



# Gospel Newsletter



St. Michael Catholic Primary School and Nursery  
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## Third Sunday of Easter

April 2026

### Luke 24:13-35

You can share a variety of liturgies linked to this

week's gospel with your child at home.

You can find weekly Gospel Liturgies from The Mark 10 Mission by clicking on the link [here](#).

You can also share the Children's Liturgy from Redemptorist Publications with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph by clicking this link [here](#).

Check this newsletter regularly for other links to liturgies designed for children.



Each week, you can download a weekly Bible verse from

*The God Who Speaks* website.

[Click here](#) to access the Weekly Bible Verse archive



The Bible and Catholics  
All Scripture is inspired by God

On that same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a village named Emmaus, about eleven kilometres from Jerusalem, and they were talking to each other about all the things that had happened. As they talked and discussed, Jesus himself drew near and walked along with them; they saw him, but somehow did not recognise him. Jesus said to them, "What are you talking about to each other, as you walk along?"

They stood still with sad faces. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have been happening there these last few days?"

"What things?" he asked.

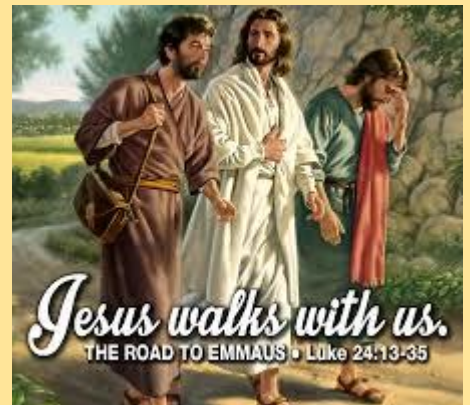
"The things that happened to Jesus of Nazareth," they answered. "This man was a prophet and was considered by God and by all the people to be powerful in everything he said and did. Our chief priests and rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and he was crucified. And we had hoped that he would be the one who was going to set Israel free! Besides all that, this is now the third day since it happened. Some of the women of our group surprised us; they went at dawn to the tomb, but could not find his body. They came back saying they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive. Some of our group went to the tomb and found it exactly as the women had said, but they did not see him."

Then Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are, how slow you are to believe everything the prophets said! Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter his glory?" And Jesus explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures, beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets.

As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther, but they held him back, saying, "Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark." So he went in to stay with them. He sat down to eat with them, took the bread, and said the blessing; then he broke the bread and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "Wasn't it like a fire burning within us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" They got up at once and went back to Jerusalem where they found the eleven disciples gathered together with the others and saying, "The Lord is risen indeed! He has appeared to Simon!"

The two then explained to them what happened on the road, and how they had recognised the Lord when he broke the bread.

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Two followers of Jesus are walking along on their way to a place called Emmaus. Jesus was crucified two days before and the men are confused because the women have just come back from Jesus' tomb saying that it is empty.

Why was Jesus' tomb empty?

The two followers meet another man along the road and they walk with him. Who do you think this man was? Did they recognise him?

The man explains the Scriptures to them so that they can understand that Jesus is risen from the dead. Do the followers recognise him now?

Finally, they persuade the man to come and eat with them. What happens at the meal?

The man takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and shares it with his friends. Suddenly they realise who it is. Why do you think they recognise Jesus now? Can you think of another time that Jesus broke, blessed and shared the bread?

We are all made in the image of God and Jesus is in each and every person, but often we forget this. We do not always take the time to recognise how special and important each person is.

But our eyes can be opened, just like the disciples in this story. If we take the time to get to know others, to share food with them, perhaps we will come to see Christ in these people, our brothers and sisters, who are part of God's family around the world.

How would you behave if you were eating with Jesus? What would you say? How would you treat him?

And so, if Christ is in each of us, how do you think we should treat each other? The same as we would treat Jesus?

