

THE PARISHES OF ST ETHELBERT LEOMINSTER and ST JOSEPH BROMYARD

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3rd Sunday of Easter

This week we come to the end of April and what a month it has been. The lockdown restrictions has caused the pace of life to slow considerably and I am sure most of us have had time to think about what is really important in life.

As I celebrate Mass each day, the prayer following the Our Father has taken on a new significance and is a prayer which seems so appropriate in our present situation.

*Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from all evil,
Graciously grant peace in our days,
That by the help of your mercy,
We may be always free from sin
And safe from all distress,
As we wait in Blessed hope
for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

Secondly, the Gospel this Sunday is the story of the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus. They have witnessed Jesus suffering and death. As they try to make sense of what has happened and the impact it has had on their lives, the Risen Lord appears to them and encouraged them to tell him their story. He then goes on to explain the scriptures to them in order to help them understand the real meaning of his suffering and death. As we reflect on this story, it is a reminder that the Lord is with us in our difficulty and inviting us to tell him our story in prayer. Let us also pray that he will guide us through our present difficulties.

Special Masses for those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales recognise that this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting every person in our countries. In order to show a spiritual solidarity with all those who the sick, their families, care workers and NHS staff, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass on Thursday evenings which will be live-streamed for people to join.

This Thursday the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Richard Moth in Arundel Cathedral. Further information can be found on the Bishop's Conference website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

Some other links that you might find helpful:

Here is a link to a website that lists lots of streamed services:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/>

This link is to services in Walsingham:

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

You can watch the Pope's daily Mass by Googling "YouTube Pope Francis Mass"

CAFOD are offering some online meetings:

- **Tuesday, 28 April 11 am-12 noon** – Join us online to meet Maria Gonzalez, Head of International Development at CAFOD and hear about the greatest challenges facing our world right now, how we are responding and what gives her hope for the future. Ask your own questions and find out more about how CAFOD works on International development.
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1875740854396550923>
- **Cambodia and Step into the Gap: Thursday, 30 April 11am-12 noon**
Join us for an inspirational talk on Cambodia from our GAP volunteers Rebecca, Orla and Hugh. Step into the Gap is a unique opportunity (18-30 year olds) to volunteer in the UK, gain experience, develop leadership skills and visit CAFOD partners overseas. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5157170635437819661>

Friday, 8 May 6:30-8:00 pm Join us for the **CAFOD Quiz on VE Day**. In this time of isolation, we want to bring people together for a time of fun, while we also help those around the world who will suffer the effects of Coronavirus without the healthcare and access to water which we are able to rely upon. We are making a suggested minimum donation of £5 per adult, which you can donate through our website. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9080462319961879564>