



The Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia

SAINT LUKE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B – Sunday 18th April 2021

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 3

REVISED MASS TIMES

Mon-Fri 10am: Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

(Daily Masses and Devotions are live-streamed!)

Saturday 6pm: Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

Sunday

9:00am: Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

10:30am: LIVE-STREAMED Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

12:00nn Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

In order to attend, you **MUST BOOK** a place

by texting or emailing: **07308 217029**

saintlukeschurch@yahoo.com

BY FRIDAY EVENING

*Mobile number and email above are only for
booking a place at Mass!*

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NEW LOCKDOWN

*Please book a place at the weekend;

*Maintain social distancing at all times;

*Please do not mix bubbles and do not mingle or linger inside
or outside the church;

*Sanitise hands on entry and exit;

*Please do not sing, please do not touch anything;

*At Holy Communion please follow directions;

*Also please keep 2m from the priest, stretch out flat hands
as far as possible, step aside to consume the host with great
care and reverence.

FEAST OF SAINT GEORGE PATRON OF ENGLAND



It is uncertain when Saint George was born, however, his death date is estimated to be April 23 303 A.D.

He first appears in the works of the Bollandists Daniel Papebroch, Jean Bolland, and Godfrey Henschen's '*Bibliotheca Hagiographica Graeca*', one of several names listed in the historical text. Pope Gelasius claimed George was one of the saints 'whose names are justly revered among men, but whose actions are known only to God.'

George was born to a Gerontios and Polychronia, a Roman officer and a Greek native of Lydda. Both were Christians from noble families of the Anici and George, was raised to follow their faith.

When George was old enough, he was welcomed into Diocletian's army and by his late 20's, became a Tribune serving as an imperial guard for the Emperor at Nicomedia. On February 24, 303 A.D., Diocletian, who hated Christians, announced that every Christian the army passed would be arrested and every other soldier should offer a sacrifice to the Roman gods.

George refused to abide by the order and told Diocletian, who was angry but greatly valued his friendship with George's father.

When George announced his beliefs before his peers, Diocletian was unable to keep the news to himself.

In an effort to save George, Diocletian attempted to convert him to the Roman gods, offered him land, money and slaves in exchange for offering a sacrifice to them and made several other offers which George refused.

Finally, after exhausting all other options, Diocletian ordered George's execution. In preparation for his death, George gave his money to the poor and was sent for torture.

He was lacerated on a wheel of swords and required resuscitation three times, but still George did not turn away from his Christian faith.

On April 23, 303 A.D., George was decapitated before Nicomedia's outer wall. His body was sent to Lydda for burial, and other Christians went to honour George as a martyr.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading – Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

This reading is the final section of Peter's speech to the people of Jerusalem after Pentecost, when he is explaining to the crowds the significance of the first miracle worked by the apostles in the power of the Spirit. Like all the speeches in Acts, it is not a word-for-word, tape-recorded report, but is a sample of Peter's preaching to the Jews. He lays the blame for Jesus' rejection squarely on them, but shows that it was just as scripture had foretold. All of the speeches end with an invitation to repent. This does not mean simply to get all weepy about past sins, 'how dreadful and wicked I have been'. It means that the listeners, and we, must change our ways, adopt God's and the Risen Christ's system of values. To convert means I was going in one direction; now I turn round and go in another. Then the way I look at the world becomes different. I see things from a different angle, God's and Christ's angle.

This sort of conversion does not so much look at the past with regret as look at the future with confidence. It is the new determination that allows God to wipe out our sins.

Gospel Reading – Luke 24:35-48

In the previous gospel reading the two disciples had met Jesus on their way to Emmaus. There Jesus had used the Eucharistic meal to reveal himself to them, for the Eucharist is always an occasion for us to get to know the Risen Christ better. Now he meets the whole group of disciples in their refuge, the Upper Room. The stress is on their meeting with a real person, not a disembodied ghost or phantom appearance. That is why he eats a piece of fish.

The important lesson of this is that, in our resurrection to true life, it is the whole person that is raised, not just the soul. Our bodies will be so real that we will be able to eat. Christian teaching is that a person is an animated body. We work out our salvation with fingers and toes and other bodily members, and all will be raised to life. It is not just a matter of thoughts and intentions! The whole body is baptised into Christ and is the instrument of our salvation. The body will be changed, and St Paul tells us that it is stupid to ask what sort of body we will have in the resurrection, but I shall be raised as a whole person.

CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS & EVENTS

All things remaining equal Baptisms may be celebrated with 6 present from 12th April, 30 present from 17th May, or God willing with no restrictions from 21st June. Marriages with 15 present from 12th April, 30 from 17th May & no restrictions from 21st June. Similar guidance applies to other celebrations and events. Please get in touch now to make tentative arrangements. Funerals will be limited to 30 people until restrictions are hopefully lifted on 21st June. During June the government will review the pandemic situation and review this guidance accordingly, along with that concerning social distancing and face-coverings.



SAINT GEORGE

-Saint George stands out among other saints and legends because he is known and revered by both Muslims and Christians.

-It is said Saint George killed the dragon near the sea in Beirut, thus Saint George Bay was named in his honour.

-Saint George's feast day is celebrated on April 23, but if it falls before Easter, it is celebrated on Easter Monday.

-The Russian Orthodox Church celebrates three St. George feast days each year - April 23 as is expected, November 3, to commemorate the consecration of a cathedral dedicated to him in Lydda, and on November 26, for when a church in Kiev was dedicated to him.

-In Bulgaria, his feast day is celebrated May 6 with the slaughter and roasting of a lamb.

-In Egypt, the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria calls St. George the "Prince of Martyrs" and celebrates on May 1. There is a second celebration November 17, in honour of the first church dedicated to him.

-Saint George is the patron saint of England and Catalonia and his cross can be found throughout England. He replaced the 9th century St Edmund the Martyr, King of East Anglia, as patron of England during the middle-ages.

-In older works, Saint George is depicted wearing armour and holding a lance or fighting a dragon, which represents Christ's enemies.

COMING TO MASS

Thank you for complying with the regulations for public worship. Please remember that without our amazing stewards to guide us and clean up after us, we cannot open for Mass. As with most things, as time goes by we can get a little lax or forgetful, so please remember and keep the following guidance:

PLEASE DO: Book places for Sunday Mass; Arrive about 10 minutes before Mass begins; Wear a face mask properly covering both mouth and nose; Maintain social distancing at all times (1m/3feet masked); Use hand sanitiser when you enter and when you leave; Follow the directions of our volunteer Stewards; Receive Holy Communion on your hand & standing 1m from minister; Take everything home with you; Place your offerings in the basket provided.

PLEASE DO NOT: Mix with others before or after Mass inside or outside church; Come late to Mass; Come to church if you are feeling unwell, or vulnerable to serious illness; Move around the church unless guided by stewards; Touch statues, door handles, or pick anything up.

These things are all very important if the church is going to remain open. Thank you for your help.

FINANCES & UPDATE

Many thanks for your generosity and support through the current circumstances. For standing orders and one-off donations: St. Luke's Catholic Parish - NatWest Bank, Cathedral Square, Peterborough. PE1 1XH.
Sort Code: 54-21-38 Acc. Number: 97302198.

Many thanks to all those who continue to support our parish, especially in such difficult times.

Most know that in England Catholic churches are expected to be entirely self-sufficient and pay their own bills, clergy, maintain buildings & to support their diocese – they receive nothing from the wider church or the government. We do receive a little Gift-Aid which is helpful, but only for those who commit to give regularly and who sign a Gift-Aid form. The best way to support the parish is to do just that, setting up a monthly 'standing order' and completing a Gift-Aid form. Please consider if this is something which you can do if you are not doing so already - some of course are struggling and there is no pressure or obligation on anyone.

Over the past year average weekly costs were £1,474, against £1,823 during the previous year. We just about managed to cover this with your generosity and hope to lower it a little again this year. It should be noted, however, that following the purchase of a new presbytery able to accommodate two priests, along with guests and seminarians on placement, the parish has no reserves to fall back on.

We do have funding from 'Alive in Faith' for some significant refurbishment works to the interior of the building this year: sacristies, fire-exits, kitchen, meeting room & toilets. We may, though, need to fundraise to supplement this a little and for some urgent external repairs to the roof and bell tower.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Fr Luke Goymour, who grew up in our parish and is now youth chaplain and parish priest of Brandon & Mildenhall has 'written' a beautiful Icon of St Joseph with Jesus and Mary. The Icon was blessed at the Mass on March 19th in the cathedral to mark this Year of S Joseph and of the Family and has now begun a journey around the parishes of the Diocese, in a programme which will end back at the cathedral on March 19th 2022. The icon will visit us at St. Luke Peterborough from 7th-13th August. Fr Luke's icon can be seen on the prayer cards which we are receiving this weekend.

THE PARISH OF SAINT NEOTS

St Joseph's Church was merged with St Hugh Buckden some years ago, with both being served by the Claretian Fathers. With the growth of that church and the wider diocese it has been agreed to re-erect the parish of St. Neots and a diocesan parish priest will be appointed from September. We wish them well and thank the Claretian Fathers for all the care they have given. The claretians will continue to serve at Buckden.