It doesn't matter how different we are to someone else, whether someone is tall or short, has brown skin or white skin, is rich or poor, quiet or loud, Jesus is in us all. And we are called to love one another as we love Jesus.

When you are eating this week, take the time to talk to the people you are with and to think about how Christ is in each and every one of us.

After the meal, the disciples rushed back to Jerusalem to tell other people what had happened. Let us also by our actions show that we believe that Jesus is risen and is always with us. How do you think we could do this?

We can show that we believe in Jesus by treating others as we would wish to be treated, by loving our neighbour as Jesus has asked us and by making the right choices in our lives.

What will you do to show that you believe in Jesus this week?

Art can help  
bring the  
Gospel to  
life for  
children.



You may find the  
website [Christian Art](#) enjoyable to  
explore with your child. Each day they  
share artwork linked to the daily  
Gospel.

**Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'For God  
so loved the world...'  
John 3:16-21**

**The Florence Pieta, Nicodemus  
taking down Christ from the  
Cross,  
Sculpture by Michelangelo di  
Lodovico Buonarroti  
Simoni (1475-1564),  
Unfinished marble sculpture**



We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!



**Summer 2026 Music for Worship**

You can access a number of lyric videos via the Content Library.

- Give Us Hope, O Lord by Christ the Music
- Song of Hope by Christ the Music
- Sing a New Song to the Lord by Ten Ten Resources

You can access our Summer 2026 - Ten Ten Music for Worship playlist on Spotify by scanning the QR code or by clicking below.

Spotify Playlist

Traditional: ['We Walk by Faith'](#) by Marty Haugen  
 Contemporary: ['Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord'](#) by Michael W Smith



You can now access the Ten:Ten Parent Portal at home with the details below.  
 Username: st-michaels-tw15  
 Password: thames-orange  
 Parent Portal:

**Ten:Ten Resources**

[www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal)



YouCat is a guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for children. It is an easy read and a user friendly guide for parents and carers to support their children.

You can find out more about YouCat at [www.youcat.org](http://www.youcat.org)

## Catholic Social Teaching:

*Which principle do you think the gospel teaching best relate to this week?*

**DIGNITY SOLIDARITY THE COMMON GOOD THE OPTION FOR THE POOR PEACE  
 CARE FOR CREATION THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND PARTICIPATION**



## This week's Gospel activity sheet from [CAFOD](#)

### Third Sunday of Easter

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

These children are sharing food, just like Jesus did with the disciples on the Road to Emmaus. It was when he broke the bread and blessed it that they recognised him.

Decorate, cut out and keep this grace to pray when you share food with others. As you pray remember all the people in our world who struggle to get enough to eat:



*First the seed, then the grain.  
 Thank you God for sun and rain.  
 First the flour, then the bread.  
 Thank you God that we are fed.  
 Thank you God, for all your care.  
 Help us all to share and share.  
 Amen.*

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## Key April Liturgical Dates (2026)

- **April 1 (Wednesday):** Wednesday of Holy Week
- **April 2 (Thursday):** Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)
- **April 3 (Friday):** Good Friday (Commemoration of the Lord's Passion)
- **April 4 (Saturday):** Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
- **April 5 (Sunday):** **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
- **April 6–11:** Monday through Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- **April 12 (Sunday):** Second Sunday of Easter (or **Sunday of Divine Mercy**)
- **April 19 (Sunday):** Third Sunday of Easter
- **April 25 (Saturday):** Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist
- **April 26 (Sunday):** Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)
- **April 29 (Wednesday):** Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

## Major Feast Days in April

- **St. Martin I (April 13):** Pope and Martyr
- **St. Bernadette (April 16):** Known for the apparitions at Lourdes
- **St. Anselm (April 21):** Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- **St. George (April 23):** Martyr and Patron of England
- **St. Adalbert (April 23):** Bishop and Martyr
- **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (April 24):** Priest and Martyr
- **St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort (April 28):** Priests
- **St. Pius V (April 30):** Pope and Religious