

From Sunday's Gospel

After Jesus had been crucified, two of his disciples were on their way to a village called Emmaus. They were feeling sad and talking together about all that had happened and how some women had seen a vision of angels who declared that Jesus was alive. Then as they were talking,

Jesus came and walked by their side and talked to them about the scriptures, but something prevented them from recognising him. As evening approached, the disciples invited Jesus to stay with them for supper. It was then that Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them, and as he did so their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but then he vanished from their sight. Then they said to one another, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?" Filled with joy, they set out immediately and returned to their friends in Jerusalem and told them all that had happened and how they had recognised Jesus in the breaking of bread.



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Newsletter during the time of the suspension of Public Worship

Fr Bernard will continue to celebrate Mass

IN PRIVATE without any people present at 9.00am each morning

3rd Sunday of Easter 26th April 2020

The intentions are as follows:

Sunday: People of the Parish
Monday: Tommy Cresham and Baby Eliza
Tuesday: James Richard Olney
Wednesday: Special Intention (EH)
Thursday: Sr Raphael Lynch
Friday: Those in need at this time
Saturday: Good health of the McMahon Family
Sunday: Thomas and Patricia McGreal

There will be only **one** Mass each day. **The Church will remain closed until further notice.**

Confessions by appointment.

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Pope Francis says, "My young friends, each encounter with Jesus changes our life. Jesus is with us today! He is alive, Jesus is in our

hearts. Today's word is **Jesus**. Our lives are enriched when we know Jesus. He is with us at all times and in all places. We meet him in prayer and in other people. The more we know about Jesus through reading the gospels and talking about him, the easier it is to recognise him. Knowing and following Jesus helps our families to grow in love for each other and to be happy. Each of us can choose to do something this week to be more like Jesus. We might think about our favourite story about him, spend a little time in prayer, and if we have a decision to make ask, 'What would Jesus do?'

A Note from Nicaragua

When Fr Ernesto died on March 1st this year, I wondered if our links with Nicaragua would come to an end. I soon found out when the very next day I received an email from Fr Luis who had taken Fr Ernesto's place and moved into his house. One of the last things Fr Ernesto said to Fr Luis was to keep in touch with me. I feel very honoured. He inherited the puppy and the mouse who remain good friends. In a recent email to Fr Luis I asked about his 'parish' and this is what he wrote:



"I have about 10/12 villages and they are from 10 minutes walk to 10 miles over mud track road. So you can see they have the breaking of bread when they or I can get to be together. Most things are by trucks, horseback or horse and cart and some cars that I am not sure how they hold together. Most of these villages do not have electricity and when they do have it, it is by a pump

that switches off at about 10pm at night. Then it is candles or cerosene lamps. The populations of the villages vary from about 1,000 to 3,000. The co-op operates for all of them and the system of sharing utensils, food, clothes, shoes, toys, books etc is part of that. A wonderful set up

My house has a kitchen with an arm chair and rocking chair. Then a bedroom and bathroom. The water comes from the well. So I carry water to the bathroom for a shower but the toilet does work as a toilet. I have to heat the water on the stove for washing myself. "

This is so hugely different from our own experience here in Saddleworth and it is good for us to know how other people are living in different parts of the world. Despite their lack of what we would utterly take for granted there is a care for others as shown by the establishment of the co-op as mentioned above. Virtually every day when Fr Luis opens the door to let the puppy out there is fruit, vegetables, bread and cheese left at his door, and a thoughtful hen lays a couple of eggs near where he lives! More next week.

From Negative to Positive



We are used to phrases like 'self isolating' and 'social distancing' which are very much a reality in our daily lives, and, from recent comments are likely to remain so for some time. So far we have been given no information as to how and when things might change, for the better. No doubt we will in the future but in the meantime even a change of emphasis can help. In Ireland they are replacing 'social distancing' with 'safe contacting', putting the emphasis on the positive rather than the negative. This can bring a sense of hope into an otherwise bleak situation, and all of us need HOPE especially at this time.



Online Catechesis from the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

Mgr John Armitage, the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, is offering a programme of Catechesis (starting Monday 27th April) via the Walsingham Shrine website www.walsingham.org.uk. Please



If you would like to support Cornerstone go to their website cornerstonecds.org where there is a facility to send a monetary contribution. In the Latest News section, just scroll down a bit, they have put on an Amazon wishes list. This lists various things for sale on Amazon that they require. You buy them and put the delivery address as Cornerstone Day Centre, 104 Denmark Road, Manchester, M15 6JS. They will distribute the goods as appropriate. (Information sent by Philip and Celia. Thank You)



If anyone needs assistance please contact Fr Bernard
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