

# NEWSLETTER

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

(Pages 258 in Mass Book)

(Year A for Sundays) (Cycle 1 for weekdays)

Dear Parishioners

We celebrate the season of Easter for fifty days. The readings at Mass help us to appreciate the presence of the risen Lord in our ordinary lives to this day. We fail to recognise his presence in the people we meet. When Christ seems absent - that's the time he is probably closest to us. This Sunday's Gospel tells the story from St Luke's gospel of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. For me it's the most moving of the post Resurrection accounts. Anglican poet and theologian Malcolm Guite puts it better than anyone:

*'As we walk together into the beautiful Easter season, I thought I would post two new sonnets reflecting on the encounter two disciples had with the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus. The story is told in Luke 24:13-35. This beautiful story helps to unfold the meaning of Christ's resurrection and itself leads to a resurrection of joy and hope in the grieving disciples.'*

## Emmaus 1

*Luke 24:17 'He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast'.*

And do you ask what I am speaking of  
Although you know the whole tale of my heart;  
Its longing and its loss, its hopeless love?  
You walk beside me now and take my part  
As though a stranger, one who doesn't know  
The pit of disappointment, the despair  
The jolts and shudders of my letting go,  
My aching for the one who isn't there.

And yet you know my darkness from within,  
My cry of dereliction is your own,  
You bore the isolation of my sin  
Alone, that I need never be alone.  
Now you reveal the meaning of my story  
That I, who burn with shame, might blaze with glory.

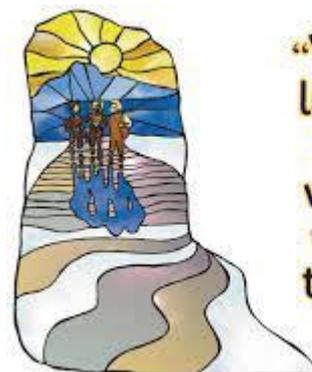


## Emmaus 2

*Luke 24:25-26 Then he said unto them, 'O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?'*

We thought that everything was lost and gone,  
Disaster on disaster overtook us  
The night we left our Jesus all alone  
And we were scattered, and our faith forsook us.  
But oh that foul Friday proved far worse,  
For we had hoped that he had been the one,  
Till crucifixion proved he was a curse,  
And on the cross our hopes were all undone.

Oh foolish, foolish heart why do you grieve?  
Here is good news and comfort to your soul:  
Open your mind to scripture and believe  
He bore the curse for you to make you whole  
The living God was numbered with the dead  
That He might bring you Life in broken bread.



**"Wasn't it  
like a fire  
burning  
within us  
when he  
talked to  
us"**

## Assisted Dying

Churches Alive in Mann (CAIM), which represents all the main Christian denominations on the Island, are united in their response to the proposed Assisted Dying Bill. A press release from CAIM is being sent out this weekend. Hard copies are available at the back of church.

Manx Duty of Care are arranging two public meetings with Dr Claude Reynard, a highly regarded palliative care consultant, entitled 'Assisted Dying: The Facts, The Evidence. These will take place at

- 7pm on Tuesday 16 May at the Keyll Darree Post Graduate Centre, Nobles Hospital
- 7pm on Wednesday 17 May at the Mountain View Innovation Centre, Ramsey.

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We congratulate the children of St Mary's School who will be making their First Holy Communion in St Mary's Church next Saturday morning. Please note there will be no confessions next Saturday morning.

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- An evening of sacred vocal masterpieces will be performed by the **Tallis Consort** featuring guest soloist Jessie Quigley on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** at **St Mary's**. Admission free. Everyone welcome.
- Gardening at St Anthony's has resumed. The next phase will on **Saturday 29 April at 9.30am** for a couple of hours and every fortnight thereafter. Thank you to all those who generously give their time to tidy up the garden and flowerbeds. Just please turn up on the day. Bring your own tools. Refreshments provided.
- Thank you to Anne and Dave Corkill who care for the beautiful flowers in the plant pots at St Mary's Church entrance. Thanks also to our flower arrangers who decorate our churches every week.
- The **Memory Support Group** will next meet on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 10.30am-12noon** in St Anthony's Pastoral Centre. Everyone warmly welcomed. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Josie on 406063.
- **Offertory Collections:** St Anthony's £858 (9/4), £470 (16/4); St Mary & St Joseph £1,650 (9/4), £920 (16/4). Thank you for your unstinting generosity.

## Masses and Services for the coming week

*All Masses and Services from St Mary's are live-streamed*

<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	5.00pm	St Mary's	People of our Parishes
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.00am	St Anthony's St Mary's	Brian Ashworth, recently died Breda Callister
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>St George, Patron of England</b>	12.10 noon	St Mary's	John Myles, birthday anniversary
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>St Mark, Evangelist</b>	10.00am 12.10 noon	St Anthony's St Mary's	<i>Eucharistic Service</i> Ilona Cseke, recently died
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Requiem Mass: Michael McNulty</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>St Maughold, Patron of the Isle of Man</b>	10.00am 12.10 noon 7.30pm	St Anthony's St Mary's St Mary's	Gabrielle Hamer, recently died Michael Dowler, deceased <i>Tallis Consort Concert</i>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.45am</b> 12.10 noon	<b>Crematorium</b> St Mary's	<b>Funeral Service: Dariusz Omyla</b> Alexander family
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Catherine of Siena 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	5.00pm	St Mary's	<i>No Confessions</i> Sue Manning, recently died
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Day of Prayer for Vocations	9.30am 11.00am	St Anthony's St Mary's	People of our Parishes Rose & William Keenan, anniv

We remember **Michael McNulty** and **Dariusz Omyla** whose funerals will take place this coming week. We think of their grieving families and friends. May they rest in peace.