

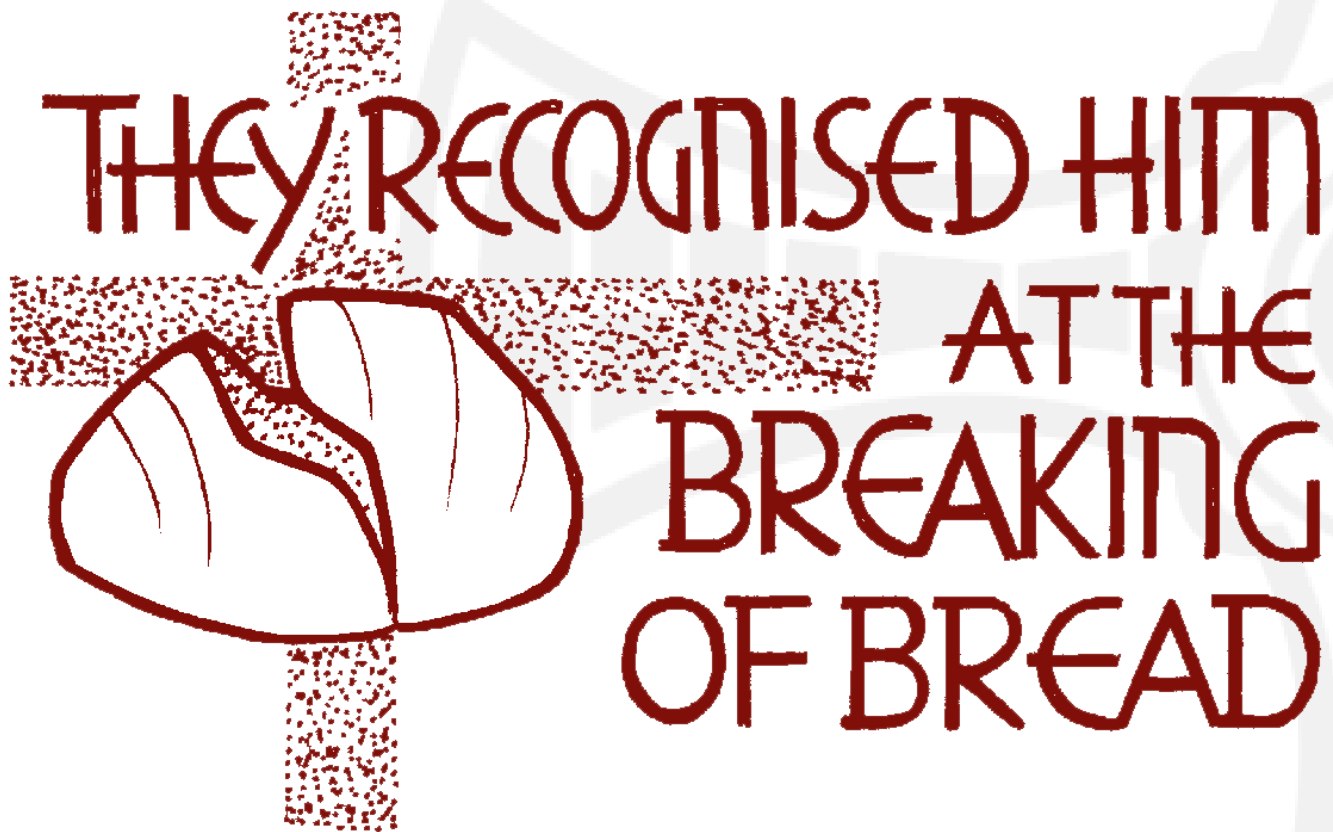


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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
19TH APRIL 2026

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SM SUNDAY MESSAGE

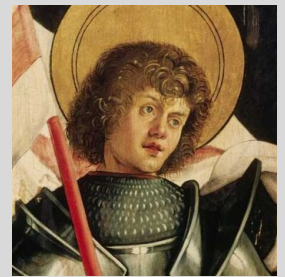
This attractive and delicate narrative is the story of the journey to faith in the Risen Christ: it occurs in any Christian instruction, and especially in the Eucharist, which begins with the teaching of the scriptures, and then is brought to its fulfilment in the Sacrament. The two disciples (are they man and woman, as so often in Luke, perhaps Cleopas and his wife?) start off deep in depression and disappointment. But they are open-minded and willing to learn as the Stranger explains to them from scripture the meaning of events. Their hearts burn within them at the Stranger's words, but their eyes remain closed. It is only in the sacramental meal that they recognise the Risen Christ. This is the story of any Christian instruction, culminating in the Eucharist, for the Eucharist is a sacrament of initiation, bringing us to the intimate, personal encounter with Christ. Once they have been enlightened and have learnt the profound meaning of the events, the truth of the scriptures and the resurrection, then the disciples return to the Holy City and carry on their own Christian apostolate by spreading the news of the resurrection. This is the shape of the Christian vocation which we all receive, to assimilate and pass on the meaning of Christ's resurrection.



How can we share the message of Jesus this week?

ST GEORGE, MARTYR | THURSDAY 23RD APRIL

He was martyred at Lydda (now in Israel) in about 303, during the persecution of Diocletian. Like so many saints of that period, the only fact that we can be certain of is his martyrdom. His cult spread quickly through both the East and the West, and the legend of St George and the Dragon only appeared some time afterwards. During the crusades, George was seen to personify the ideals of Christian chivalry, and he was adopted as the patron saint of several city states and countries, including England and Catalonia. King Richard I of England placed his crusading army under the protection of St George, and in 1222 his feast was proclaimed a holiday.



