

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.*

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... **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 2:14. 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: "Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

"Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 15

RESPONSE: *Show us, Lord, the path of life.*

Or **Alleluia!**

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: "You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize." **R.**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known

since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

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 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, "What matters are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, "You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days." "What things?" he asked. "All about Jesus of Nazareth," they answered, "who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing."

Then he said to them, "You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?" Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. "It is nearly evening," they said, "and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?"

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, "Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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... **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, 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... **Amen.**

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Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals: Awaiting new appointment.

Please contact either Fr Paul, Fr Luke or one of the other Ipswich priests if you or a family member are going in to hospital.

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Third Sunday of Easter 23rd April 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A.

Sunday Hymns: Entrance: 54 *Battle is Over, Hell's Armies Flee* Offertory: 243 *In Bread We Bring You*

Communion: 326 *Lord Jesus Christ* Recession: 15 *Alleluia Sing To Jesus*

Services During the Coming Week

Saturday 22 nd April	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass, Third Sunday of Easter offered for Albertina Vieira RIP. Reader R Cork, offertory Cork family
Sunday 23 rd April	8:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for Edward Riches RIP. Reader F Vieira, offertory Moore family, Eucharistic Minister E Cleary
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Reader J Iannelli, offertory M Geisel, Eucharistic Minister J Poll
Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass today prepared and served by Julie & Michael		
Monday 24 th April		St George, Patron Saint of England No Mass Today
Tuesday 25 th April		St Mark the Evangelist
	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for George & Gladys Collins (Foundation Mass)
Wednesday 26 th April		Easter FERIA
	12 noon	Holy Mass offered for Albertina Vieira RIP
Thursday 27 th April		Easter FERIA
	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for Elsie Lacey RIP (Foundation Mass)
Friday 28 th April		Easter FERIA
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for Albertina Vieira RIP, followed by Exposition and a chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday 29 th April	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass, Fourth Sunday of Easter offered for the people of the parish.

Today's Gospel: Today's Gospel continues to show us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed. When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognise him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognised. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger and only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist. We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them. Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word - what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God. In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger to stay with them, and during the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognise the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others. *Courtesy of Loyola Press*

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Next Sunday, 30th April, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the purpose of which is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instructions to "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest". We are all asked to pray especially for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and to help support those that have already responded to the Lord's calling, there will be a second collection next weekend for the Diocesan Priest's Training Fund.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: The Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham, led by Bishop Peter Collins, will take place on Monday 1st May 2023. There is a coach running from Ipswich which will pick up at St Mary's, St Mark's and St Mary Magdalen churches and seats can be booked at £12 per person. There is a signup sheet for the coach in the church porch along with full details of the pilgrimage, which can also be found on the parish web site.

150 Club: There are a number of subscriptions for the 150 Club that have not as yet been paid. The first draw of the new year was due to have been made next Sunday, 30th April, but will be delayed to allow more time for any late payments to be received. If you have not yet submitted your payment, please do so as soon as possible. Any new subscribers will be very welcome to join the Club to help offset a number of members who have left during the past few months. Membership application forms are available in the porch, or you can use the new online application form on the parish web site.

Parish Registration: There is a new parish registration form which can be found in the church porch and also on the parish web site. All parishioners are asked to complete and return a form to ensure that the parish records are up to date. Please return completed forms to Fr Paul.

Parish Key-Holders: For insurance purposes we need to have a list of key holders for the parish property, and we want to update our records to make sure that we have all the information correctly recorded. Again, there are forms in the church porch, and on the parish web site, and we would request that anybody that holds any key for any parish property completes one of these forms to record their details and details of each of the keys they hold.

Hall Roof: Remedial works to the roof of the church hall will begin on Monday 24th April. Scaffolding will be erected first thing Monday morning and the works are expected to take 4-5 weeks to complete. Parking may be impacted during this time.

Ladies Tea & Chat Club: The ladies will be meeting on Friday 28th April, being the last Friday of the month, in the Garden Room at 2:30. This session is very informal – a chance to meet with fellow parishioners for a cup of tea and a chat, and it's open to all. Just come along on Friday.

The Sick of the Parish: We ask your prayers for all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted, housebound or distressed. Comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit: John Anderson-Hurst, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Sheila Curry, Jo Fox, Fabiana Di Mascio, Patrick Doran, Josephine Kalagira, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, David Nash, Pauline Newton, Mary O'Reilly, Carol Sims and Pippa Williamson.

Our Own Dear Departed: Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Nigel Shee (1995), Amelia Wright (2009), Elsie Lacey (2013), Bernard Oliver (2000), Canon Edward McBride, former parish priest (2011), Lucy Mountford (2006), Martin Mongan (1961), Joan Haznos (1993) and James Ratcliffe (1992) whose anniversaries occur about this time. A complete list of parish anniversaries can be found on the web site.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace