

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming — it is the Lord who speaks — when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

"In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity."

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 24

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R/**
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R/**
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who
revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R/**

SECOND READING (1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2)

A reading from Saint Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You

have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (Luke 21:25-28; 34-36)

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high because your liberation is near at hand."

"Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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2ND DECEMBER 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Please note the changes in times of Masses this week

Sat	1st	18:15	Nelson Santos Anniversary Mass	St Patrick's
Sun	2nd	09:00	Teresa Murphy	Our Lady's
	The First Sunday of Advent	11:00	In Thanksgiving to St Jude	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism	St Patrick's
		17:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Mon	3rd	St Francis Xavier, Priest 09:15 Liturgy of the Word and Communion		St Patrick's
Tue	4th	Ferial 09:15 N M Antony		Our Lady's
Wed	5th	Ferial 09:30 Mass in St Patrick's School		St Patrick's
Thur	6th	St Nicholas, Bishop 09:30 Mass with St Luke's School pupils		Our Lady's
Fri	7th	St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 12:00 Donor's Intentions 18:00 Mass in Polish 20:00 Monthly Prayer Vigil (until 01:00)		St Patrick's
Sat	8th	The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10:00 Hugh and Bridget Canavan		St Patrick's
Sat	8th	18:15 Moira Porter RIP		St Patrick's
Sun	9th	09:00 Albert Austin		Our Lady's
	The Second Sunday of Advent	11:00 In Thanksgiving to St Anthony		St Patrick's
		12:30 Baptism		St Patrick's
		17:00 Mass in Polish		St Patrick's

Newsletter items: newsletter@stpatrickstelford.com
Please send items by 5pm on Wednesday



Confessions heard before and after Masses; and upon request

A Parish in the East Shropshire Local Missionary Area

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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. The list of those who are sick is placed by the Book of Remembrance.

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially **Moira Porter** whose Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday, 11 December; all who are mourning the death of a loved one; and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 1,127.47

Our Lady's: £ 510.47

(and the previous week at Our Lady's £487.11)

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FIRST COMMUNIONS IN 2019

Parents of children who are in Year 3 or older who wish them to receive Holy Communion for the first time in 2019 are asked to complete and return one of the yellow Registration Forms available from the church porch. Please return the completed forms using the gold box in the church porch.

Once we know the likely numbers, then we can begin to plan the programme.

ST LUKE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school Christmas Production will be held on Monday, 10th December at 2pm-3.30pm and on Tuesday, 11th December at 5.30pm-7pm. All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FETE

St Patrick's School Fete will be held on Friday, 7th December from 3.15 – 6pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event.

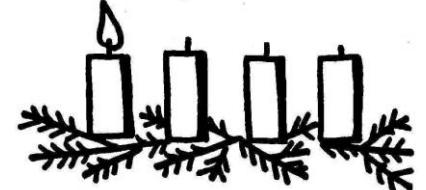
MINI VINNIES' AFTERNOON TEA

The Mini Vinnies from St Patrick's Primary School invite all parishioners to join them for afternoon tea on Friday, 14th December 1:15pm – 2:45pm. Posters and sign-up sheets (for numbers) are in the porches.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AND PARTY

A date for your diary: there will be a Christingle Service and Children's Party on Saturday, 22nd December from 3:30pm to 5:30pm at Our Lady's Church. Children from both parishes are welcome to attend.

So that the children and young people can come with their Christingle already made, further details regarding how to make your Christingle will be available soon.



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

This weekend we begin a "new year" in the Church's calendar: we now take our Sunday Mass readings from Year C and our weekday Mass readings from Year I.

As we begin our "count-down to Christmas" – there will be seven Masses in our parishes to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord:

On Monday, 24th December:

Christmas Vigil Mass (Family Mass)

at 6.00pm in St Patrick's

at 8.00pm in Our Lady's

Polish Vigil Mass at 8.00pm in St Patrick's

Service of Carols and Reading

at 11.30pm in St Patrick's

leading to...

On Tuesday, 25th December:

Christmas Midnight Mass in St Patrick's

Christmas Dawn Mass at 9.00am in Our Lady's

Christmas Day Mass at 11.00am in St Patrick's

Polish Day Mass at 5.00pm in St Patrick's

We have need of Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers at our Christmas Masses. If you want to volunteer your services, please "sign-up" on the list in the porch. Thank you.