ST MARK, EVANGELIST | SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

He was a cousin of Barnabas and accompanied the apostle Paul on his first missionary journey; later he followed him to Rome. He was a disciple of Peter, and his gospel is told from Peter's point of view. He is credited with founding the Church in Alexandria. His body was stolen from Alexandria in 828 (though some say that the wrong bones were stolen) and taken to Venice, which adopted him as its patron saint.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please ensure all items for the bulletin are with the parish office by 5pm on a Wednesday. Please email to bulletin@seaham-catholics.org.uk



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL



For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Leo PP. XIV

SANCTUARY CANDLE



THE CANDLE THAT BURNS AT THE SANCTUARY IS FOR

Ted & Matty Foreman & Family
at St. Mary Magdalen's

Rob & Stephen Davison
at St. Cuthbert's

Hoole & Foley Families
at St. Joseph's

BONUS BALL WINNER

at St Joseph's

4th April - 52 - Anne Marie Cram
11th April - 31 - Jimmy Haffey



at St Mary Magdalen's

5th April - 197 - £50
12th April - 103 - £50

✠ THE NEWS FOR THE PEWS ✠

MASSES AND SERVICES OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Now that Fr Charles has begun his post-Easter break, we are pleased to welcome this weekend Fr Benneth, who will celebrate the weekend Masses at St. Cuthbert's and St. Mary Magdalen's. While Fr Charles is away, Services of the Word will take place at St. Cuthbert's and St. Mary Magdalen's. Midweek Mass will be available at St. Joseph's for those who wish to attend. All Mass and service times are detailed overleaf.

THANKS TO FR. KEVIN AND THE COLUMBANS

We extend our sincere thanks to Father Kevin for his presence in our parish community last weekend. We are deeply grateful to him for generously celebrating all weekend Masses while also undertaking his mission appeal on behalf of the Columban Missionaries. His appeal is a reminder of the importance of missionary outreach and global solidarity within the Church. We also wish to clarify that mission appeal envelopes are available at the back of each church across all parishes. While they were not available at St Joseph's last weekend, they are now in place and can be collected there as well. Once again, we express our gratitude to Fr Kevin and the Columban Missionaries for their inspiring witness and ministry among us. We encourage all parishioners to support their important work as generously as they are able.

EASTER FLOWERS IN OUR THREE PARISHES

A huge thank you to all who contributed towards Easter flowers in all three parishes. All of our Churches looked beautiful to mark the most important feast in the Churches year and the subsequent octave.

THE ONLINE UPDATE SERVICE - DBS FOR VOLUNTEERS

All those who help in the parish in any way, require a valid up to date DBS. The Update Service is a free online subscription service that allows you to keep your enhanced DBS certificates up to date. It enables the Diocese, with your consent, to complete your three yearly DBS check. Your Update Service Subscription requires an annual renewal. When this is due you will receive an email from DBS which will help you to do this. If you do not renew your subscription it will lapse and subsequently, when your DBS is due for checking, a full application will need to be completed including identity verification. If you need any further information regarding this, please speak to your Parish Safeguarding Representative, who are now detailed on the front of the bulletin.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - NORTHERN BRETHERN FUND

From this weekend, the retiring collection for the Northern Brethren Fund is open across all three parishes. This fund provides support for sick and retired priests within our Diocese, and any contributions are greatly appreciated. The collection will remain open until 27th April.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Next weekend there will be a special collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Little Sisters of the Poor are an international religious congregation dedicated to the care of the elderly, particularly those who are most vulnerable, poor, and in need of support. Through their work, they provide residential care, compassion, and dignity to older people, ensuring that each resident is treated with respect and love in a family-like environment. Their mission relies heavily on the generosity of others, as they strive to continue their vital service in our communities. Any contributions you are able to make will be greatly appreciated.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next weekend is a special Day of Prayer for Vocations. This World Day of Prayer is an important moment in the life of the Church, both globally and within our own Diocese. It is an opportunity for us to reflect on the call God places on each person, and to pray especially for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. The Church depends on the generous response of individuals who are willing to serve God and His people. By praying for vocations, we support those currently discerning their calling and encourage future generations to listen to God's voice. Please keep this intention in your prayers, asking that many may have the courage to respond to God's call.

✠ THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES ✠

A = Anniversary | **(LD)** = Lately Deceased | **(DFM)** = Deceased Family Members

	St Mary Magdalen's SEAHAM HARBOUR	St Cuthbert's NEW SEAHAM	St. Joseph's MURTON
Saturday 18th April <i>Weekday in Eastertide</i>		4:00 - 4:20pm <i>Confessions</i>	
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER		4:30pm VIGIL MASS Theresa Hill	
Sunday 19th April THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:30am MASS Eamonn & Margaret McVeigh (RD) <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>		10:30am Confessions 11:00am MASS Tapping, Burns, Latzer and Flatz Families <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>
Monday 20th April <i>Weekday in Eastertide</i>		8:45am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9:30am <i>Service of the Word & Holy Communion</i>	
Tuesday 21st April <i>Weekday in Eastertide</i>	10:00am <i>Service of the Word & Holy Communion</i>		
Wed 22nd April <i>Weekday in Eastertide</i>		9:30am <i>Service of the Word & Holy Communion</i>	10:00am MASS Elizabeth, Kitty & Thomas Christie
Thurs 23rd April <i>St. George, Martyr</i>	10:00am <i>Service of the Word & Holy Communion</i>		
Friday 24th April <i>Weekday in Eastertide</i>			10:00am MASS In thanksgiving
Saturday 25th April <i>St Mark, Evangelist</i>		4:30pm Mass Connor Drinkwater	
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Sunday 26th April THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:30am MASS Bernard Joseph Robson <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>		10:30am Confessions 11:00am MASS Kamsi Jayden (1st Birthday) <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>

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