

Reflection

“Their eyes were opened and they recognised him.”

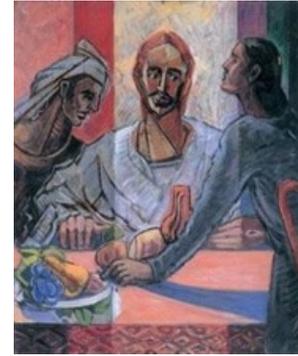
All through life’s day, you walk with us, Lord. Yet, often we don’t recognise you, for we are blinded by work and worry, doubt, confusion and fear, and so you remain a stranger to us.



Before the day’s end we will ask many questions, experience many sorrows and disappointments.

Then, suddenly, whether we are young, middle-aged, or old, we will find that night is approaching.

In that moment we pray, that, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, our eyes will be opened, and that we will recognise you.



**THIRD
SUNDAY OF EASTER
SATURDAY 25th April
Vigil Mass 4.00 pm
SUNDAY 26th April
Mass 9.30 am**

Saturday	25th		Vigil Mass 4 pm	<i>Parishioners</i>
3rd SUNDAY of EASTER	26th		Mass 9.30 am	<i>Archbishop Bernard</i>
Monday	27th	Easter feria	NO MASS	
Tuesday	28th	Easter feria	Mass 10 am	<i>Elizabeth (Betty) Daniels RIP</i>
Wednesday	29th	Easter feria	Mass 10 am	<i>The frontline workers</i>
Thursday	30th	Solemnity St. George, M, Patron of England	Mass 10 am	
Friday	May 1st	Easter feria	Mass 10 am	<i>Those researching into Covid-19</i>
Saturday	2nd	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Vigil Mass 4 pm	<i>Mary Woloszczuk RIP</i>

**Next Week : Saturday 2nd May 2020
Vigil Mass 4 pm
and FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 3rd May 2020
Mass at 9.30am**



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How to recognize Jesus:

Listen to whatever clues you're given. For instance, angels told the shepherds to look in a certain town and a certain kind of place. Angels told Mary Magdalene that Jesus was not in the tomb.

So . . . it helps to listen to what others have said about Jesus—from the accounts in the New Testament Gospels to the testimonies of people here and now who have encountered him. Word of mouth means something, and the sacred stories that have survived have important things to tell us.

Let go of preconceived notions. One reason some very important people did not recognize the Christ is that they weren't expecting a child, and they certainly weren't expecting a child from the working class. They were looking for someone already honoured and influential. He rode into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. So . . . assume that, even with the information you have about Jesus, there is **SO** much you do not know about him. Allow yourself to live with these gaps and questions.

Open your life to whatever path God shows you. Mary said yes to mystery, which must have been pretty frightening. Joseph didn't know what the future held, except in broad terms. The shepherds, the wise men, and later, the Apostles all opened their lives to new paths, relinquishing their own plans and trusting that God's path would lead to abundance.

So . . . when you wake up in the morning, say yes to God and yes to the path. When you're in the midst of a busy day, say yes. When you settle down for the night, say yes. Pray for that kind of faith and openness.

"DISPENSATION FROM EASTER DUTIES

"In these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. The pandemic is the 'serious reason' why the obligation does not apply at this time."

Since it is not possible for the faithful to receive Holy Communion at this time, and into the future, we have been dispensed from the Easter Duties for the year 2020. We should all make a Perfect Act of Contrition at this time. Perfect Contrition is a true and real sorrow for our sins.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

ELIZABETH DANIELS RIP

Betty, born in Ireland and adopted by Miss Davies in Bromsgrove, was buried on Friday afternoon and she joined her husband John in Atherstone Cemetery. Her body was received into church on Thursday night. I celebrated a requiem for her on the Friday morning at 10 am and the funeral was in the afternoon at 3 pm. Obviously, only the closest family was at the graveside. Family could not gather at the church. Betty & John are survived by six children, 5 grandchildren and a great grand son. Betty was a nurse in Atherstone and John was head teacher at St. Benedict's school in his time.

MASS LIVE ON

FACEBOOK

(PAUL ROY LOMAS)

AT THE TIMES SHOWN.

IF ANYONE IS STRUGGLING TO FIND THE LIVE FACEBOOK PAGE. THEN LET ME KNOW BY A PHONE CALL AND I'LL PASS YOU ON TO JO, A PARISHIONER, WHO CAN HELP YOU GET IT.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family

We now have in the porch printed Mass request Envelopes on which you can write the details of your mass request and place your mass offering inside. Fr. Paul has no outstanding Masses.

Your weekly offering for the UpKeep of St. Benedict's.

Those of you who make a weekly cash offering are not able to do so now. Can I suggest you either download a Standing Order form from the Diocesan Website. If not, then put your money in the weekly envelopes and bring them to Mass when we can all meet again. Can I suggest that you hold on to the Easter Offering for Fr. Paul until we are back together again. Thank you.