



CELEBRATING THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL
W/C SUN 18TH APRIL 2021, THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

He
has
Risen

EASTER: LIFE!

In this week's Gospel, Jesus returns to his disciples. They are the first witnesses to his incredible resurrection, and so the first to understand why Jesus came to earth in the first place - LIFE! Before he had even died Jesus told them, "I have come so that you may have life, and have it to the full." And he demonstrated this in his teaching, in his healing of the sick, in who he chose to spend his time with. But once the disciples had witnessed his incredible triumph over death they could begin to understand the impact this would have on humanity for generations to come. They were inspired by the Holy Spirit to spread the message of life, and it is because of their witness that we can be witnesses today too. We place value on all lives, and we look to the future with hope.

"YOU ARE WITNESSES TO THIS"

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 still could not believe it, and they stood there 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.'



MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-19:

We are the witnesses

Psalm: Psalm 4:

Lift up the light of your face on us

2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5:

We have our advocate, Jesus Christ

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48:

You are witnesses to this

THIS WEEK

MS Awareness Week 2021

Friday 23rd: Solemnity of St. George

WE PRAY FOR...

All those we know who are sick and housebound, those in care or in hospital, and those who have recently died. We especially remember Veronica Fetherston and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh



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