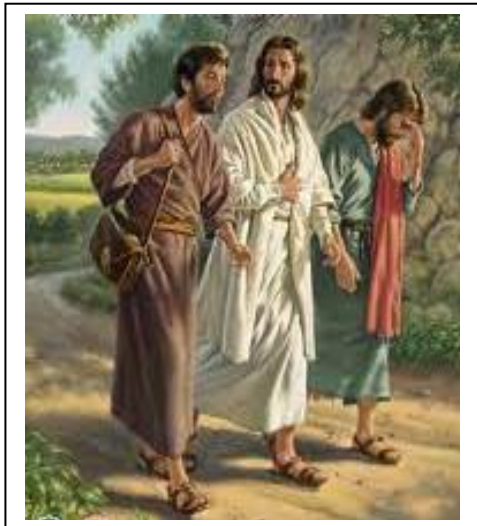


YEAR A



Children's Liturgy of the **Word**



Sunday 23rd April 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

Colour: Father will have **White** coloured vestments on.

Welcome: Today we hear how two of the disciples went on a journey to a village called Emmaus. Along the way, they met someone really special, although they didn't recognise him at first. Who do you think it was? Let's find out if you are right...

Opening Prayer: Christ Jesus, our light and our guide, as we travel through life open our eyes to recognise you in everyone that we meet. Open our hearts to share generously with each other. Amen.

Song: **One more step along the road I go.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PXV3dwaeNU>

Gospel Preparation

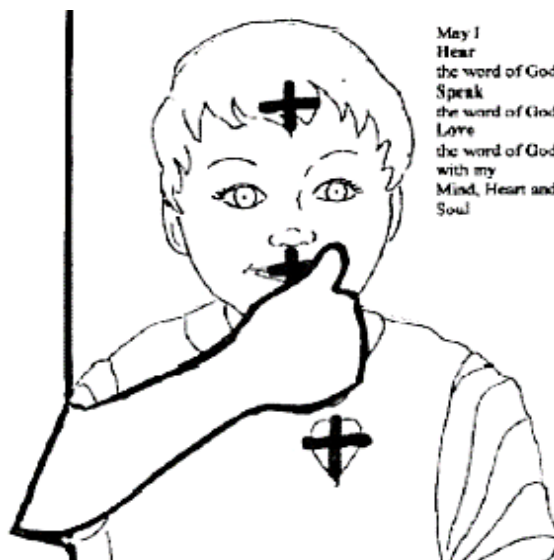
Reader: The Lord be with you

Children: And with Your Spirit.

.. a reading from the Holy Gospel according to

Luke

Children: Glory to you, O Lord



May I
Hear
the word of God,
Speak
the word of God,
Love
the word of God,
with my
Mind, Heart and
Soul



Gospel: Luke 24: 13 – 35

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPsWHNa84Tc>

For parents: A simple explanation for children:

Being able to discuss events with the unrecognised Jesus opened the disciples to the explanation of the Scriptures (**Liturgy of the Word**) and the sharing of a meal (**Liturgy of the Eucharist**) – essentially what happens at Mass today. It is like **the Last Supper**, the action of **the breaking of the bread**, that the recognition of Jesus is revealed to the disciples – the action of **taking and of blessing the bread, breaking it and sharing it**.

Understanding this story helps us to understand more fully what is happening at Mass- **Holy Communion**.

After the Gospel is read:

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Children: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Reflection Questions What do you remember from the story today?

- **If something really, really sad happened to one of your friends, would you want to get away from it?**
When Jesus was put to death, some of his friends left Jerusalem and went to a place called Emmaus.
- **How do you think they were feeling?** (Confused, disappointed, sad)
When Jesus came up beside them and started talking to them, they didn't recognise him.
- **How did they eventually realise that it was Jesus talking to them?** (they got really excited when he was explaining Scripture to them and then when he shared a meal with them it was just like the Last Supper).
- **When unexpected things happen to you (good things and not so nice things) how do you feel and how does having friends help you?**

We are all made in the image of God and Jesus is in each and every person, but often we forget this. We need take the time to recognise how important and special each person is.

