

## PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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**April 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Third Sunday of Easter**

### ❖ Third Sunday of Easter

The story of Emmaus is one of the loveliest stories in the gospel. It is a Eucharistic catechesis: a liturgy of the Word is followed by a liturgy of the Eucharist – the breaking of bread. Jesus joins the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. He explains the Scriptures to them and revealed himself in the breaking of bread. The same thing happens to us when we gather for the Eucharist. Jesus speaks to us in the Scriptures and nourishes us in Communion.

### ❖ First Reading: (Acts 2:14.22-28)

On the feast of Pentecost, Peter preaches to the Jews about the resurrection of Jesus.

### ❖ Second Reading: (1 Pet. 17-21)

The benefits we enjoy as Christians we won by Christ through the shedding of his blood. Our response should be a life of holiness.

### ❖ Gospel: (Luke 24: 13-35)

The risen Jesus joins two of his disciples on their journey and shows them that it was by dying that he entered into glory.

### Reflection

All of us have some experience of the road to Emmaus,  
That road represents the road of disappointments,  
Failure, sorrow, and broken dreams.  
But the risen Lord journeys with us,  
His resurrection opens all our stories to the prospect,  
Not just of a good ending, but of a glorious ending.  
Stay with us, Lord, and let your presence inflame our hearts,  
And raise our spirits, so that we may journey towards your kingdom  
with undimmed hope.

## Virtual Pilgrimage to Knock with the Archdiocese of Dublin this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

The Programme is as follows:

- 2.30p.m. Rosary
  - 3.00p.m. Pilgrimage Mass celebrated by the Rector of Knock Shrine, Fr. Richard Gibbons
  - 3.45p.m. Benediction
  - 4.00p.m. Virtual visit to the Apparition Chapel
  - 4.15p.m. Opportunity to place a petition, light a candle or have a Mass said online.
- You can join the pilgrimage from this link:  
<https://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live.html>

Sincere thanks to all who have returned **Easter Pastoral Offerings**.  
Your support at this time is very much appreciated.

### ❖ Pray for the souls of:

**Kay Faughnan** (*mother of Eimear McEntee C/knock Rise*),  
**Joe Smith** (*husband of Moira C/knock Drive*),  
**Michael Kinsella, Fr. Paddy Byrne, Fr. Philip O'Driscoll,**  
**Mary Joe Bergin, Sr. Vera Kelly, Bill Barry and Eithne Ryan**  
*and all who died recently in Ireland*

### ❖ Remember also,

**Nora Flynn, Patrick, Elizabeth and Angela McEvitt,**  
**Gerry McCarrick, Loretta Jennings and**  
**Margaret Lacey**  
*whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on  
the Altar List of the Dead.*