you would like a mass offered for a specific intention, pass an envelope with an offering of £10 or more to Fr Kevin, noting if it should be kept private.



MASS INTENTIONS

HEALTH: SIMON ROSE, HELEN MERCER

ANNIVERSARY: MARTIN GORDON (53RD)

OUR BRETHREN WHO ARE UNWELL

AILSA SMITH, JANET MCCARTHY, JENNIFER HUNTER, MARTIN BRENNAN, TOMMY LOFTUS

"EASY READ" BIBLES

I was very pleased that so many of you bought these beautiful editions of the Bible last weekend. They are very reasonably priced at £5.00. They will continue to be on sale for the next few weeks and in the Piety Shop, but hurry, they are selling fast!

SPACES IN SACRED HEART SCHOOL (Y1 & Y4)

Due to the relocation of some of our lovely children, Sacred Heart school currently has space in Years 1 and 4. Please call the school (0161 223 0231) or visit the school office if you require a place in either of these year groups.

PARISH FUNDAY

On June 6th we will have a parish "funday"! In advance of this, we need people to volunteer help with organising and on the day. Please contact Fr Kevin, Wendy or Ann.

CONTACT US

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Murphy
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SPRING CLEAN IN THE GARDEN

Come along any **Thursday or Saturday**. join our volunteers and help to get the garden ready for the year ahead. There are lots of tasks to help with. Children are welcome as long as they are accompanied by adults. Reminder, we have Stations of the Cross in our gardens—come and enjoy the beauty of God's creation bursting into life.

CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. www.castleriggmanor.com or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (CST) WEBINAR

Caritas Salford is offering a free webinar to introduce the basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) in an accessible way, with a particular focus on building hope, homes and a positive future for all.. Online **Thursday 30th April**, 6PM to 7.15PM. Register for your free place or find out more: www.caritassalford.org.uk/events

CATHOLIC CHURCHES—RESEARCH PROJECT

This research is investigating the perception of beauty in church architecture and how this may affect the spiritual experience of Priests, Laity and Public. It is part of a MSc programme at University of the Built Environment (formerly known as UCEM) by Simon Gibson, You can complete it here: <https://forms.gle/byxFG6a3w3hyKNqMA>






SEASONAL WELLBEING EVENTS

These sessions are designed for seasonal connection with nature where we will heal, restore and focus on our mind, body and spirit. The 'Summer' session on **Friday 3 July**, The 'Autumn' session will be on **Friday 16 October** and The 'Winter' session will be on **Friday 15 January 2027**. The cost is £5 per session. Please register by emailing laudatosicentre@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk 0797 338 0443

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKEND APR 10-11TH	
 Basket	£132.10
 Basket	£234.00
 Digital	£366.66

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