



Third Sunday of Easter

Perhaps it is a fair comment to make that there are 2 types of people in the world. The first type are 'sunset' people who constantly look back on what has happened to their lives. The second type are 'sunrise' people who so often look forward to life's new and fresh opportunities. Realistically, most people are somewhere in the middle.

From today's Gospel according to Luke, we hear of 2 'sunset' people. Cleopas and his companion, who late in the afternoon of the first Easter Sunday, reflected back with a mixture of confusion and sadness to what has happened to their 'hero,' Jesus of Nazareth.

He walked with them for a long time as the wounded risen Jesus with their eyes downcast, so they did not notice him. He brilliantly explained the prophecies that explained what did happen to him. Then at the sharing and 'breaking of bread' they recognised him. Both Cleopas and his companion rushed back to the Christian gathering in Jerusalem to share their new experiences. Now, they were 'sunrise' people.

There are 2 things that we may learn from this story, the first is how important it is for us to share our good news as it is often than good news for other people. The second thing is to remember that we also are Easter people who need then to be instruments of God's joy with and for them. The challenge to do this is before us all! *Fr Martin R Maunsell*