

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

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.**

### Responsorial Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

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

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.**

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.**

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.**

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

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 cf. Lk 24:32

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

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 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.**

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# Parish Newsletter

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2026

## VOCATIONS SUNDAY

**Next Sunday**

**26th April 2026**

Good Shepherd Sunday – Vocations Sunday, “Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy.” – Pope Leo XIV, Message for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2026

In his message for this year’s World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that vocation is an “interior discovery” of God’s gift, planted deep within our hearts and nurtured through prayer, listening, and trust. He encourages all of us to create a spirit of faith, prayer, and support, so that God’s call may be heard and generously embraced.

We give thanks that, in the Archdiocese of Dublin, there are currently three seminarians, along with others discerning a call to the priesthood this year.

Their generous “yes” is a powerful sign of hope for our Church and our communities.

Let us keep them in our prayers, and also remember all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, lay ministry, or family life. May they find the courage to pause, listen, and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd.

**The Lay Ministry Appeal** will be held on the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd.

**This year’s theme is *Building faith-filled communities.***

**Thought** We are God’s unlikely teapot. He is the tea. He fills us and pours Himself out as we bend to His use. Teapots can be pretty, crack lined, old, out of fashion, or modern, of unusual angles; but the tea always revives. Fragile, and sometimes in danger of breaking, teapots or teacups, whether receiving or being used, we are all in need of You Lord.



We remember  
**Audrey McGowan**  
whose Funeral Mass  
takes place on Monday  
morning at 10.00am  
**Angela McNally**  
who died recently  
**MAY THEY REST  
IN PEACE**

## KNOCK PILGRIMAGE – LAST CALL

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday week, April 25. Whether you are arriving as a group or individually, you will be very welcome in Knock as we celebrate one of the larger diocesan occasions of the year. The pilgrimage will provide an opportunity for us all to gather together as a diocese to share our faith and to inspire each other in our mission to make Christ present to the people of our times.



## WHAT’S ON

**Monday 20th April**

**Choir practise** at 7.45pm

**Parish Pastoral Council**

**meeting** in the Pastoral Space at 7.30pm.

**Thursday 23rd April**

After Mass the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood.

**Friday 24th April**

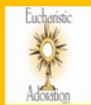
**Eucharistic Prayer Group** meets in the Oratory from 2.30pm-3.30pm. All welcome.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Monday to Friday**

**10.30am to 5.00pm.**

**in the Oratory.**



## Church Collections

w/e 11th/12th April 2026

1st Priests: €788

2nd Collection: €529

Envelopes: €1119

*Koins for Kids Ireland is a voluntary charity dedicated to funding a life-saving pediatric MRI scanner. This crucial equipment will profoundly impact young lives for decades to come.*

*We believe every coin and banknote, no matter how small, has a home with us.*

*You can drop off your donation at the Parish Office.*

## PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week’s Jackpot.

The winning numbers were 8, 16, 17, 21

**The Jackpot is €3,500**

Congratulations to last week’s winners of the three €20 Prizes.

The Draw takes place on

Tuesday morning before 10 a.m. Mass. Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe in the church by 11.00a.m. on Mondays. All are welcome to attend the draw.