

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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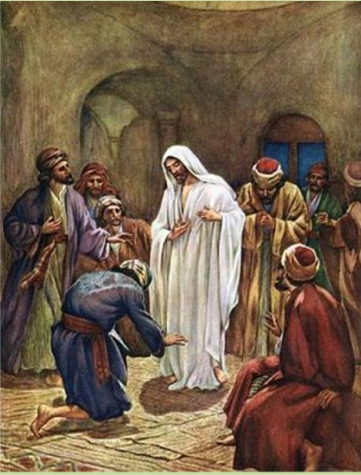
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April 14th 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOSPEL : Luke 24:35-48



Peace
be
with
You

Today's Gospel describes Jesus' appearance on the evening of His Resurrection to his apostles who were in the locked Upper Room, the Cenacle. We see Jesus remove the doubts of his apostles about his Resurrection by inviting them to touch him and by eating a piece of cooked fish. Jesus explains how the prophecies have been fulfilled in him. Then he commissions them to bear witness to him and preach "repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name" after receiving the Holy Spirit.

The facts emphasised:

The reality of Christ's Resurrection. By inviting his apostles to look closely at him and touch him, Jesus removed any fear that they were seeing a ghost. He instilled confidence in them that he loved them by greeting them: "Peace be with you." By eating a piece of broiled fish before their eyes, he convinced them that they were not dreaming or having a mere vision or hallucination. Jesus wanted them to be authentic witnesses to the reality of his life as their risen Lord with his glorified soul and body.

**Say your daily rosary
for peace in the world**



LIFE MESSAGE

1) We need to relive the "Upper Room Experience" in the Holy Mass: The same Jesus who, in the Upper Room, prepared his disciples for their preaching and witnessing mission, is present with us in the Eucharistic celebration. He invites us to share in the "Liturgy of the Word" and in "The Liturgy of Eucharist." In the first part of the Mass, Jesus speaks to us through the "Word of God." In the second part, He becomes our spiritual food and drink. Thus, today's Gospel scene is repeated every Sunday on our parish altars. Like the early disciples, we come together to repent of our sins, express our thanks for the blessings we have received, listen to God's words and offer ourselves to God on the altar along with our gifts of bread and wine. We also share in the spiritual food Jesus supplies, and we are sent to share his message with the entire world.

Prayers to St. George

Faithful servant of God and invincible martyr, Saint George; favoured by God with the gift of faith, and inflamed with an ardent love of Christ, thou didst fight valiantly against the dragon of pride, falsehood, and deceit. Neither pain nor torture, sword nor death could part thee from the love of Christ. I fervently implore thee for the sake of this love to help me by thy intercession to overcome the temptations that surround me, and to bear bravely the trials that oppress me, so that I may patiently carry the cross which is placed upon me; and let neither distress nor difficulties separate me from the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Valiant champion of the Faith, assist me in the combat against evil, that I may win the crown promised to them that persevere unto the end.

Feast of St. George:

We are celebrating the big feast of St. George on the 28th of April. Mark your calendar; it is going to be a good opportunity to get together and know ourselves.

Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, embolden me.
 Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.
 Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.
 O Good Jesus, hear me.
 Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.
 From the wicked foe, defend me.
 At the hour of my death, call me and bid
 me come to you.
 That with your saints I may praise you
 For ever and ever.
 Amen



Mass Times

Saturday 13 April	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY 14 April	9:30 am	Tony Jones Parishioners
	11:00pm	
Monday 15 April	10:00am	Ben Legends
Tuesday 16 April	10:00am	J. C . Opara
Wednesday 17 April	Sacristy	Private
Thursday 18 April	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests
Friday 19 April	6:00PM	Camilla May Churton
Saturday 20 April	6:30PM	Madeline Pettifor
Sunday 21 April	9:30am	Parishoners Parishioners
	11am	

Sat.6:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Sun. 11:00am
Hazel Spencer	Gerard Dolan	Maria Latty

Know Your Patron Saint

Saint George was a Roman soldier of Cappadocian Greek origin and member of the Praetorian Guard during the reign of Emperor Diocletian. He was sentenced to death for refusing to recant his Christian faith. He became one of the most venerated saints in Christianity, especially as a military saint since the Crusades. He is respected by Christians, and some other religions as a martyr of monotheistic faith. In hagiography, he is known as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers . As a very prominent soldier he is immortalized in the legend of Saint George and the Dragon.

His memorial, Saint George's Day, is traditionally celebrated on 23 April by countries of England, Ukraine, Ethiopia and several other regions and cities, that claim him as their patron saint. The Church of St. George in Lydia Israel, contains a sarcophagus believed by many Christians to contain St. George's remains. It is believed that he died on the 3rd of April 303 in Lydia.

Mass Offering for 7th April—£387.30

Standing orders-----£118.25

GRATITUDE

Thank you to all the 'red box' holders. In 2023 you raised £109.74 for the Mill Hill Missionaries supporting communities worldwide.

Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm, 30mins before and after mass and on request.

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke