

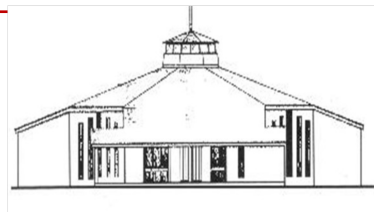
# Holy Cross Catholic Community

'A family for all cultures to nurture disciples of all ages'

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**THE LORD IS RISEN**

**SUNDAY 23rd April 2023 3rd Sunday Eastertide**

**Alleluia**

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**Reading Cycles: Sundays Year A Psalter Week 2**

Day and Date	Mass Time	Intention
<b>Saturday 22nd April</b> <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<i>Peter Hammett E Blessings</i> <i>Fr Pius E Blessings</i>
<b>Sunday 23rd April</b> <b>3rd Sunday Eastertide</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<i>Devesia Ullahayil RIP</i> <i>Punnose Varkey RIP</i>
<b>Monday 24th April</b> <b>St George</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Adoration &amp; Rosary</i>
<b>Wednesday 26th April</b> <b>3rd Week Eastertide</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<i>Mary &amp; Family E Blessings</i> <i>Salini &amp; Manu E Blessings</i>
<b>Thursday 27th April</b> <b>3rd Week Eastertide</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<i>Sr Agnes E Blessings</i> <i>Donna E Blessings</i>
<b>Friday 28th April</b> <b>3rd Week Eastertide</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<i>Carrol Fowler RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 29th April</b> <b>St Catherine of Siena</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<i>Karen McCarthy Spl Intention</i>
<b>Saturday 29th April</b> <b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<i>Pro Populo</i>

## Recently Died

All Souls whose names are entered in our Book of Remembrance and all victims of war & violence Our family & friends whose anniversaries occur around this week

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord  
R. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen*

**Pray for the Sick of the Parish**  
Heavenly Father, look with mercy on the sick of our parish community and help them in this time of sickness, Restore them to health, we pray, Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for personal prayer and silent Adoration on week days 30 minutes before the Holy Mass. Confessions on Saturdays from 11 to 11.50 am.**

**Next weekend we celebrate GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY— THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER OF VOCTIONS. Let us pray for vocations to Priesthood especially for those in formation. Our second collection is for Priests training fund. Please take home the envelopes given and bring next weekend with your offering. Please support.**

## Vocations Prayer

Lord, make me a better person, More considerate towards others, More honest with myself, more faithful to you. Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do your will whatever it may be. Help me find my true vocation in life and grant that through it I may find happiness in myself and bring happiness to others. Grant, Lord, that those whom you call to enter the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life, may have the generosity to answer your call, so that those who need your help may find it. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

**“Our hope is called Jesus. He is alive and evil has no more power over Him. Failure cannot prevent us from beginning again, and death becomes the passage to the beginning of a new life. The wounds of the risen Jesus are the signs of the Love that overcomes hatred, of the Pardon that disarms revenge, of the Life that conquers death.” Pope Francis**

**Parish Bank Details for your Offering**

Name : Gendros Parish

A/C NO: 90264630

Sort Code 55 -61 -20

Last weekend Offering £ 471

Many Thanks & God Bless

For parish hall hire please contact on 01792586454

First Holy Communion Class Sundays after Mass.

Coronation Coffee and Cake; Friday 5th May 10 am  
at the Parish Hall .... You are all invited...

For more information see any SVP member

*Jesus himself drew near and walked with them*

Oh  
Jesus,  
please find us  
wherever we hide.  
Take away our refuges:  
wars, gun violence, climate change  
and all.

Come walk with us and be with us now.  
Show us the new life that you are.  
Open our eyes and  
make our minds  
and hearts  
blaze.

**Ministers of the Word  
Weekend 29th/ 30th April**

**Saturday 6.00 pm**

First Reading

Second Reading

Bidding Prayers

Helen

Luke

Trish

**Sunday**

First Reading

Second Reading

Bidding Prayers

Ryan

Reymiele

Daniya

**Church Cleaning**

Week beginning :

24th April

31st April

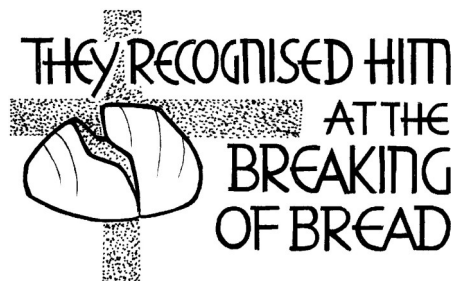
1st May

Sigi & Smitha

No clean

Beena & Shiji

**Ministers—if you cannot attend or need to  
change your rota, please let us know by  
contacting Donna (07745947773)**



The day on which our Lord rose from the dead, some of the women who had accompanied Him went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body and found the tomb empty. An angel spoke to them of Jesus' Resurrection and then these women went to tell the disciples what they saw. The reaction of the disciples is recorded this way: "but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them." Later that day, two of those doubting disciples were traveling on foot to the town of Emmaus. As they travelled, they were "conversing and debating" about what had happened to Jesus and also about what these women reported to them. It is clear from their words that they were quite confused and discouraged about what was happening. They encountered our Lord in His public ministry. They had listened to His powerful teachings. They witnessed His miracles. They had hoped that He was the Messiah. But then they saw Him arrested, humiliated, beaten, crucified and killed. Jesus' death took a serious toll on them and made them question their faith in Him. And even after they heard that He had risen, they couldn't bring themselves to believe. Thus, they travelled the road to Emmaus—discouraged, confused and doubting. As these disciples walked along, our Lord appeared to them, but they did not recognize Him in His resurrected form. They expressed their confusion to Him. After Jesus went on and explained the Scriptures to them, they were hungry for more. They asked this stranger to stay with them and He did. That evening, Jesus broke bread with them, and in that sacramental act, they recognized Him before He vanished from their eyes.

We must see ourselves in these disciples. There are many things in life that can lead us to discouragement. When we strive to follow God's will but find that things have not turned out how we expected, there is a temptation to doubt. Why is that? What is the cause of doubt? More than anything else, doubts and discouragement come from our failure to understand the perfect plan of God for our lives. Reflect, today, upon these two disciples. They had the incredible privilege of spending much time with our Lord during His public ministry, seeing His miracles and hearing His sermons. But when the Cross ensued, they doubted and despaired. Let these disciples witness to you and reveal to you any ways that you fall into similar temptations.

*Lord of perfect wisdom, Your plan for my life is perfect and glorious beyond imagination. Too often, I fail to understand Your will and fall into confusion and doubt. Please open my mind to Your truth and help me to see everything from Your perspective so that I will always walk with hope and trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You.*