

Dear Friends

When Jesus was resurrected, many of those who saw him did not recognize him immediately. When Mary Magdalene encountered him at the empty tomb, she thought he was the gardener. At first, the disciples on the road to Emmaus thought that he was just a stranger who had caught up with them on the road. Jesus appeared to his friends and disciples in an unfamiliar form.

If he had just come back to them as before there would have been people who were convinced that he had not been resurrected. They would have believed only that he had never died, or that he had been resuscitated after only seeming to die.

Mary Magdalene knew that it was him only when he said her name. The disciples recognized him only in the breaking of the bread. To all these people, Jesus was miraculously, both greatly different from before, and yet clearly the same person.

The testimony of those people who saw Jesus but did not recognise him at first, are a witness against the falsehood that Jesus was not resurrected after **real** death. It was evident that the cross was no illusion. It was also manifest that he lived!

Whenever we are discouraged in our faith, when we do not recognise Jesus in our lives, whenever our hopes seem to be crucified, we need to turn back to Galilee, to the road of discipleship that we had embarked upon before things went wrong. In one guise or another, Christ always meets us on the road, burns holes in our hearts, explains the latest crucifixion to us, and walks with us back to Galilee and to our discipleship.

Dcn. Huw

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

Although we are not able to use our church at the moment, the parish still has regular financial commitments to meet, even though we are not currently able to make our weekly offertory in church. If you usually give to the parish in this way would you please consider setting up a standing order to make your regular payment, if you are able to do this. You could also make single payments through your bank as and when you can. The parish bank details are:- **Account name: ST FELIX CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

Sort code: 60-10-21

Account number: 90018850



PARISH OF ST. FELIX

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

26th April 2020

[Psalter Week 3]

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NO CHURCH SERVICES until further notice
(our church remains fully closed)

LITURGY of the WORD – Sunday 26th April 2020

1st reading: *It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades*
Acts of the Apostles chapter 2 verses 14, 22 -33

Psalm: *Show us, Lord, the path of life.*
Psalm 15 verses 1-2, 5, 7-11

2nd reading: *Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.*
1 Peter chapter 1 verses 17-21

Gospel: *They recognised him at the breaking of bread.*
The Gospel according to Luke chapter 24 verses 13-35

An Act of Spiritual Communion

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



A Prayer for Carers, Nurses and Doctors



Lord Jesus, who healed the sick
and gave them new life,
be with doctors, nurses and carers,
as they act as agents of your
healing touch.
In desperate times, keep them
strong yet loving;
and when their work is done,
be with them in their weariness
and in their tears.
Amen.

*(Althea Hayton, adapted)
from Norfolk & Norwich University
Hospital Chaplaincy*



Look what I did...

I never inherited my parents' green fingers... which is my explanation for my little camellia bush previously always failing to flower. However this year it is covered with lovely blooms and all I did was watch, admire and tell it how beautiful it is... and such a source of joy.

How about sharing photos of your gardening successes or local natural beauty with us, and spreading the joy too?

PRAYER INTENTIONS

"... if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving" (Philippians 4:6)

Please pray for all who are sick, those who are anxious or troubled, and for all those requesting our prayers:

[As we cannot put our intentions in our prayer intentions book in church at the present time please send them to linda.pector@gmail.com if you would like to do so, to be included here]

- Pray for Da. A's brother-in-law, Jim, who is seriously ill in ICU with Covid-19, and for his worried family.
- Pray for all health workers, carers and essential workers, especially the many who are members of our parish family.

God our Father,
we pray for the many people who have asked for our prayers
for their healing and their peace.
Hold them, shelter them and keep them in your tender care.
Comfort those who grieve and give courage to those who are fearful.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Pamela Dashwood, Amy Argent, Ingjera Hefford, John Aldis, Rose Kiernan, Christopher Brown, Victor Smith, Eileen McClellan

During Easter time, we are asked to pray for:

New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, The Right Use of the Media, The Church.

Pray with Pope Francis:

In May Pope Francis asks us to join him in praying for:

Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Stay in, stay safe and well.
Keep in touch with each other however you can
and look forward to the time when we can come together again.

PRAYING TOGETHER

Although we cannot come together physically at the moment we can unite in hearts and minds to raise our voices to God in praise and intercession:

Each day, we will come together, wherever we are, and whenever we can, to pray as Our Lord taught us saying **OUR FATHER...**

We will pray The Lord's Prayer in solidarity with **everyone** affected by the Covid-19 crisis, and especially those working with people who are sick, and those caring for and supporting people who are most vulnerable.

Why not call someone who is alone and pray The Lord's Prayer together?

LITURGY of the WORD

Bishop Alan has asked Deacon Huw to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in St. Felix Church when he can. Dcn. Huw will be alone, behind closed, locked doors. However we can unite with him from home, reading and reflecting on the day's readings using a Missal if we have one, or a Bible.

