

Reflection:

The story told in today's Gospel passage, which turns out to be one of great hope and joy, has a number of elements worth exploring.

It opens with the scene of the two disciples of Jesus, deep in conversation, on their way to Emmaus. Jesus joins them though they do not recognize him. He asks what they are talking about. They are despondent. We are told that their faces were "downcast". They go on to explain that they had hoped that Jesus would have been "the one to set Israel free". It is probable that they understood this "setting Israel free" to be of the political type of freedom, setting Israel free from the grip of the Romans. It seems they had completely misunderstood the mission of Jesus. Then they go on to inform him that there had been reports of the tomb being empty, and not only that, but some women of their group said they had had "a vision of angels" who said Jesus was alive. Even with these reports they are still despondent, disappointed, depressed. Their hopes have been dashed.

Then slowly, by explaining to them the passages in the scriptures that God had inspired the prophets to write about him, he opened their minds to the true meaning of his mission, about how he was to suffer and die and rise from the dead, in order to gift the human race with the truest freedom of all, the freedom from sin and death, the freedom of restored dignity and meaning, the freedom of eternal blessedness.

Though they noted afterwards that their hearts had burned within them as he explained the scriptures to them, they still did not yet fully understand nor did they recognize him.

Then as they approached Emmaus, he made as if to go on. But they didn't want to let him go. We are told they "pressed him to stay with them".

They sensed that this man was special and that he had important things to tell them. Then finally, when they were at the table, they recognized him when he blessed and broke the bread and gave it to them. We are not unlike these two disciples. Often we are slow to believe fully and understand the message of the prophets. Often, our faith is shallow. To remedy this, we should immerse ourselves in the scriptures - at least by listening attentively to the readings at Mass - and believing what they contain, come to know Jesus. Then, as with the disciples in Emmaus, we should recognize Jesus in the Holy Eucharist in which he is truly present and whom we are privileged to receive.

Priests of the Parish
 Canon Gerard Garrett
 Fr Daniel Tomasik
 Fr Peter Claver Emeka Eze
 Fr Krzysztof Tyburowski
 In residence Canon John Daly

Eucharistic Adoration
 Friday's 4pm—5.30pm in the Adoration Chapel.

Mass Times
 Mon—Fri 10am, 5.45pm
 Sat 10am & 6pm Vigil
 Sun 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon

Confessions
 Saturday 10.30am
Baptisms
 Saturday 4.30pm

Recently Deceased
 We remember in our prayers
Patricia Kennedy RIP
Christopher Tobin RIP
Bridget Kennedy RIP
 May they rest in eternal peace.

Recently Baptised
 We welcome into the Christian Community
Liam Doran Brodie
Saoirse Farrow Krajcsik
Freya Reed
 We wish each of them and their families every happiness and blessing.

Cathedral Shop
 Mon - Sat, 10:30am - 1pm.
 Sympathy cards, First Holy Communion, Confirmation cards, gift sets & other religious goods available to buy.

Split the Pot Draw
 Congratulations to **Kenneth Torpey** winner of last weekends draw. Draw Envelopes available at the back of the church. All proceeds go toward the maintenance of the Cathedral.

Fundraising Concert
 To help defray costs of Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Friday, April 24th, 2026
 8:00pm sharp
 Holy Trinity Abbey, Adare



Holy Trinity Abbey Choir and Guests
 Musical Director: Tracey Fitzgerald
 MC: Seamus Hennessey

Jean O'Brien - Piano
 Ann PheLAN - Violin
 Niamh Irwin - Flute
 CONOR O'Shaughnessy - ACCORDION
 Guest Soloists: Niamh O'Brien, Jennifer Walsh, Rebecca O'Shea

Tickets Available from: Adare Parish Office (061) 396172
 Limerick Diocesan Office: (061) 350000
 Newcastle West Parish Office: (087)2443106
 Tickets: €20.00

Spot Prizes & Raffle on the night

Charity number: 20203433



CELEBRATORY CONCERT
 IN HONOUR OF
St. Catherine of Siena

Wednesday
29th April
7:30pm

Music by Cantoral Singing
 Western Plainchant
 and
 Medieval Polyphony



ST. SAVIOUR'S DOMINICAN CHURCH
 LIMERICK, V94 X2AA

Tickets €15- available from Eventbrite or the parish office Mon-Fri 10am-2pm
 085 7262262
 Under 18's are free

Fundraiser for St Saviour's Restoration



FIND US ON
 EVENTBRITE
 *Raffle entry included in ticket

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500

CATHOLIC

Speed Dating Evening
 in aid of
 Whinnie's Wish Kenya,
 High School Tuition Fund
 A project by Odlhrán Kennedy


The Kingsley Hotel, Cork
 T12P680
 Sunday, 3rd May 2026
 5pm

Ages 25 - 45
 Tickets €30

Tickets available on Eventbrite. Search 'Speed Dating for Catholics'



SPEED DATING
 Hosted by Little Roses Events
 littleroseevents@gmail.com



Wednesday 22 April,
Vocations Holy Hour:
St. John's Cathedral,
7:00-8:00pm

Please join us to pray for vocations in our diocese! Our celebrant and testimony at this month's Vocations Holy Hour will be **Fr Chris O'Donnell.**

See you there!

Easter Dues
For the upkeep of the clergy.
 We thank those who contributed to the Easter Dues Collection. Dues envelopes can still be returned to the Sacristy.