To assist in our preparations to celebrate worthily the birth of our Saviour, there will be a special **Service at Our Lady's celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, 18th December at 7pm.**

APF RED MISSION BOXES

The last call: if your box has not been emptied recently please bring it to either church as soon as possible so that money can be paid to the bank before the end of the year.

Spare boxes are available from Andrea at Our Lady's and Ann/Moira at St Patrick's.

OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We look forward to welcoming all those who have booked a place at the Our Lady's Annual Christmas Lunch which will take place this Saturday, 8th December. We gather at 12.30pm ready for the meal at 1.00pm.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

This Tuesday, 4th December, Ecumenical prayer and worship service will be held at Holy Trinity, Oakengates at 7pm: the theme will be "Advent"

OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS DRAW

The Grand Christmas Draw tickets are now available at Our Lady's Church and at St Luke's School. 1st prize £200, 2nd prize £75 and 5 prizes of £15 plus hampers and many other prizes. The draw will take place on Sunday, 16th December after the 9am Mass.

Those eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed a printing error on the Grand Christmas Draw raffle tickets! The stub (counterfoil) does state for all cash, counterfoils and unsold tickets to be returned by 4:15pm on Sunday 16th December 2018, (whoops – this would be after the draw!)

As the print is incorrect, we politely request that all cash, counterfoils and unsold tickets be returned to church by 9.00am on Sunday 16th December please!

Please be generous with your support as there will be no Christmas Fair this year. Please give any items for the raffle to Janet Beyer.

All Draw proceeds will be shared between the Church and the School.

CWL NEW YEAR RAFFLE

The CWL will again be holding a raffle which will be drawn at the St Patrick's New Year Lunch to take place on Sunday, 13th January at The Pheasant, Admaston. Tickets will be available during Advent and at the lunch itself.

This year the local charity the CWL is supporting is BEAM, a new drop-in centre for children and young people with mental health concerns run by The Children's Society in Wellington.

Qualified staff are available at all BEAM sessions which are held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays each week. Children and young people up to 25 years of age can self-refer and do not need an appointment.

All raffle prizes; unwanted gifts, wine, etc will be gratefully received. A box will be available in the meeting room at St Patrick's for donations. Thank you for your support for this very worthwhile charity.

ROTAS

New rotas are completed at Our Lady's for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Counters, and Cleaning Teams. Personal copies are in envelopes on the porch table.

St Patrick's rotas are also available for Readers, Welcomers, Eucharistic Ministers, and repository helpers. Please collect your envelope from the porch table.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND – SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thanks to your generosity, the Collection for the Priests Training Fund amounted to £522.50 between our two parishes. It is not too late to add to the collection – please use the offertory collection bags to return your envelope. We shall forward the proceeds during the coming week to the Diocese.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Tea and coffee are available after both Sunday morning Masses. At St Patrick's money raised will be sent to CAFOD for emergency relief projects.

SALE OF HANDMADE GOODS

A selection of Handmade Christmas cards and gifts will be on sale at the back of church after Mass at Our Lady's next Sunday, 9th December with funds raised split between the SVP and Two Hands.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST NICHOLAS

Many Legends have arisen out St Nicholas who was the bishop of Myra in present-day Turkey. After his death his bones were taken to Bari in Italy and became a focus of prayer for people who were seeking healing. He became known as the "wonder-worker". Last century St Nicholas (Santa Claus) inspired our present-day view of Father Christmas. The tangerines associated with him hark back to his kindness in giving pieces of gold to the poor; and the toffee walking stick (candy cane) is a reference to his bishop's crozier. He died about the year 330. His feast-day is on Thursday.

PARISH DIARY

December

2 nd	First Sunday of Advent
5 th	St Luke's School Advent Mass
6 th	St Patrick's School Advent Mass
8 th	Christmas Lunch at Our Lady's
9 th	Second Sunday of Advent
10 th	Knit and Knatter in the Presbytery
11 th	Carol Concert with St Luke's Primary School in Church
	CWL Christmas Party in Meeting Room
16 th	Third Sunday of Advent
18 th	Our Lady's Christmas Draw after Mass
19 th	Reconciliation Service in Our Lady's
	Holy Trinity Academy Carol Service at St. Mary's, Madeley at 6.00pm
20 th	St Patrick's School Advent Carol Service
21 st	St Luke's Advent Carol Service
	Schools close for Christmas
22 nd	Christingle Service and Party
23 rd	Fourth Sunday of Advent
24 th	Christmas Eve (Monday)
25 th	Christmas Day (Tuesday)