

# The People's Mass

14 April 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet, yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Profession of Faith** (Nicene Creed)  
I believe in one God, / the Father almighty, / maker of heaven and earth, / of all things visible and invisible. / I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, / the Only Begotten Son of God, / born of the Father before all ages; / God from God, Light from Light, / true God from true God, / begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; / through him all things were made. / For us men and for our salvation / he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, / and became man. / For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, / he suffered death and was buried, / and rose again on the third day / in accordance with the Scriptures. / He ascended into heaven / and is seated at the right hand of the Father. / He will come again in glory / to judge the living and the dead / and his kingdom will have no end. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, / who proceeds from the Father and the Son, / who with the Father and the

Son is adored and glorified, / who has spoken through the prophets. / I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. / I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins / and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead / and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The priest introduces the Prayer of the Faithful.

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**  
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), ...  
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

**Eucharistic Prayer**  
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right and just.

**Sanctus**  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. ...  
**After the Consecration**  
The mystery of faith.  
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**THE COMMUNION RITE**  
At the Saviour's command ...  
Our Father, who art in heaven, / hallowed be thy name; / thy kingdom come, / thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. / Give us this day our daily bread, / and forgive us our trespasses, / as we forgive those who trespass against us; / and lead us not into temptation, / but deliver us from evil.  
Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, ...  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, ... Amen.  
The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And with your spirit.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins, ...  
Behold the Lamb of God, ...  
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**Communion Antiphon** (Lk 24:35)  
The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon** (Cf. Ps 65:1-2)  
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise, alleluia.  
In the name of the Father, ... Amen.  
The grace of our Lord ... And with your spirit.

**Penitential Act**  
Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...  
A brief pause for silence follows.  
You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

**Gloria**  
Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory. / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father, / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING** (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19)  
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.'

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9)

**1** Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.  
When I call, answer me, O God of justice, from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!  
**2** It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him.  
**3** 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.  
**4** I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**SECOND READING** (1 Jn 2:1-5)

A reading from the first letter of St John.  
I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Cf. Lk 24:32)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** (Lk 24:35-48)

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

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Croom €1,000



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### Lough Derg Pilgrimage

Sanctuary of Saint Patrick 2024 Pilgrimage Season

Three-day Pilgrimage, in the tradition of prayer, fasting & vigil.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August

Admission €80 Booking Advised

Contact for information on all bookings +353 (0)719861518. [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)



### Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock and Co. Mayo, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024. €849 per person. Price includes return bus/train, 5 nights in 4\* Castle Court Hotel, Westport with dinner, bed, and breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment excursions and transport included. Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890236 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)



### Limerick Diocesan 2024 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

20th - 25th June 5 Nights from €899 per person

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### The Popes Intention for April

For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

### Reflection

*The Wounds of Love*

The wounds of Jesus show how costly love can be. Those who care about others pick up a lot of wounds. There may be no great wounds. Only a multiplicity of little ones. But there can also be a lot of invisible wounds. The furrows left on the mind and heart. By hardship, worry and anxiety. These wounds are not things to be ashamed of. They are more like badges of honour. They are the proof of our love.