

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Eastertide Eucharistic acclamation: **KEEP IN MIND THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS DIED FOR US AND IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD. HE IS OUR SAVING LORD. HE IS JOY FOR ALL AGES.**

Today's Scripture Readings: Parish Mass Book pp. 258-61 Prf 1 p.60 Euch.Prayer 2 p.25

Acts 3:13-19: Peter proclaims a devastating message to the (Jewish) people: it is the God you claim to worship who has raised Jesus from the dead: without realising what you were doing, you were allowed to bring about his death in order that God's plan for the salvation of the world might be accomplished.

1 John 2:1-5 offers us a twofold programme: to confess our sins, in the confidence of having Christ Jesus as our advocate, and to come to know God by carrying out his commandment to love. To "know" God is to live in communion with Him by faith and prayer, and to act accordingly.

Luke 24:35-48 While the two disciples' are describing to their fellow disciples their encounter with the risen Christ at Emmaus, the risen Christ appears to them all. They grasp the reality of what has happened when he eats with them and when he explains how the recent events are the fulfilment of the prophecies contained in Scripture.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CLERGY TRAINING FUND : This was due next weekend, but is brought forward because next weekend we have an appeal on behalf of the Comboni Missionaries. You can still hand in your envelope for the Clergy Training Fund next weekend. But please do not confuse the two special collections. Next Sunday is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The new Vocations Director for the Birmingham Diocese (Fr Michael Dolman) writes: "During my first months in post, it has been a privilege to meet and speak with a number of enquirers who are seriously considering a possible vocation to the diocesan priesthood..." Please pray for them.

COFFEE AFTER 10.30 MASS

OUR ORGANIST today is David Bryson

WEEKDAY MASS Monday (Latin) and Friday 9.30 in the Priest's House.

Pray for Arthur Thurlow, Peter Kay, Maureen Flaux, Molly Thurlow, who died recently, for Angela Cranmore and Christopher Kouwen, who are awaiting surgery, for Fr John Pitchford and Raymond Turner who are recovering, for Pat Higgins, Dorothy Tennant, Nicholas Ratcliff, Les Miller and Norah Lawley, Eileen Muir, who are housebound.