



Word of the week

Two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all the things that had happened. While they were talking, Jesus himself came near and walked with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. It is now the



third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread."



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

The CHAPEL CAFÉ will be open on Friday at break! Don't forget to bring some change to buy a delicious Fairtrade snack!

LUNCHTIME MASS will be celebrated in the CHAPEL at on FRIDAY (12:35pm). All pupils and staff are very welcome!!

Something to think about....

In this week's scripture passage we see Jesus' style of friendship – walking alongside people, even if they are walking in the wrong direction! Jesus stayed close to the disciples so that they could better understand who he was. In the end, the disciples invite Jesus to stay with them – he goes from being a stranger to a friend! In this Gospel Jesus lives out the old saying, "If you want a friend...be one!" This week we can take a look at our friendships...do we allow other people to get to know us, or do we put barriers up? Do we worry more about how many Facebook friends we have, rather than appreciating the friends we have sitting next to us? Friends are God's gift to us, so that whenever we are lost, confused, or sad on the journey of life, they will be there to walk alongside us, sharing our life's story, warming our hearts!

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT....

- THINK ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS – WHICH OF THEIR QUALITIES DO YOU LIKE THE MOST?
- WHAT KIND OF FRIEND ARE YOU? HOW WOULD YOUR FRIENDS DESCRIBE YOU?
- WHAT ABOUT THE FRIENDSHIP OF JESUS? WOULD YOU CONSIDER JESUS TO BE YOUR FRIEND?
- "IF YOU WANT A FRIEND, BE ONE!" WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? DO YOU AGREE?

Something to do....

Watch 'The Friendship Algorithm' scene from **The Big Bang Theory**! <https://youtu.be/k0xgjUhg3U> Howard's question at the ends is: "Why can't Sheldon make friends?" What are your thoughts?



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Loving Father, help me to have a listening heart, and form relationships that are open and supportive of others. Let the space between me and my friends become a place where others can feel safe. Be in that space to help and to heal hurts where our experience and wisdom fall short. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Risen Lord. Amen

PRAY WITH THE POPE!

This month Pope Francis wants us to pray for **CHRISTIANS IN AFRICA** – that, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, they may give witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace. See the POPE VIDEO at www.thepopevideo.org.

A MOMENT WITH MARY!

May is traditionally a month dedicated to Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Every day this month take a moment to pray the **Hail Mary**, and thank Jesus for the gift of his mother.