

Emmaus The Link

“While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them” Luke 24:15

Dublin Emmaus Walks - 2019



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Luke 24:13

This is the fifteenth year of the Emmaus Walks in Ireland. The first three years the Walks were held at the **Glencree Reconciliation Centre** in the Wicklow Mountains. The mountain-top experience was amazing, and the Almighty poured out His blessings on the Pilgrims and the Team. This year, as with last year, the Women's Walk is held at the picturesque **Dromantine Retreat & Conference Centre**, Newry, Co. Down in Northern Ireland.

The Lord is waiting with arms stretched to welcome all and pour out His blessings. The prayers and preparation that have gone into this will not be in vain.

From the Community Lay Director

Welcome Sisters and Brothers in Christ, Walk 30, to this Emmaus Community.

I went on walk Number 1, here in Ireland, I still remember it well. My heart and love for this community have grown over the years; I care for this group, many of whom I know well. Discipleship is Community; and how we grow, are known, sharpened, encouraged and loved in Community, takes time and effort. We have given time and effort in Service for you over this weekend and I hope you have felt the love that we simply offer you, freely, as God freely loves us.

Emmaus has its own distinct style and formula - it is a tool. In all of life the Holy Spirit moves and can speak to us in different ways. Many have been touched and encouraged in their Faith and love of God on the walks. The 15 talks will have given you some things to think about and you may have learnt something new. Quiet times in the chapel, Laughter at the tables, communications that encourage you. All have helped you develop a deepening walk with God.

Jesus was in a small group of friends, and I encourage you to join a small group (in Emmaus we call them reunion groups) who know you and care for you. I meet with two other men every two weeks and this has sustained me through some challenging times. We are not made for isolation, but for relationships; relationship with God and relationship with the people around us. As you finish as a Pilgrim (you can only be a pilgrim once, you can now be on the team now, if you would like?), what have you learnt about yourself? And how will you respond as you live out your life? God may only have two questions when you arrive at the door of Heaven. What gifts did I give you, and how have you used them for Me? We sometimes clutter our lives with stuff. As a Pilgrim of Christ, what does that mean for you and what are you going to do about it?

May God Bless you, may His Face shine upon you and give you peace.

Your brother in Christ

Alan Morris

Lay Community Director.



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Official News letter of
Walk to Emmaus Ireland
Dublin Community
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From the Community Spiritual Director

The original walk to Emmaus was a time of extraordinary challenge and change for the disciples involved. On the course of their eight mile walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus and the meal with Jesus that followed, they felt their hearts burn within them, their eyes were opened to the reality of the resurrection, their mood radically changed and their desire to share what they had seen and heard was revitalised. Theirs was a dramatic experience in unique times. It is our sincere hope and prayer that pilgrims on this modern-day version of the walk would bring at least some of that personal renewal and encouragement that was felt by those first disciples.



Your time on retreat may have been less dramatic – and much longer! – but if it stirred your heart a little, opened your eyes to a little more of God's grace and truth, encouraged you and deepened your desire to serve Him, then it has been time well spent!

The Emmaus Walk movement is passionate about encouraging Christians to experience more of God's grace and power at work in their daily lives. Continuing in fellowship in your local church is an important element in that on-going journey, and greater involvement in the active life of worship and service can be incredibly rewarding and fulfilling.

The Fourth Day meeting on 13th April will be an opportunity to catch up with some of the people you met on your weekend retreat and also members of the wider Emmaus community, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Christ
Stephen Taylor
Community Spiritual Director

From the Men's Walk Lay Director



Welcome to the Emmaus Community!

As Christians, we are constantly being nudged by God to step out in faith to disciple others to help them grow in their relationship with Him. The role of Lay Director ticks all the boxes in that, together as a team, we have all grown closer to Him through our training days together.

We are all at different stages of your walk with Jesus and I have no doubt at all that each one of you met with Him personally during this weekend in Dromantine. I pray that you are now in a better relationship with Him as a result of the last 3 days.

Emmaus has many facets, the walks, the training days, the gatherings and the Community connection. Being part of Emmaus really helps us to encourage, understand, care, love and live humbly...just the way Jesus taught us! Reunion groups play an important part of keeping our faith alive and well and I would encourage each of you to start or join a group as soon as you can.

The Fourth Day can be a challenge for some of us as you return to our daily lives. The tools you have learnt over the last few days will certainly help you face the Fourth Day ready and armed.

As we did not have the minimum required numbers of Pilgrims able to sign up to go on the Men's Walk 2019, we had to defer until next year, 2020. The Team Training sessions and bonding time was not wasted though. We grew closer as a Community and were fortified by the fellowship and encouragement. We drew close to God as He taught us to minister to one another and prepared us to minister to Pilgrims.

May God continue to strengthen and encourage you daily in your walk through life with Him at your side.

De Colores
Graham Hohn
Men's Walk Lay Director



From the Women's Walk Lay Director

May I give the Pilgrims of Walk 30 the warmest of welcomes to the Emmaus Family! My prayer from the very beginning, has been that your experience of God on Walk 30 would be mind and heart blowing! And that after your weekend you are in no doubt as to the measure of His love for you! We have a wonderful, faithful Father who wants our relationship with Him to deepen every day and I trust that your experience of Him on Walk 30 has helped you on your personal faith journey.



