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SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. (Luke 24: 30-31)

To further consolidate the faith of his disciples in the reality of the resurrection, Christ appeared to two of them on their way to Emmaus. The depth of his scriptural insight as they walked on the road, and the breaking of the bread opened the eyes of the disciples to the fact that this apparent stranger, with an extensive grasp of the Scripture, was Christ. In the First Reading, the Scripture is presented to us as the ultimate source of knowing Jesus' life and ministry. In stout defence of his belief in the Resurrection of Christ, Peter outlined the truth of his Christian faith based on the scriptural foundations.

Christ is our model and the Bible strengthens our faith in Him. We can meet the Risen Lord when we hear the Word of God and participate in the breaking of bread. As we relish the Easter glory, may we spare a moment to reflect on the Scripture; and through this, may we come to appreciate and love Christ all the more.

Confiteor (I Confess)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy.	Kyrie, eleison	Kyrie, eleison.
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy.	Christe, eleison	Christe, eleison.
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy.	Kyrie, eleison	Kyrie, eleison.

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.**

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory
of God the Father. Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2: 14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the

right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118: 2-4, 13-15b, 22-24

Response: *O Lord, you will show me the path of life.*

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; you yourself who secure my lot. **R**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord before me always;
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **R**

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, nor let your holy one see corruption. **R**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence,
at you right hand, bliss for ever. **R**

Second Reading: A reading from the First Letter of St. Peter 1: 17-21

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 24: 13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they

had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (*all bow*) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS

English

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of

Latin

***Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dóminus Deus Sábaoth***

Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua.

Hosána in excélsis.

Benedíctus qui venit in nómine

the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Dómini.
Hosána in excélsis.

We shall pray **Preface II of Easter** and say **Eucharistic Prayer II**

The Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

English

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Latin

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

***O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine (x 3)***

Hail Holy Queen: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and

after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Priest: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Priest: Let us pray

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that by meditating on these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

Obituary: We regret to announce the death of Miss Jacinta Fernandes, who was headteacher of St. Peter & St. Paul's School between 1996 and 2010. We condole with her family and pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Gift Aid Appeal: The Gift Aid Scheme enables us to claim 25p back for every £1 donated by a UK taxpayer at no extra cost to the donor. There will be a short appeal at the end of each Mass this weekend providing information on the benefits of this scheme and explaining how to join if you are not already a member. Members of the parish Finance Committee will be available in the porch after Mass if you have any queries.

Second Collection Next Weekend: There will be a second collection next week in aid of the Priests Training Fund (Ecclesiastical Education). This collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

Pilgrimage Meeting: Those who have booked to join the parish pilgrimage to Medjugorje are invited to an information meeting on Wednesday the 22nd of April at 8pm, immediately following the evening Mass.

Choir Practice: There will be a practice for members of the 11am Mass choir group on Saturday the 25th of April at 3pm. All are welcome.

Cray Young Adults Network: CYAN, the parish Young Adults group meets every second Sunday of the month in person and the last Friday of the month virtually. They are also holding a Games Night on the 1st of May at 7pm. If you are aged between 18 and 30 and would like to be involved in this group, please email craysyoungadultsnetwork@gmail.com

April Birthdays: On the weekend of the 25th & 26th of April we will be celebrating all our parishioners who were born in the month of April. If your name is not already on the list in the porch, please add it on.

Marathon Gratitude: A message from Pauline Kerali, our parishioner who ran the Brighton Marathon last weekend. *"I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support and donations. When I applied for a place, CAFOD asked me how I was planning to fundraise. I replied that I work with great colleagues and have a good community of family, friends and church. You stepped up and gave FIVE times the target! Thanks for showing the beauty of humanity. Pauline"*

Baptism: If you are a practicing parishioner and would like to have your child Baptised here, please contact Reverend Longinus on longinusanyanjo@rcaos.org.uk. The next Pathways to Baptism course takes place on the 21st and 28th of April.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: If there is anyone sick or housebound in the parish that would benefit from regular visits by the SVP, or if there are any families or individuals in need, please contact Gabriel Greenspan on 07958 369383. Confidentiality is assured in all cases.

New Parishioners: If you are new to the parish, you are very welcome. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Cyriacus after Mass. If you would like to join our parish database, forms are available in the porch and can be returned to the Parish Office.