ONLINE CHILDREN'S LITURGY & ACTIVITY

Go to www.rpbooks.co.uk/ and look for 'Celebrate' under free resources.

ALTAR SERVERS

It is great to welcome back our altar servers at all Masses, albeit with numbers limited and careful guidance to follow.

Please contact Fr Jude to arrange training and to join the rota. New servers are welcome! No age limit!

REPOSITORY RESTOCKED

Our little church shop has been refilled with a great range of inexpensive gifts, rosaries, crucifixes, candles, statues, holy pictures, cards & more. Any profits made go towards St. Luke's funds. One person/bubble at a time & please sanitise hands before & after visiting.

IGNITE FESTIVAL ONLINE

All young people aged 13+ are invited to the Ignite Festival Online with members of the Ignite Team for music, inspiring talks, workshops and prayer.
Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd May 7:00-8:30pm.
For more information visit www.ignitefestival.co.uk"

GIFTAID DECLARATIONS

We need everyone who has a standing order to the parish bank account or who have made donations through the bank and who pay tax to fill in a new Gift Aid form, even if you have done it before.

This is a big help to us as a charity, but costs you nothing. We will be claiming in May so don't delay!
Many thanks for your help and generosity.

NEWSLETTERS FOR THOSE AT HOME

Every couple of weeks we are now posting newsletters and other interesting items to those at home who we think might appreciate them.

We have limited records, so if you know of someone who might appreciate this, please let us know.

PETERBOROUGH FOODBANK

The Foodbank is currently short of the following items: Tinned Meat/Fish, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Vegetables, Toilet Rolls and Men's Toiletries. Please place gifts in the box in the porch & thank you for your support.

CONFESSIONS

Please send an email to the clergy if you would like to book for confession. Thank you.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSE & CATHOLIC TIMES

Delivered to your home, post free, see: www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call 0161 820 5722.
Special offer 3 months: £25; 12 months £99; 12 months digital copy: £55

PROTECT FREEDOM OF SPEECH & FAITH

It will be of no surprise to many that freedom of speech and faith is coming under threat in an increasingly illiberal society where faith based views are especially attacked and less tolerated. See the 'Alliance Defending Freedom' here: www.protectfreespeech.uk

PETERBOROUGH CITY HOSPITAL

For end-of-life care and Last Rites, please call **07934 796221**

MASS TIMES, DEVOTIONS & PRAYERS

If you would like a Mass said, please ask for an envelope from one of our ushers or from the parish clergy.

You may also send an email to Fr Jude: jude.belnas@rcdea.org.uk

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK

God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful, out of love for us You sent your Son into the world as the doctor of our souls and our bodies, I look upon your children who, in this difficult time of confusion and dismay in many regions of the world, turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief, deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick.

Do not abandon them in the moment of trial but deliver them from all evil.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who loves and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

THE NEXT BISHOP OF EAST ANGLIA

Our Bishop, Alan, has informed us that the process has begun to select a new Bishop of East Anglia. He asks each of us to pray:

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.

Saint Felix. pray for us.

All Holy Martyrs and Saints of East Anglia, pray for us.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FOR ENGLAND

O blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross,

O sorrowful Mother. Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home. Amen.



Saturday 17th April - EASTER FERIA

10am – Holy Rosary

12:30pm – Baptism

6pm – Vigil Mass, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

(pre-booked with congregation) - **Robert Gibson+**

SUNDAY 18th April: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00am – Mass (booking required) **Julian Bussoopun**

10:30am – Live-streamed Mass (booking required)

Ann Creaney+

12:00nn – Mass (booking required) **HRH Prince Philip+**

Monday 19th April: EASTER FERIA

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

Margaret Jeanes

Tuesday 20th April: EASTER FERIA

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

Molly & Charles Grimley

Wednesday 21st April: EASTER FERIA

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

Ann Creaney+

Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday 22nd April: EASTER FERIA

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

Chloe Noelle Gonzales

Friday 23rd April: St George, Martyr – Patron of England (SOLEMNITY)

[No fasting or abstinence in England](#)

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

Michelle Mann+

Followed by Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 24th April: EASTER FERIA

10am – Holy Rosary

12:30pm – Baptism

6pm – Vigil Mass, Fourth Sunday of Easter

(pre-booked with congregation) **Bronislawa Nowakowska+**

SUNDAY 25th April: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

9:00am – Mass (booking required) **Pro populo**

10:30am – Live-streamed Mass (booking required)

Karen (Steinke) Mitchell+

12:00nn – Mass (booking required) **Expedita Amper**

