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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*They recognised him at the breaking
of bread.*

First Reading	Ac 2:14.22-33
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 15:1-2.5.7-11
Second Reading	1 Pt 1:17-21
Gospel	Lk 24:13-35



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: “The Gospel of this Sunday...is the famous account of the disciples of Emmaus. The locality of Emmaus has not been identified with certainty. There are various hypotheses and this one is not without an evocativeness of its own for it allows us to think that Emmaus actually represents every place: the road that leads there is the road every Christian, every person, takes. The Risen Jesus makes himself our travelling companion as we go on our way, to rekindle the warmth of faith and hope in our hearts and to break the bread of eternal life” Pope Benedict XVI. The word ‘companion’ literally means ‘one who shares our bread’. In a special way his companionship is manifested at every Mass and every time we receive Holy Communion. Each time is as much an encounter with the risen Lord. For us, too, it is a brief encounter as the Body of the Lord dissolves on our tongue and his sacramental presence is replaced by an inner spiritual awareness and burning of heart.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, 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* & any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Taffy Rees, Charles Campling, David Gillett, Nicholas Hoenich, Harry Knight, Tessa Bateson, Jason Dutch, Christopher Rolfe, Trisha Parkin* and *Pamela Spencer* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY: As usual we will crown the statue of Our Lady at the end of the 11.00 a.m. Mass next Sunday. On the cross Jesus said to Mary, ‘Behold your son’, and to John, ‘Behold your mother’. Why not do something to honour Our Lady and grow in devotion to her during May, e.g. pray part of the Rosary, or the ‘Angelus’ each day?

MASS VARIATION: No Mass on Tuesday this week.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Samuel Louis Bates** baptised at St Bernard’s last Sunday.

BISHOP ALAN’S PASTORAL VISIT: Bishop Alan will be visiting the parish on **Sunday 14th May** and confirming three of our young people during the 11.00 a.m. Mass.

QUESTION OF FAITH EVENING: This event, from 7.30 p.m. until 9.00 p.m. on the evening of Thursday May 4th, provides the opportunity to ask questions about the Catholic faith from a team of experts. The event is free and drinks and nibbles are provided. Participants are invited to write their questions, which are then put to the panel by our MC for the evening. The venue is the **Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH**. Easy access by public transport or by road from Gallows Corner. Ample parking at the church. All are welcome.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 23rd April - ££879.67**.