

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April @ 10am

### Readings

Acts 3 12-19

1 John 3 1-7

Luke 24 36b-48

### Collect for The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Thought for the Week The Easter Challenge

Jesus had only a short time left on earth after the resurrection; that he used so much of it in telling people not to fear, shows the importance of this question. We must pray for help and strength to banish fear; the harder we pray, the less we can fear.

Concentration on Jesus and his point of view can oust fear; the disciples had learned this lesson by the time Jesus left them; instead of being devastated at the loss of their Master, they were able to return to Jerusalem 'with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God' (Luke 24: 53).