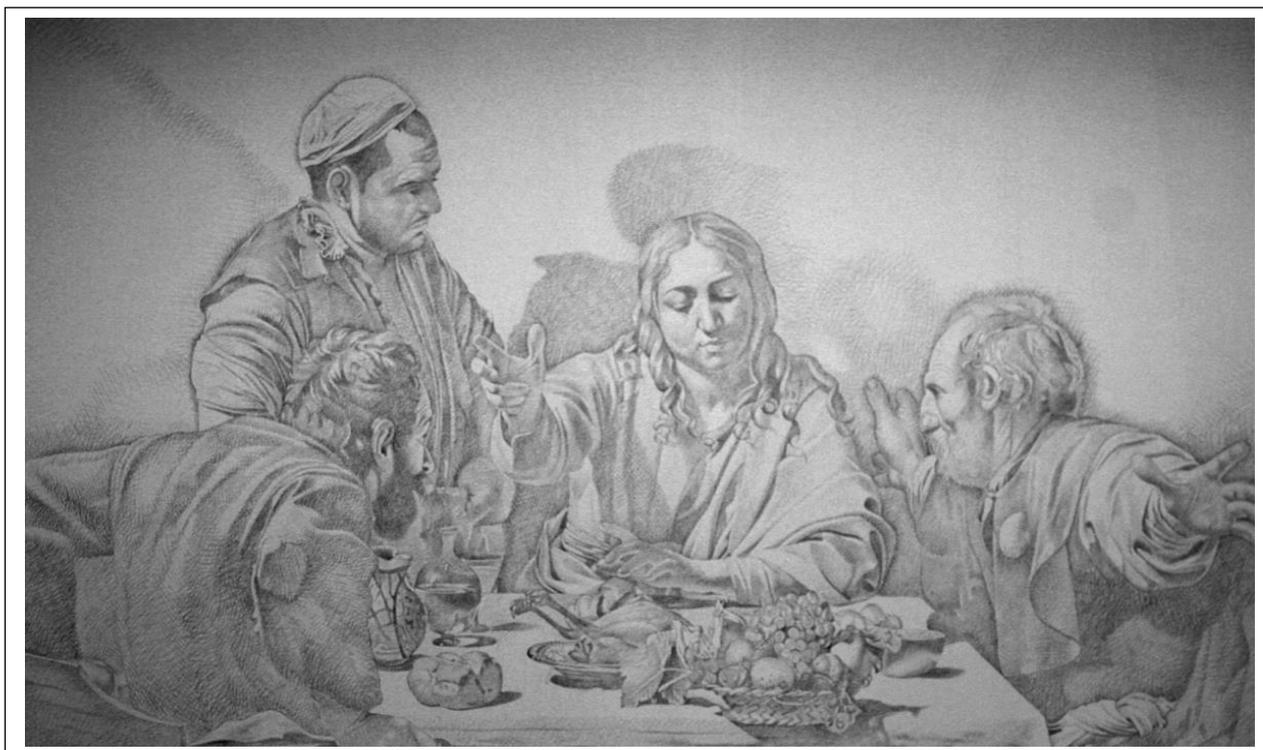


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Third Sunday of Easter 26 April 2020

“Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us
as you talk to us.”

Luke 24, 32

EASTERTIDE

St Chad's Cathedral is now
livestreaming Masses:

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

Masses during Eastertide will continue to be live streamed. All are welcome to participate through the live stream facility.

Times of Masses are:

Sunday at 11.00

Monday to Friday at 12.15

Saturday at 10.00

A number of new prayer resources have been added to the diocesan website:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

PARISH OFFICE

Our Parish Secretary, Lis Leddy, together with many parish secretaries has now been furloughed. This means that she is not allowed to work. Volunteers plan to publish the newsletter on our Website. You will also find other relevant information and resources to help during this time when we cannot meet as a Parish family. We look forward to welcoming Lis back in the fullness of time.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mgr Antony Conlon, Parish Priest of Goring who died last Sunday and also Fr Fitzpatrick's father who died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

A WORD ABOUT FINANCES

Some people have expressed some concern about how they are to continue to support the parish. This is a difficult time for many people financially and we would not want this to be a cause of stress for anyone.

For those who have a standing order with the parish, we hope that you will be able to keep it going but fully understand if you feel the need to adjust it.

If you normally put your money into the collection bag then perhaps you could consider putting your weekly amount aside at home until we come out of this lockdown. You could then put the whole amount into the parish in one go. Or keep a tally of how much it would be and write a cheque at the end. We are unable to process cheques just at the moment.

