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Third Sunday of Easter 11.04.2021

Sat 17 Apr 6.00pm **Streamed: no people**
Sun 18 Apr 9.00am (Carterton) Adele Maxwell A
Third Easter Sunday Florencio Gamad GE
10.15am **Streamed +People**
Andrew & Isabel Pinto A

Mon 19 Apr Fr Antony Conlon A
Tue 20 Apr 12.00noon **Requiem Marie Whelan**
Wed 21 Apr Rosary Call
Thu 22 Apr Special intention
Fri 23 Apr 6.00pm (Burford) M. Tabor A

St George
Sat 24 Apr 6.00pm Streamed: no people
Sun 25 Apr 9.00am (**Bampton**) **+People**
Fourth Easter Sunday People of the Parish
10.15am **Streamed + People**
Elaine Barry LD

N.B. Live-streaming of 10.15am Sunday Mass

Details on website: www.stjosephscarterton.uk

PLEASE MUTE YOURSELVES

Which Masses can I attend in person?
Sundays 9.00am and 10.15am (+ Burford
Fridays 6.00pm)

- ***Bampton:** Sunday Masses at 9.00am on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. On other Sundays the 9.00am Mass is at Carterton.
- ***Pastoral Ministry** Please contact me if you or anyone you know is in need of the sacraments. I will gladly come to you.
- ***Red Boxes** Please return your Mission / APF boxes between now and the end of May.
- ***Factoid:** Gordon Brown received a first in history from Edinburgh Univ. at age nineteen!

Please pray for those who have died: Rodney Forder, Joe Lambe, Pauline Leverett, Olive Harcourt, Christopher Murphy, Joan Clements, Monica Owen, Kate Gargan, Anne Jennings, Angela Overton, Marie Drew, John Robinson, John Joseph O'Neill, Michael Jackson, Rose Lane, Mary Hannah, Robert Eszenyi, David Gotelier, Sue Hand, Graham Copping, Romy Sadler-Tomkins, Jim & Lily Rooney, Terry Curtin, Frederick Shaw, Annette Steele, Marie Whelan, Elaine Barry.

Anniversaries: Adèle Maxwell, Stephen James, Evelyn Morse.

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war: Pat Hay, Anne Gillick, Wendy Murray, Catherine Robinson, Peter Garfoot, Peter Doran, Lukasz Konieczny, Brendan Reynolds, Brendan Farrow, Phil Rice, Natalia Romanek, John Middleton, Pat Haddock, Mario Bugeja, Justin Family, Dom Michael Phillips, Kathleen Fagan, Jen Thomas, Ann Heaton, Celia McCauley, Pat Hand, Rodrigo Bantug, John Pollock, Richard, Nkechi, Celia Fairbrother, Pauline Allen, Stephen, Cynthia Brick, John Titcombe, Dominic Martin, Isalina de Freitas.

- ***Elaine Barry** sadly died on Monday 12 April. Her funeral will be delayed till next month.
- *Please pray for **Dominic Martin** who is very poorly.
- ***Talk on Church Finances in a time of Pandemic** by Rev. David Palmer former Treasurer of the Archdiocese. **On Sun 18th April 1.45pm for a 2pm start.** In recent years income to parishes has steadily reduced and costs continue to rise. The pandemic will have a significant impact on that situation. So understanding the financial situation is topical. To register for the Zoom Meeting, Email: actabham@gmail.com **cf link below**

Why no weekday Masses at St Joseph's?
Simple answer: too few stewards have volunteered to help.

Link address to the talk on Church Finances mentioned above.

<https://redcliffe.zoom.us/j/84083946770?pwd=YkNNb0lPM0RCbjJMajh0SmJBUUV2QT09>

First reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19. Second reading: I John 2:1-5. Gospel: Luke 24:35-48
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You may recall my referring to St Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury (almost certainly the greatest theologian Archbishop there has ever been) on the fourth Sunday of Advent last December. In an important work entitled, Why did God become a human being? he answered his own question. Sin, which created a rift between us and our creator, has to be made good; to be atoned for. We should make satisfaction for it, but human beings are unable to do so. Only God can remove the obstacle which sin poses. Since only mankind ought to make satisfaction and only God can do so, this work must be achieved by a God-man, whom we know as Jesus Christ. Anselm argued further that the redemption of humanity is necessary, since if humanity is left unredeemed, God's purpose for humanity would be frustrated, which for an omnipotent God is a contradiction.

If this line of thinking is relevant to what we celebrate at Christmas, it is still more so at Easter. The plot thickens and the next stage in God's cunning plan becomes apparent. This involves our own active participation. God has saved us without our lifting a finger, but in order that it take effect, we must register our interest (no password is necessary, but commitment is.) Remaining indifferent is not an option: getting involved is an essential part of fulfilling our baptism; namely our mission or vocation.

In all the accounts of the risen Jesus manifesting his presence there is no appearance without a commission for mission. (cf last words of Jesus in Mt). In today's Gospel Luke records what Jesus tells them. Jesus has hot-footed it from Emmaeus, where he was eating supper with Cleopas and his friend and suddenly vanished, and hardly have they hurried back and arrived at the upper-room in Jerusalem than he re-appears. The disciples are to remain in Jerusalem until empowered by the Holy Spirit (at Pentecost). As St John puts it in a remarkably similar account of Easter evening, 'As the Father has sent me, so I (now) send you'. But what is radically new is that the mission is now 'to all nations' and no longer just to Israel. It fits in with Anselm's argument: redemption is for all and it is the vocation of every Christian to make it known universally. St Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, will show the fulfilling of this mission mandate.

St Luke opened his account of Jesus' Galilean ministry with the episode where Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue at Nazareth. (Luke 4) 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring the good news to the poor.....'. Jesus then added, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled as you hear it.' So too, here at the ending of Luke's Gospel at this evening meal and on the road to Emmaus Jesus interprets the scriptures as now fulfilled in his death and resurrection.

We tend to talk about the Resurrection, but we ought rather to speak of the Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, since it is not about a mere concept of life after death but is about proclaiming a personal resurrection. This person has made a universal impact, 'a new creation'. It is **'in Christ'** that all things are to be made new and, as today's gospel tells us, it is in Christ's 'name', his power and his presence, that the communion and mission of Christians is to be lived out.

At every Mass, as we celebrate the sacrifice of his passion and death, his resurrection and ascension, we have the elements of the scriptures, the sacramental meal, the real presence of Christ, the fellowship/communion and the empowering for mission. Like the disciples walking to Emmaeus we too experience the heart-warming scriptures opened to us, the recognition in

the breaking of bread and eating of fish, ('have you got anything to eat?', prompted by Jesus' exasperation at the dumbfounded, fish-like stares of his disciples), the bodily presence of Jesus and the fellowship communion and mission redirected.