

**WELCOME TO THE
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*Peace
be with
you*

PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th April 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*So you see how it is written that the Christ
would suffer and on the third day rise
from the dead.*

First Reading

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9

Second Reading

1 Jn 2:1-5

Gospel

Lk 24:35-48



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: This year we have just a reference to the encounter between the two disciples and the risen Lord on the road to Emmaus – the account is read in year 'A'. Afterwards the disciples race back to Jerusalem and join the others in the upper room. St John tells us of how Jesus allowed the disciples to touch his wounds to reassure themselves that it was truly he. St Luke provides an additional reassurance – Jesus eats a piece of grilled fish. He is no apparition! St John tells a similar story when Jesus appears to them at the waterside and shares breakfast with them. The concreteness of the Resurrection is central to the witness of the apostles. Touch can be deceived, but not as easily as sight. This was the element of their preaching that the pagan Greeks found hardest to accept. For them if eternal life existed then it meant abandoning the body, yet in what sense are we human without a body? For continuity both body and soul are needed. Only the soul can survive the death of the body yet without a bodily form it is no longer fully human. For those on earth living in a world of space and time this is a challenge to belief and understanding, but outside the world of change time has no meaning. The gap between death and the second coming of Christ is one that we perceive. How this transformation is experienced as we enter the eternal present of God remains a mystery to us.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Pam Dixon, Sean O'Leary, Rona Roberts, Ann Ross, Rosemary Tuite, Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Tadec Nuromberg, Jose Gomes de Aguir* and *Seamus Brady* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

EASTER BREAK: I will be spending a few days in Prague with friends this week so there will be no Mass Monday to Friday.

THE BIGGER BREAKFAST: The monthly prayer breakfast for Kelvedon and Feering takes place this Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m. at St Mary the Virgin. All welcome.

PARISH UGANDA LOTTERY: The winners of the Ugandan Lottery for the past quarter were **1st prize - Elizabeth Maxted £60, 2nd prize - Pat Pike £26**. It only costs £1 per week to take part, this can be paid as £13 per quarter or £52 annually. 80% of the money collected goes out to Uganda, 20% is returned as prize money. The draws take place quarterly. If you are interested in taking part, or would like to know a little more about the Lottery, please see **Lanette Bridgman (Coggeshall), Jude Cody (Tiptree) or Viv Talbot (Kelvedon)** who will willingly help you.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 8th April - £713.83**.