IN HOSPITAL DURING COVID-19

Priests are still willing and able to go to hospital to visit patients in an emergency. It is vital that family members let the staff know that their loved ones would like to see a Priest if they are in danger of death.

Tel: 01183225111

If you or a member of your family becomes ill, please ring Fr Patrick on the parish number to let him know.

FR PATRICK'S SUNDAY HOMILY

If you would like to listen to any of Fr Patrick's Sunday homilies again, they will be available on the parish website.

The diocesan Privacy Policy is available at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>
or by request from the parish office.

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Third Sunday of Easter (Year A – Matthew): The story related to us by the Gospel of Luke today caught the imagination of a number of great artists: Caravaggio and Rembrandt have depicted the scene of the supper at Emmaus in a strikingly physical way, in Caravaggio's case like a close-up photo, a Renaissance Annie Liebowitz. The intimacy of the scene, reminiscent of those booths one frequently finds in French restaurants, the *chamber séparée* one reads about in French novels, is highlighted by Rembrandt. Just Jesus and the two disciples, bathed in a subtle light, at a plain table. There is something ethereal about Jesus, one is not surprised that he should disappear instantaneously into thin air. Caravaggio introduces a waiter in the canvas in the National Gallery, a number of his other canvasses of the same scene have two waitresses in proximity to the table, while Veronese's depiction of the Emmaus supper has quite a gathering of people, including some children, round the table. It is painful for us, isolated as many of us are and separated from the other members of our parish community, that the breaking of bread, the Eucharist, only makes sense when it is shared. And the Emmaus story is about the sharing of the word, the telling of the story, the breaking of the word (i.e. the homily) as Jesus explained the Scriptures and the history of the chosen people to Cleopas and his companion, and the breaking of bread *for the people*. And for a parish community in exile from its church, for a Catholic *diaspora* here in Caversham, the Emmaus story in which we recognise all the essential elements of our Sunday liturgy gives us great encouragement and inspiration. Peter on the day of Pentecost stood up and told the story: salvation history, culminating right then in Jesus being raised from the dead. Peter's address was a homily directed to believers and non-believers alike, *Jews and proselytes (Acts 2, 11)* quite simply because the Good News is for all men and women alike. The risen Jesus reaches out to all.

First Reading (NT): Acts of the Apostles 2, 14. 22 – 33: This affirmation of the news that Jesus had been raised from the dead has great power. Peter recalls the earthly ministry of Jesus; many of those in his audience would have known Jesus from Galilee or may have been witnesses to his sufferings and death on Good Friday. That *same* Jesus had been raised by God's power and *all of us are witnesses to that (v. 32)*. Through the power of the Spirit, poured out on the day of Pentecost, Jesus is alive and with us, as he will be to the close of the age.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Peter 1, 17 – 21: Peter links the resurrection of Jesus, through the power of God, with the faith of the people in the early Christian community to which he was writing. One hopes that the resurrection story, which we tell and retell in this Easter season, may support our faith in these dark days.

Gospel: Luke 24, 13 – 35: How often do we talk to one another about the things that really matter? Is it ever the case that we share with family and friends our faith, the problems we have with it, the ways in which God or our guardian angel have changed the course of our lives for the better, like those two disciples on the first Easter Sunday on their way to Emmaus?

Masses and Intentions Third Week of Eastertide

Fr Patrick will celebrate these Masses on his own,
at the times and for the intentions shown.

Saturday	25 th April	10.00	Holy Souls
	<i>St Mark, Evangelist. Feast</i>		
	Third Sunday of Eastertide		Year A
Sunday	26 th April	10.00	John Eppstein
Monday	27 th April	09.15	James & Elsie McAdden
	<i>Monday of the 3rd week of Eastertide</i>		
Tuesday	28 th April	09.15	Philomena & Pat Brady
	<i>Tuesday of the 3rd week of Eastertide</i>		
Wednesday	29 th April	09.15	Mary-Esther Kelly
	<i>St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin, Doctor, Patron of Europe. Feast</i>		
Thursday	30 th April	08.00	Zygmunt Powiecki
	<i>Thursday of the 3rd week of Eastertide</i>		
Friday	1 st May	12.30	Mary Novak
	<i>Friday of the 3rd week of Eastertide</i>		
Saturday	2 nd May	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki
	<i>St Athanasius, Bishop</i>		
			[20 th anniversary Nora Daly, Father Patrick's mother]
	Fourth Sunday of Easter		Year A
Sunday	3 rd May	10.00	Kathleen Maughan