Readings For The Week Ahead:

	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
20/04/26	Acts 6:8-15	Ps 119:23-24, 26-27,29-30		John 6:22-29
21/04/26	Acts 7:51-8:1	Ps 31:3-4,6-8,17-21		John 6:30-35
22/04/26	Acts 8:1-8	Ps 66:1-7		John 6:35-40
23/04/26	Revelation 12:10-12a	Ps 126:1-6	2 Timothy 2: 8-13;3:10-12	John 15: 18-21
24/04/26	Acts 9:1-20	Ps 117:1,2		John 6:52-59
25/04/26	1 Peter 5: 5b-14	Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17		Mark 16: 15-20

BANK DETAILS

For bank transfers to the Parish –
Account Name: RCAS Cray Valley
Account Number: 50533401
Sort Code: 60-16-03

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

LIVE STREAMING

This parish routinely livestreams the 11am Mass on Youtube between 10.30am and 12.30pm on Sundays. You may appear on camera **only** if you approach the altar without prior notice to the recording team during this time.

The camera is set to avoid capturing parishioners receiving Holy Communion.

If you have any concerns, please speak to the Priest or Communications Team.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND

Please continue to pray for: Alison Hannah, Helen Efemini, Sister Maureen Fay, Mary Mackay, Clara Soares, Jennifer Smith, Mary O'Lone, Eamon Murphy, Shelagh Murphy, File Marku, Douglas Lewis, Terry Wingfield, Salma Lamina, Titus Mwangangi, all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – APRIL: We remember in our prayers: Esther Obende, Vera Ekpiteta, Darren Phelps, Elizabeth Mary Cork, Christine Ann Robison, Frances Ellen Watson, Wilson Odibo, Anne Abbott, Geoffrey Plowman, Julie Beggan, Thomas O'Malley, Donato Iorio, Ayo Izugon, Patrick Francis Ryan, Margaret Christina Gardiner, Winifred Wingfield, Grace Aikhuele, Norman George Gibbs, Ian Park, Harry Beard, Charles Frederick Badger, James McNally, Eileen Mary Emmin, Thomas Gee, Janita Viliesid, Olisaeloka Abuah, Nell James, John Lawlor, Jerome Laurent, Ademola Adewale, Simeon Odoaba, Joyce Dewar, Ivan Muir-Clarke and Jeanette Thompson.

CHURCH MINISTRIES

	18th & 19th April	25th & 26th April
READERS 6PM	V Martis A Dsouza	G Selvaraj P Lobo
READERS 9AM	C Meaney J Garber	M Quintavalle A Garber
READERS 11AM	C Olii M McEveney	P Boateng N Cornelio
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM	N Omo-Idahosa	E North
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM	T Meaney K Wingfield	I Floyd T Wickenden
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM	E Williams M Alademerin	H Anseline M McEveney
CLEANING	Team 3 – Anne-Marie Glancy	Team 4 – Chris Meaney
LINEN	Helen Coker	Titi Obende

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<p>Sun: Apr. 19: Third Sunday of Easter (A)</p> <p>6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Gerry Butler, RIP</p> <p>9am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>11am Mass: Wilson Odibo, 25th Death Anniversary and Forsythe Family, GB</p> <p><i>(11am Mass Livestreamed on YouTube)</i></p>	<p>Sat: Apr. 25: Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)</p> <p>6pm Vigil Mass: Benefactors of the Parish</p>
<p>Mon: Apr. 20: Feria</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Holy Souls</p> <hr/> <p>Tues: Apr. 21: No Mass</p> <hr/> <p>Wed: Apr. 22: Feria</p> <p>6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>7.30pm Mass: Thomas & Gerry Butler, RIP</p> <hr/> <p>Thu: Apr. 23: Solemnity of St. George, Martyr, Patron of England</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Claudina Fernandes, RIP</p> <hr/> <p>Fri: Apr. 24: Feria</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Holy Souls</p>	<p>Sun: Apr. 26: Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)</p> <p>9am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>11am Mass: Ogbueshi Augustine Chukwumaeze Juwah, 20th Death Anniversary, RIP</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>SI means Special Intention SR means Speedy Recovery BI means Blessed GB means God's Blessings GP means God's Protection WB means Well-Being TG means Thanksgiving PI means Private Intentions BT means Birthday Thanksgiving WA means Wedding Anniversary Pro Populo: People of the Parish Private Mass: Mass to be said by the Priest alone</p>

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