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**Third Sunday of Easter (Year B) – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm – Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel – Luke 24:35-48

Peace be with you! A simple greeting, a wish, a prayer said by the Lord in the presence of His disciples. The same message is repeated at every celebration of the Mass, the same gift is being passed on to us. We all find ourselves in different circumstances. Today the nation was asked to stand still and observe a minute's silence as the Royal Family grieved at the funeral of Prince Philip. Others would be grieving the loss of their loved ones at home, maybe soon after their funerals or getting ready for the same moment. Other people suffer because of addictions: their own lives or families broken up, thrown out to start a new life. Disagreements at home, frustrations, anger, disappointments, feeling judged or condemned, rejected, full of doubts, or fear and anxiety.

All these painful moments are important in our life, we are likely to remember them for a long time. In the midst of these experiences, the Lord stands next to us and repeats the same message, "Peace be with you!" The Lord reminds us through St. Peter in the first reading that many of those people who inflict all these pains on us probably never realized what they were truly doing. It was how God made sure that His plan for us was being fulfilled. It takes a lot of strength to think this way. It requires us to be empty of our anger and resentment in order that empathy and understanding can flood in. The end result is freedom and new life.

In order to be a person of peace, in order to live what St. Peter is telling us, we need first of all to desire it. We need to be convinced that this is who I am meant to be, that this is the starting point of my journey, that this really is my mission. Then we can look into the various ways in which we need to convert so that we may attain peace. Once we have that intention in our hearts we will start taking up our cross daily and following the One who can give us that peace. We know what that journey looks like, and we know we need the same reassuring words of peace coming from the Lord just as His disciples in the Gospel needed them. He is the One who has power over what takes place within us and disturbs us, He can heal and calm the stormy waters. Let us pray that we may continually search for the peace of the Lord within us and that this gift would be passed on through us to others.

## **Our faithful departed**

We pray for the repose of the soul of John Corcoran whose funeral will take place this Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 10am. Eternal rest grant unto him, o Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

## **Café Programme – Joy of Hope**



**Don't miss: 'The Joy of Hope'**. This informal video-based discussion programme will be held on four consecutive Wednesday evenings via Zoom (**Starting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, at 7.30pm.**) Each session features a short video followed by discussion in small groups and closes with a prayer. The sessions explore the virtue of Christian hope and what it means for us today. Sessions start at 7.30pm and each runs for just over an hour, finishing around 8.30pm. You are very welcome to attend any session.

**To receive further information please e-mail John Kirwan**  
**johnkirwan1a@gmail.com**

**Zoom Link: Meeting ID 828 0652 7052 Passcode 744625**

## **Headteacher vacancy**

The governing body of St Aloysius Primary School would like to appoint a new headteacher to lead our parish's thriving school. The candidate should be a practising and committed Catholic who has proven leadership skills within primary education. We wish to appoint an inspiring individual who will lead our school to greater academic excellence, develop our thriving Catholic ethos and help all our pupils and staff grow in the virtues as we live out our school motto, '*Be ambitious for the higher gifts*'. More information and an application pack is available from the school office:

[office.3842@st-aloysius.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3842@st-aloysius.oxon.sch.uk), on 01865311056 or at [bdes.org.uk/vacancies](https://bdes.org.uk/vacancies). If you know of any Catholic primary teacher who aspires to leadership, please share this advertisement with them!

**Parish donations** – Our website provides you with details of how you can support our parish financially during this time, whether you are a member of our GIFT AID scheme

or not. If you are a tax payer, please take a moment to fill in the relevant form you will find on our website – all at no cost to yourself, but helping us immensely. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### **Intercessory Prayer Group**

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email [GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com](mailto:GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com) or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

### **Diocesan Newsletter**

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email.

Please visit [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news) to sign up.

### **Important information for EU Citizens**

If you are an EU passport holder and have not yet obtained Settled status please be aware that the deadline for this is the end of June this year. It applies regardless of how long you have been resident in the UK. Spread the word! You can ask for help with your application at **Europa Welcome**, based in East Oxford. They can help with language problems and have information on their website in **Tetum**, the language of East Timor, many of whose citizens hold Portuguese passports.

You can find more information generally about who needs to apply for Settled Status here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk>

And here is the website for Asylum Welcome:

<https://www.asylum-welcome.org/europa-welcome>

To read it in **Tetum**, go here:

[https://www.asylumwelcome.org/docs/Asylum%20Welcome%20Eschema%20Settlement%20iha%20EU%20no%20Coronavirus\\_4%20Aug%202020.pdf](https://www.asylumwelcome.org/docs/Asylum%20Welcome%20Eschema%20Settlement%20iha%20EU%20no%20Coronavirus_4%20Aug%202020.pdf)

**NB** The information above does **NOT** apply to Irish citizens as they are covered by the Common Travel Area legislation and do not need to apply for Settled Status.

**Mass Times and Intentions**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)**

9.00am

Holy Souls

11.00am

Parishioners

5.30pm

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary &  
Benefactors

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30am

Rosa Matens da Silva, Fatima Antonia da  
Carvalho, Maria Immanuel de Jesus &  
Domirgas Rodrigues R.I.P.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30am

Br. Antonio's Intentions

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

**St. Conrad of Parzham (Memorial)**

7.30am

Friars & Benefactors

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

7.30am

Br. Pradeep's Intentions

10.00am

Funeral Mass for John Corcoran R.I.P.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**St. George (Solemnity)**

7.30am

Br. Anthony's Intentions

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

8.00am

Imelda Freites Martins R.I.P.

6.30pm

Clementina Maria Da Cunha R.I.P. &  
Agostina Da Cunha

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley**. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.