

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

It you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges every one according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason — so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according Luke. 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, "What matters are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them called Cleopas, answered him, "You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days." "What things?" he asked. "All about Jesus of Nazareth," they answered, "who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing."

Then he said to them, "You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?" Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. "It is nearly evening," they said, "and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?" cont on page 1

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, "Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.



St. Patrick

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Until further notice, we can no longer celebrate Public Masses. The Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation is suspended until further notice.

Table with columns for Day, Date, and Mass Details. Includes dates from Sat 25th to Sun 3rd, with specific mass times and live stream availability.

Newsletter items: newsletter@stpatrickstelford.com

Please send items by 5pm on Wednesday

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FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 22-28

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: "Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence."

"Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 15

Response: Show us, Lord the path of life.

- 1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: "You are my God. Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; is you yourself who are my prize." R/
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R/
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. R/
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. R/

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

Your prayers are asked for the sick and the housebound and all those who are in hospital, the Hospice or local nursing homes, and for all who receive Holy Communion at home. We remember especially all those suffering from the effects of the corona virus; especially the doctors, nurses and all medical staff at the PRH and RSH; also all the staff at our local nursing homes.

We remember in prayer all who have died: especially **Nigel Corbett** (died Saturday, 18th April); all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

GREETINGS TO YOU ALL!

Dear All,

Fr Alban and Fr Joe continue to send you their best wishes. We both trust that you are keeping well and coping with our enforced isolation at this time of unusual circumstances.

We are told that the peak of the infection has passed, but patients are still dying of COVID-19 and the infection will continue to take its toll.

We thank all parishioners who have phoned us with their best wishes.

With every blessing
Fr Alban and Fr Joe

THIS WEEK

If you **urgently** need the services of a priest, please contact Father Michael Hartley on 01952 586118.

2020 PILGRIMAGE CANCELLATION

Fr David Long, the Pilgrimage Director, has written, "It is with a heavy heart and great sadness that after consultation with the Bishop, our chief medical officer and matron and other key members of our planning team it has been decided that due to the Covid-19 pandemic we have had to cancel our 2020 Pilgrimage.... I will be writing to all those who have already made bookings for this year's pilgrimage through our Pilgrimage Office offering them a full refund of monies paid. I am sure that this will be a huge disappointment to all of you as it is to me and my team but the safety and welfare of all our pilgrims is our absolute priority."

LIVESTREAM MASSES

During the time when our churches remain closed, Sunday and Weekday Masses will still be live-streamed to the internet.

At Shrewsbury Cathedral

<http://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral>

Sunday Morning: Sunday, 10:45hrs

Weekday Mass: Daily at 12:15hrs

The Pope's in St Peter's Basilica, Rome

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

Sunday: Check with the Vatican website.

Weekday Mass: Daily at 06:00hrs BST

The Pope's Masses can be watched afterwards.

If you prefer to livestream a more "homely" parish church celebration, then you can always log-on to <http://www.churchservices.tv>. In the "churches" section you will find where livestreaming is now available across the UK and Ireland, and also the schedule of service times.

THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 7pm

In order to show a spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved in the frontline – hospitals and care homes all over our land, the church wishes to show its appreciation for the exceptional service being given to those who are vulnerable at this time.

Each week, every Thursday, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join in.

23 rd April	Cardinal Vincent Nichols Westminster Cathedral
30 th April	Bishop Richard Moth Arundel Cathedral
7 th May	Bishop Marcus Stock Leeds Cathedral
14 th May	Bishop Robert Byrne Newcastle Cathedral
21 st May	Bishop Mark Davies Shrewsbury Cathedral
28 th May	Bishop Terence Draney Middlesbrough Cathedral

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

"Given the escalation of the Coronavirus, hospitals are having constantly to review their policy on visiting the sick which includes chaplaincy access to patients. Although each hospital will determine its own approach to these matters, it is becoming increasingly clear that giving access to chaplains is difficult due to the scarcity of PPE, the risk of contagion to the chaplain, as well as the chaplain becoming another link in the chain of infection.

"Contact details of chaplains and priests are available for **telephone support** of those who need it. Priests and chaplains must follow the visiting instructions from Hospital and Trust authorities.

"Whilst this runs counter to our instinct to provide personal end-of-life sacramental and pastoral care, in the current circumstances minimising the spread of the virus must be the priority of all."

Bishop Paul Mason, on behalf of the Bishops Conference.

Dear All,

I thought the above, might be good for you to know at this time.

In the local deanery we are endeavouring to meet the pastoral needs of those who need to see the priest – but this may not always be possible. Please pray for the priests as well!

Fr. Alban

FR PAT IS NOW "CANONISED"

Those of you who have been on pilgrimage to Lourdes with the diocese will know Fr Pat Munroe, who for many years has been the Chaplain to the sick pilgrims. Well, Fr Pat is now "Canon Pat". He has been appointed as a member of the Cathedral Chapter of Canons and will be installed as a Canon later in the year, when things get back to normal. It is a richly deserved honour for him as he continues to make good progress following his stroke.

SVP RAFFLE

Thanks to all who supported the SVP Annual National Raffle 2020. A full list of winners is now available from Janet Beyer. One lucky person from Telford has won £50 (the winning ticket number 064612) and they should have been contacted directly.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

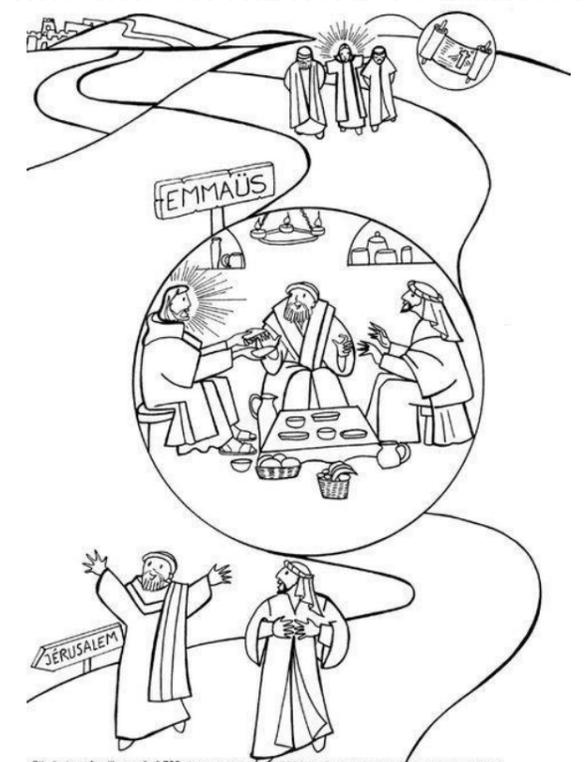
These are difficult times for us all. The Parish of course has to continue to pay its way – despite saving on the heating!

Like all charities we will feel the impact of not having a regular income. You yourselves will have the same pressures, especially if you are on a low income or zero hours contracts.

If you can set your usual offertory gift aside and bring it when things return to normal it would help – but only if you are able. Fr Alban is most grateful to those parishioners who have sent him envelopes with their donations. Supplies of new envelopes have been received and will be distributed when we are able to gather together to celebrate Mass.

If you wish to set up a Standing Order either permanently or in order to continue to make your regular Offertory giving to the Parish during the period when Mass is not being celebrated in public, please contact the Parish Office on 01952 242423 and talk to Moira or e-mail Mike Russell (from the Diocesan Planned Giving & Gift Aid Service) including your name, phone number and name of the Parish. Mike's email address is : mike.russell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

WHO WAS ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS?



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