10.00 a.m. 26th April – Third Sunday of Easter

Readings for Sunday are listed above.

6.00 p.m. Tuesday 28th April

Acts: 7 v. 51-8 v. 1, Psalm: 30 v. 3-4, 6-8, 17, 21

The Gospel according to John: 6 v. 30-35

6.00 p.m. Wednesday 29th April – St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe

1 John: 1 v. 5 – 2 v. 2, Psalm: 102 v. 1-4, 8-9, 13-14, 17-18

The Gospel according to Matthew: 11 v. 25-30

LENTEN ALMS

We will donate our Lenten alms to
St. Nicholas Hospice Care including the Haverhill Hub
in memory of Fr. Michael.

Please keep your Lenten alms and bring them to church when we are able to gather together again, and then we will donate the accumulated amount to St. Nicholas Hospice Care.

Thank you

[Before our church closure our Lenten Alms donations had reached £55.30]



What do you call a dog magician?

A labraCadabrador!

[BOOM! BOOM!]

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Liturgical/prayer resources you can access from home are available on the Bishops Conference of England and Wales [CBCEW] website.

The Shrine at Walsingham also 'Live streams' 3 daily Masses and other prayers 24/7. The Masses etc. are recorded and can be accessed at other times. Go to **www.walsingham.org.uk**

Links to parishes in the diocese live-streaming Masses and other prayers and services are on the Diocesan website:

rcdea.org.uk/east-anglia-masses-to-be-live-streamed

If you have DAB, '**Radio Maria England**' also broadcasts Masses and other prayers.

Those of us who do not have access to the internet have our Prayer Books, Missals and Bibles.



Food donations can still be made at Tesco's, Sainsbury's and other stores

Current shortages are:

coffee, instant mash, rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes.

To make a financial donation, please go to the

Reach Community Projects Donation page . THANK YOU

ST. FELIX YOUNG PARISHIONERS

I hope you and your families continue to keep well. The Children's Liturgy Group are keeping you all in our prayers each day. Remember many churches are live-streaming Sunday Mass and other masses and services during the week. There are details in this newsletter.

Children's Liturgy activities for this Sunday are in the file sent with this newsletter. Other resources are still available online at:

cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy

Parents, please continue to encourage the children to keep their church activities in a folder of some kind, and when we are back together, they could bring it into church and we will celebrate what they have done.

Keep safe and well. With best wishes and prayers,

Angela Wilson, Children's Liturgy Group

GOD SPEAKS

Written beside a lake in Finland

*God spoke into the heart of the little girl as she sat on the landing stage over the lake.
'Little girl, how do you know me?'*

'I know you as I watch the fish darting in and out of the shadows in the water, when I see the sun glinting on their scales. I know you as I watch the tiny insects skating over the lake and the ducks quacking and searching for them, teaching their ducklings how to feed. I know you as I watch the striped grebes dance and dive. That's when I know you.'

And God spoke to the boy in a boat on the lake.

'Little boy, how do you know me?'

'I know you as I row on the lake and the wind ruffles the surface; I know you as I look back towards our cottage and recognise the trees. I know you as I remember being taught how to row and enjoy the silence of the lake and the sunset. That's when I know you.'

And God spoke to the woman as she hung the clothes on the line.

'Woman, how do you know me?'

'I know you in the kitchen as I bake, and around the table as everyone enjoys a meal; I know you in the warmth of the sauna and the coolness of the water. I know you in the laughter of my children and the embrace of my husband. That's when I know you.'

And God spoke to the man in the wood.

'Man, how do you know me?'

I know you in the stillness and silence of the forest, in the wind in the trees, in the tap of the woodpecker, the flight of a bird, and the beauty of the snow. I know you in the companionship of the trees, the fire burning in the cottage and a good meal to eat. That's when I know you.'

And God said,

'You are right. You have known me in all of these things but there is a greater gift I have given you. Deep within your being my Son lives. He came on earth as one of you and made each person special to me. Each person can meet me deep in their hearts and know my plan, my purpose for them. Know my heart joins with theirs in love. Know my comfort in their pain, my laughter in their joy, my closeness when fearful, and my love always sustaining them. It is good to know me in my creation and the gifts received in each relationship, but ask for more. Ask to meet with me deep inside yourself where I join my Son and we make our home, and there, there you will receive your strength from us. That's how I want you to know me.'

by Lea Jamieson



Margaret
Beaufort
Institute of
Theology

21 May 2020
9.00 – 13.00

A Zoom seminar

**NO JUSTICE
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CURRENT WAVE OF
POPULISM**

led by Dr Janusz Salamon

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by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter.