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Where Heart
Speaks to Heart

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

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Love bade me welcome,
Yet my soul drew back
Guilty of dust and sin
Buy quick-eyed Love, observing me
grow slack

From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me,
sweetly questioning,
If I lack'd any thing.

*A guest, I answer'd, worth to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful?*

*Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand,
and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?*

*Why are you so agitated and
why are these doubts arising
in your hearts? Luke 24*

*Truth, Lord, but I
have marr'd them:
let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love,
who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love.
And taste my meat
So I did sit and eat.*

George Herbert

AID FOR REFUGEES House of Humanity Needs - Centre for Refugees in Lesvos, Greece. To help relieve the suffering of the refugees in Greece, items desperately needed are: **Home Hygiene** - Soap Powder, Washing Up Liquid, Bleach & Disinfectant. **Personal Hygiene** - Shower Gel, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Moisturising Lotion, Body Lotion, Body Scrubbing / Loofahs and disposable razors. Anything you can give will be gratefully received. Once again thank you for your help and generosity.

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Gaudete et Exsultate **(“Rejoice and Be Glad”)**



Pope Francis’ third apostolic exhortation – after *Evangelii Gaudium* and *Amoris Laetitia* – **Gaudete et Exsultate** (“Rejoice and Be Glad”) is not a theological treatise about holiness but a faith-filled pitch for promoting the desire for holiness. To explain why this desire should bring true happiness, in contrast to the isolating superficialities of consumerism, Francis reminds us that holiness is not about individual moral perfection or the approval of others. “Not everything a saint says is completely faithful to the Gospel,” he reminds us. We need to contemplate the totality of a saint’s life...

The first saints he mentions by name are women and he writes of a “feminine style” of holiness... Holiness is not about being a special sort of person or living apart from the world but about being a good next-door neighbour, finding a more perfect way of doing what we are already doing, and doing the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Holiness needs times of quiet, solitude and silence but “it is not healthy to love silence while fleeing interaction with others”...

His programme of holiness applies to everyone. It avoids both a complacent elitism and the dull mediocrity that it saddens him to see our culture creating. The loneliness of the human condition is aggravated by consumer

-ist individualism. Holiness is the cure.

Scripture excites him. Francis urges us to go back directly to the words of Jesus, which unsettle us by demanding a change of lifestyle. In his commentary on the Beatitudes, he sees “Blessed are the poor in spirit” as an invitation to peer into our hearts to find out exactly where we find our true security. He sees meekness as a counter-cultural virtue that saves us from being exhausted by constantly trying to dominate and control; in a memorable insight, he says that: “our deepest desires are fulfilled by meekness”...

In 1943 Simone Weil predicted a “new holiness demanded by the present moment, a fresh spring and invention”. In *Gaudete et Exsultate* Pope Francis eloquently promotes this “new holiness” by seeing the inclusive mystery of “small everyday things” in a programme of incarnate holiness that rejects dull mediocrity and religious elitism. He has refreshed the Church’s call to holiness as the goal of all human life.

“Do not be afraid of holiness,” Francis exhorts us.

Laurence Freeman OSB

| THIS WEEK | EVENT | TIME & PLACE |
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| Sun 15 April | Refreshments - Team A | After 9.00am Mass |
| Mon 16 April | Legion of Mary | 7.00pm |
| Wed 18 April | CLC | 2.00pm - 4.00pm |
| Wed 18 April | SVP | 7pm |
| COMING UP | | |
| Sun 22 April | Refreshments - Team A | After 11.00am Mass |
| Mon 23 April | Church Cleaning | After 9.00am Mass |

This year marks the 160th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette in Lourdes. The Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from 26 July-3 August overland and 27 July-2 August by air. Brochures and booking forms can be downloaded from the Pilgrimage Website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or from the Pilgrimage Office: St Alban's, 30 Mill Lane, Wallasey, CH44 5UD. This year flight seats are limited so early booking is recommended.

MONEY MATTERS

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity No. 234025

Collection W/E 8.4.18 - £1,130.41

(Plus £278.20 in Standing Orders)

200 Club Winner - 8.4.18 - M Barrant No.177 wins £70

Please note that cheques for Mass Offerings, Donations etc should be made payable to *Blessed John Henry Newman Parish*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

TO THE PARISH, ITS CLERGY AND TO THE CHARITIES WE SUPPORT

THANK YOU to all who have responded to the request to maximise the number of standing orders and Gift Aid contributions. Both of these initiatives are a very real help and reduce the time that our volunteer counters have to spend each week.. **If you have recently requested a new offertory envelopes** these are **available for collection this weekend**. Please ensure that you take the box **clearly marked with your name**.

Let me also echo the words of last week thanking you all for your financial support and thanking all our volunteers who keep us running smoothly. Finance is always a delicate subject and not the most glamorous aspect of parish life but it is a necessary part of life and bears fruit in the service we can offer to all and the maintenance of our church building.



Mass Times and other Services

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| Sat 14 April | 5.30pm | Agnes & Gordon Leid RIP |
| Sunday 15 April | 9.00 am 11.00 am | A. Eileen Adams RIP (B'day) B. B. Edward O'Hara RIP (B'day) Mark Cornelia Snr (B'day) Mark A Cornelia RIP |
| Monday 16 April | 8.45 am 9.00 am | Morning Prayer Intentions of all Parishioners |
| Tues 17 | | No services today |
| Wednesday 18 April | 8.45 am 9.00 am | Morning Prayer Eileen Potter RIP |
| Thursday 19 April | 6.30 pm 7.00 pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Margaret Quinn Ints |
| Friday 20 April | 8.45 am 9.00 am | Morning Prayer Frank Doyle RIP |

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| Sat 21 April | 5.30 pm | A John O'Keefe RIP, B Alban Smith RIP |
| Sunday 22 April | 9.00 am 11.00am | Mrs Cardwell RIP Kate Alley RIP |

Kindly remember to pray for: Jack Dee who dies this week:

all the faithful departed, those living with or recovering from illness or undergoing medical treatment including: Fr John Gildea, Vera Allen, Marc Bailey, Mary Birks, Amanda Bradbury, Vera Bradbury, Kath Bradley, Dawn Brindle, Archie Brocklehurst, Jack Child, Ethan Connolly, Catherine Coyne, Josie & John Daintith, Monica Dixon, Jimmy Evans, Larry Finn, Claire Hogan, Hilda and Laurie Gilfedder, Maureen Gingell, Teresa Glover, Jamie Graham, Joan Grant, Chris Haynes, Helen Holdbrook, Mary Howard, Graham Hutson, Joan Johnson, Lilly Kelly, Dianna Kirk, Wendy Kirkpatrick, Bet Leigh, Esther Lloyd Jones, Maria Mahon, Renaldo Marcella, Bernadette McConkey, Lynda McCloud, Abigail McNicholas, Eileen Moyse, James O'Hara, May O'Rourke, Charles Pendry, Margaret Pickup, Tony Potter, Fionuala Price, David Prince, Margaret Quinn, Christine Rowe, Br Michael Sheehy, Shelley Scott, Darcie Sharp, Hazel Sudell, Michael Swift, Howard Tomlinson, Coen & Zion Unruh, Pamela Verdon, Cecily Waite, Ben Watson, Ann Weiss, John Williams & Colin Wright.