

Third Sunday of Easter

19th April 2026



Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy
gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened
and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in
righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading (Acts 2:14a, 36-41)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
But Peter, standing with the eleven,
raised his voice and addressed them,
Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with
certainty that God has made him both Lord and
Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."
Now when they heard this, they were cut to the
heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles,
"Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them,
"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the

name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be
forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy
Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children,
and for all who are far away, everyone whom the
Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with
many other arguments and exhorted them, saying,
"Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So
those who welcomed his message were baptized,
and that day about three thousand persons were
added.

Psalm (Psalm 116)

Response: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. /R

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name. /R

The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. /R

Second Reading (1 Peter 1:17-23)

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all
people impartially according to their deeds, live in
reverent fear during the time of your exile. You
know that you were ransomed from the futile ways
inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable
things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood
of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or
blemish. He was destined before the foundation of
the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages
for your sake. Through him you have come to trust
in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him
glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.
Now that you have purified your souls by your
obedience to the truth so that you have genuine
mutual love, love one another deeply from the
heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable
but of imperishable seed, through the living and
enduring word of God.

Gospel (Luke 24:13-35)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

For your prayers

In our Prayers:

Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher, Sheila Hoppenbrouwers, Fr Michael Shier, Carol Martin, Philomena Sorrenti, Hope Oram, Sherry Lacken, Doug Williams, Neville Thomas, Lynn Williamson, Juan Carlos Mandich, Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira Batista, Joanne Dack, Jaqueline Ives, Joan Rivellini, Tommy Naylor, Lenny Shaw, Stephen Green, Riva Hodges, Sue Bloom, Sarah Chambers, Dwight d'Aguilar Gooden, Bea Ray, Eudora Maame de Graft-Yankah, Martha de Graft-Johnson, David Wilkinson, Josea Cabey, Ian Isaacs, William Flynn

Among the departed:

David Crowley, Maggie Stevenson

Anniversaries of Death:

Samuel Gibson, Doris Arthur, Susan Harris, Marjorie Thorpe, John Yeowell, Kathleen Curtis, Mary Adams, Michael Ramsey (Bp), Leah Winter, Tiverton Pridie (Pr)

In our parish:

We pray for Galway Street and Galway House

In the wider world:

We pray for the Middle East and a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Gaza and between Israel and Iran. We pray for all those suffering in those conflicts.

Notices

This Week in Church

Wednesday Open Church: 10am-1pm
12.30pm Mass

Next Sunday Good Shepherd Sunday
10.30am Family Mass