



FAITH IN FOCUS: FISH SPECIALS

What do we know about Jesus after his resurrection? Well, we know at least that he was hungry!

Both Luke and John report after-death appearances of Jesus where he wants something to eat. And in two of the stories he ends up eating grilled fish. So he wasn't a vegetarian either!

On one level we can see these two accounts as just simple stories that give us a bit more extra detail than we normally have about

Jesus' social habits. But there may be something else going on in the two gospel writers' minds.

How do we meet the risen Jesus today? Clearly the most obvious way is through other people. Through our baptism we are called to become "other Christs". We are called to be Christ to each other and we see the face of Christ in all people who require our care, our concern and our service.

We meet the risen Christ in the liturgy when ministers and congregation gather, for Jesus said that wherever two or three gather in his name he will be present.

We meet him in the words of scripture. Far from being some ancient book of religious formulae the scriptures are the living word of God.

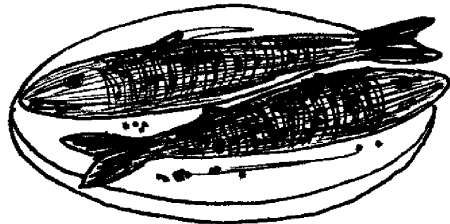
When the scriptures are proclaimed in church it is God who speaks.

And while we are ready to say that Christ is present in the sacraments, it has to be the eucharist that takes pride of place for meeting the risen Lord. For it is in eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ that we come closest to him. St Augustine never tired of telling his congregation that they would become what they ate: the Body of Christ, which is also the name we give to the Church.

At what precise moment did the two Emmaus disciples realise that they were in the presence of their risen Lord? It was when he broke the bread for them to eat. What was it that Jesus asked the apostles for in both Luke and John's gospel?

Something to eat!

Not surprising really, because when we eat that bread and drink that cup we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection until he comes again.



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Sunday 8th May 2011 3rd Sunday of Easter

Prayer for the Parish

O God our Father and Creator

Where two or more are gathered together in your name
you are there in their midst.

We bring to you our parish of St Joseph's to ask your blessing
as we meet the challenges of our mission of witness and discipleship.

Give us courage and enthusiasm.

Give us spirit of initiative and originality of thought.

Give us charity and unity

and make us aware of each other as we work towards the renewal of our
parish.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

St Joseph pray for us.

EXPOSITION, ROSARY AND QUIET PRAYER

Saturday 11-00am to 12-00noon

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

11-00am to 11-30am

5-00pm to 5-30pm

SATURDAY MASS

5-30pm

SUNDAY MASSES

9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m.

Monday 12.00 noon Mass

Tuesday 7-30pm Mass

Wednesday 9-30am Mass

Thursday 9-30am Mass

Friday 12noon Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers all those who are sick, especially :

Basil Sanders, Mary Derrick, Peggy Porter, Edward Burke, Bridget McLaughlin, Fr Colm O'Riain OMI, Wendy Swinton, , Mary O'Leary, Fr Chris Dunne OMI, Eddie Mann, Neil Hogan, Mike Tobin, John Lyon, Rose Bostock., Drina Watts, Gay Merrick, Francis Shaw, William Richardson, Mary Bushell, Betty McCarthy, Peter Smith, Nancy Bowden, Anthony, Norman Graham, Josie Canning, Cathy Murphy, Eddie Hosker, Stacey Usher, Anne Boyle, Claire Carlson, Eva Rose Callaghan, Ernie Speakman, Derek Hughes, Annie Quinn, Annie O'Neill, Heather Hillis Maxwell.

All whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Davis Jones (Husband of Maria), Hazel Mary Shearer, Irene Parton, Ted Fitzsimons, Betty Hide, Peggy Curran.

Recently Deceased

Tony Kirby, Josephine Shaw, Fred Smith, James French, Mary Cafferkey.

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Was

£740-65

(including £330-38 loose)

REPOSITORY

The Repository is open after both the Saturday and Sunday Masses And also from 12-30pm till 1-00pm

NOTICE BOARD

Information or notices for the parish notice board should be given to Sr Clare in advance

Parish Bulletin

Please note there is a box in the Presbytery hall for all items to be included in the Bulletin. The cut off point is Wednesday evening. Thank you.

WORD FOR TODAY

We meet Christ in so many different circumstances, but the most privileged way is when we eat and drink his body and blood at Eucharist. And the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is alive and active when we gather together as the community of believers.

When the priest says to us "The Body of Christ", our "Amen" means not only "Yes, I believe" but "Yes, I will be". For by receiving communion we pledge ourselves to full participation as members of the Church which, of course, is the Body of Christ. And by eating and drinking his body and blood we both meet the risen Lord and make him present in our world today.

S.P.U.C. Little Feet Club

April Draw Winner

Sr. Clare

Next meeting Thursday 26th May 7pm in the Presbytery

PARISH NEWS

Social Committee

The Social Committee have arranged a coach day trip to the Lake District on Saturday 4th June 2011. The cost will be £12-00 per person with pick up points in Rhos/Colwyn Bay/Old Colwyn/Abergele.

Book with **John Williams (Organist)** or tel **01492 517038**. Selling fast not many seats left.

Singing at Masses

With the intention of increasing further the interest in music content at Masses, I would like to invite parishioners to ask that a particular hymn be sung at a Mass. This could be a hymn which holds a fond memory or other particular remembrance. The choir and myself will do our utmost to include the request in the Mass setting subject to suitable liturgical needs. I would like to commence his trial at the beginning of May.

Please contact me if you would like to choose a hymn. **John Williams (Organist)**

Parish Assembly

We will be holding our annual Parish Assembly on the afternoon of Sunday 5th June. Please keep this day free in your diaries. Thank You.

Adult Faith Group

The AFG are pleased to announce we have secured the services of Fr. Hughes SJ from Oxford. Fr Hughes taught Philosophy at Heythrop College, University of London from 1970 until 1998, and then was Master of Campion Hall, the Jesuit College in the University of Oxford, until his term of office expired in 2006. He tutors in the university, and has recently written books on the problem of evil, and on religious fundamentalism.

Saturday 28th May from 2-00pm / 5-00pm.

The Laity of the Future—The Call and The Mission

This Seminar Workshop with Fr Mariathas Selvaratnam OMI will address the following questions: What is the Call? Who is Calling? Calling for what? The day will include input, sharing, discussion and celebrating of the Eucharist at 5 -30pm. Saturday 14th May 10-00am start.

Easter Offerings

Fr Declan wishes to thank everyone for the Easter Offering Collection which raised £1300-00.

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