Closing Prayer: Living God, we look for you in all people. May we be inspired to treat each other with respect, sharing generously and reaching out to help those who are in need. Amen.

Activity Suggestions:

- Invite the children to colour in the accompanying illustration of a group of people sharing food together and to write or draw on the back how they will treat others in the coming week.
- Enjoy doing the puzzles.
- Encourage the children to write a grace to be used before meals, so that each time they eat or share food they remember to look for Jesus in the people around them and in those who prepared, grew and produced the food.

You may access The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) for a guide to this week's Children's Liturgy, activity sheet and a virtual Children's Liturgy using the link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

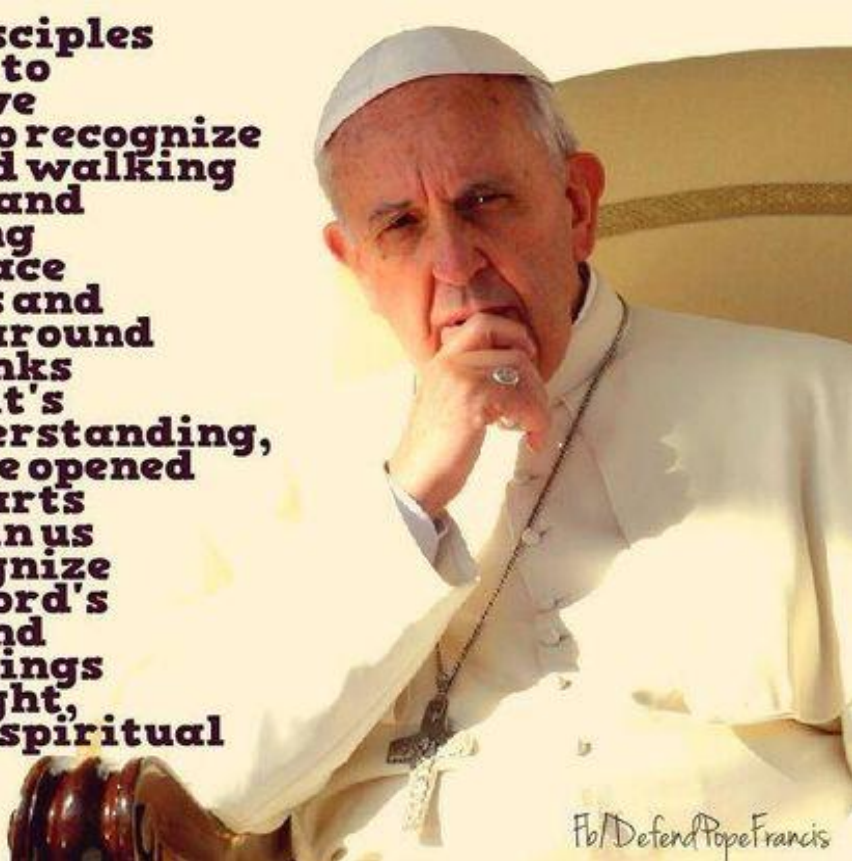




**Whom can I get to make
our world a better place?
Will you help make a difference?**

**“Like the disciples
on the way to
Emmaus, we
often fail to recognize
the the Lord walking
at our side and
the working
of God's grace
in our lives and
the world around
us. Yet thanks
to the Spirit's
gift of understanding,
our eyes are opened
and our hearts
burn within us
as we recognize
the Risen Lord's
presence and
view all things
in a new light,
with fresh spiritual
insight.”**

Pope Francis



Special Feasts and Dates for this week:

- 25 April **ANZAC Day – Lest we forget.**
- 26 April Saint Mark
- 29 April Saint Peter Chanel.
- 29 April Saint Catherine of Siena

