

**The Catholic Parish  
of  
Our Lady, Star of the Sea**



**3rd Week of Easter, Year A**  
*Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle I, Psalter Week III*

“Yes, it is true.  
The Lord has risen  
and has appeared to Simon.”

Luke 24:34

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**Parish Church:** Catholic Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Gordon Road, Lowestoft, NR32 1NL.

**Chapel of Ease:** St Nicholas' Catholic Church, Morton Road, Lowestoft, NR33 0JQ.

**Other Clergy:** Rev. Fr. Stephen Bould; Rev. Fr. Neville McClement, Rev. Mr. Stephen Pomeroy.

**Parish Newsletter:** Items for consideration need to be sent to Fr Pádraig - [frpmfoh@gmail.com](mailto:frpmfoh@gmail.com) – by Wednesday Evening please. The Completed Newsletter will be posted on the Website each Saturday.

### **Gospel Reflection**

“On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week’s Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week’s Gospel, today’s Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed. When we read today’s Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist. We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today’s reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them. Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God. In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples’ eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.”

**Please do visit the “Wednesday Word” Website each week for short Reflections on the Sunday Readings:** <http://www.wednesdayword.org/sunday-gospel.htm>

### **Interested in working with children and young people?**

Leaving school or university in the summer and deciding what to do next? In between jobs, or would like to do something 'different'? The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for people age 18-35 to join the Ignite Team, sharing the Gospel Message with young people. These are full-time positions initially for either 12 months (September intake) or 6 months (January intake), with training, food, accommodation and a monthly allowance provided. For more information see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)

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**R** E-gí-na cae-li \* laetá-re, alle-lú-ia : Qui- a quem  
me-ru- ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia : Re-surré-xit, sic-ut di-xit,  
alle-lú-ia : Ora pro no-bis De-um, alle-lú- ia.

℣. Gaude et laetáre, Virgo María, allelúia.

℟. Quia surréxit Dóminus vere, allelúia.

### Catholic Primary School

A reminder to all our parents that the local Catholic Primary School is St Mary's, located on Kirkley Cliff Road (NR33 0DG). For anyone who is considering a school placement for their child, from reception through to Year 6, I would recommend contacting the school and arranging either a tour or a meeting with the Head of School, Mrs Ewa Parker, Tel: 01502 565384. For more information please visit: <https://www.stmarysrcps.com>

### Upcoming Second Collections for 2023

**29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> April** – Vocations – the formation of Seminarians for the Priesthood.

**20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> May** – Catholic Communications Network – World Communications Day.

**17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> June** – Life Charities – Day for Life.

**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Peter's Pence – The Holy Father's Charitable Work.

**8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> July** – Missio – Mill Hill Mission Appeal.

**29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> July** – Society of St Columban – Mission Appeal.

### Weekly Collection

Thank you for last week's collection which amounted to £402.94 (Plus the regular standing orders of c.£403). Your continued financial support for your parish, the diocese and the wider Universal Church is much needed and very much appreciated.

### We Pray for...

We pray for all in our Parish who are currently unwell and who are suffering from illness of one kind or another, praying especially for the housebound who are not able to join us for regular worship. We pray also for those who have recently passed away and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time; may they rest in peace. Names of the Sick and the Deceased may be written in the Parish Prayer Books and will be prayed for.

**Mass & Service Times for the Coming Week: April 23<sup>rd</sup> – April 29<sup>th</sup>**

- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A)  
Offered for: Michael Mills (RIP)
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A)  
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A)  
Offered for: Trevor Stone (RIP) & Josie Langan (RIP)
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Solemnity, St George)  
Offered for:
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 - Our Lady's** (Feast, St Mark)  
Offered for:
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 - Our Lady's (Requiem Mass)** (Easter Feria)  
Offered for: Anita Roche (RIP)
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - 18:00 - Our Lady's (Followed by 1/2hr Adoration)** (Easter Feria)  
Offered for:
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Easter Feria)  
Offered for:
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feast, St Catherine of Siena)  
Offered for:
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (4th Sunday of Easter, Year A)  
Offered for: Elizabeth Summerville (RIP)
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (4th Sunday of Easter, Year A)  
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (4th Sunday of Easter, Year A)  
Offered for:

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**Confessions:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place every week during Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (from 9:30 to c.10am) following the 9am Mass on Saturday Morning. One may also make an appointment with Fr Pádraig for confession at another suitable time.

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, living or deceased, or for a particular intention (exams, interview, etc.), please collect a pre-printed envelope from the back of the church. Details of your request, including the preferred date, can then be entered on the front of the envelope (legibly please) and then your offering may be placed inside before being given to Fr Pádraig.

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