While serving you on the Team of Walk 30, I have come to fully appreciate the wonderful gift and blessing that The Walk to Emmaus is. Serving on the team has been a real privilege and blessing to us all. I would encourage you to get involved next year if you can! There is no greater thing than seeing the Body of Christ built up, enlivened, and encouraged, as God pours out His grace on us and as we walk along the road together.

Psalm 84 reads "Blessed are those whose strength is in You, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage". Whether you have done your Walk in recent years or some time ago, I pray that you would remember that He is your strength and that He uses the Body of Christ to encourage you. Plug in with people who can continue to support you whether that be a group in your church, a Reunion Group or a few Christian friends who can hold you accountable. Remember to persevere and run the race set out before you!

Lilian Burrell
Women's Walk Lay Director

From the Women's Walk Spiritual Director



I hope you've enjoyed your Walk. I guess you're going home physically exhausted but, hopefully, mentally and spiritually fed and refreshed... revived, even?!

I was reading recently that real revival contains three elements: a palpable sense of God's presence; a deep desire to be rid of all sin; and a powerful impact on the wider community. Well, this weekend may not have been quite on the same level as the first disciples' experience in Acts 2, but I do hope you felt that God has been present with us. I trust that some of you did feel burdens (maybe of sin) lifted either at Dying Moments or Candlelight. And I believe that, as you return to your homes, families, jobs and neighbourhoods, there will be something about many of you that people will notice, which will make an impact.

I hope you'll take away a lot of happy memories along with the little agape gifts and messages, and a real knowledge of God's love for you, the special person that you are.

I hope you'll take away a mental picture of that three-legged stool, Piety, Study and Action, and resolve to keep these in balance in your life. Joining a local Reunion Group can help you to maintain your resolve as you support each other and share each other's struggles. And the monthly Gatherings also help us stay in contact; I hope you'll be able to attend at least some of them.

I know that in many ways, life during your Fourth Day will go on as it always has. Nothing back home has changed. But if we resolve to be the best we can be for Jesus, and allow Him to use us as He will, He may surprise us!

I pray that you'll leave here with a new trust in God, a fresh understanding of His grace and a new insight into His amazing love, enabling us day by day as we seek to serve Him.

Every blessing,
Rosemary Lindsay
Women's Walk Spiritual Director

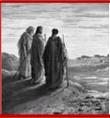
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My Fourth Day
Stuart Blythman Walk 3 Table of John



The Fourth Day is the term used to refer to your everyday walk with Jesus after the 3 days of Emmaus are over. Even before I went on the Emmaus Walk I had been 'walking' with Jesus for a good 30 years. Sometimes it felt close; sometimes I felt on my own (even though I wasn't).

When I went on the Emmaus Walk I didn't really know what to expect. What I found was an intensive refresher course on being a follower of Jesus, a great camaraderie among the walkers, dedication on the part of those leading the walk and some great praise and contemplation.

I have been back on walks twice since, once as an assistant table leader and the last time as a table leader. These were quite different experiences from being a pilgrim, but they have been an important part of my Fourth Day.

When you head back into the real world, you will have changed but the world will not have, and you may find yourself thrust very quickly into issues and problems and tensions. I hope you belong already to a close knit-group of Christians in your local church and small groups. The Emmaus Community adds another dimension to this and there are Reunion Groups and regular get togethers. Maybe even get involved more deeply.

We cannot do this on our own, we need each other's help. The Emmaus Community is there to do just that.

Stuart Blythman

Fourth Day

Venue:

Dundrum Methodist Church

Saturday, 4.00pm

13th April 2019

**ALL ARE INVITED -
bring your family too!**

**Gatherings are usually held
once per month.**

Reunion Groups

My name is Katriina Garcia, and I coordinate the Reunion Groups on behalf of the board.

I was hardly settled in Ireland when I did my Walk. During the walk God showed up, He gave me a place to stop and enjoy His presence and to feel His love more than I have ever felt before.

God had given me and my family a church family, and then soon after He gave me an "extended family" which I call the Emmaus community. The whole experience has opened my eyes to see God bigger than our church walls. God is at work everywhere and we are all part of it!

Emmaus Community has been a great place to serve, grow in my confidence and at the same time being fully reliant on God. Being accountable on my walk with Christ has been the key to stay close to God and grow in my faith.

I would encourage you all to be a part of a reunion group. It has been good for me in my journey to be part of this accountability group that keeps me focused, honest and open with small group of ladies. Lot of the agape gifts have also been made in a reunion group where members have prayed for you as they have been getting gifts ready.

Over the years I have been part of different groups or groups have changed for other reasons as people move or change jobs or for other commitments. I would really encourage you to find a way to be connected or be ready to look for a new group. Different groups meet different times and locations and you can always start your own, even over the phone! I am more than happy to help to get started! And the little reunion card is a great guide in the meetings.

God bless you all as you are going on your 4th day, De Colores!

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