

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING

(Baruch 5:1-9)

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, "Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness." Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 125)

Response: **What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R/**
2. The heathens themselves said:
"What marvels the Lord worked for them!"
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R/**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R/**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R/**

SECOND READING

(Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

(Luke 3:1-6)

The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see
the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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9TH DECEMBER 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat	8th	18:15	Moira Porter RIP	St Patrick's
Sun	9th	09:00	Albert Austin	Our Lady's
	The Second	11:00	In Thanksgiving to St Anthony & Denise Gilmour (Anniv.)	St Patrick's
	Sunday	12:30	Baptisms	St Patrick's
	of Advent	17:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Mon	10th	Ferial		
		09:15	Liturgy of the Word and Communion	St Patrick's
Tue	11th	Ferial		
		10:00	Funeral Mass for Moira Porter prior to Committal	St Patrick's
Wed	12th	Ferial		
		09:15	Billy Carney	St Patrick's
Thur	13th	St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr		
		09:15	Lucy Bowyer	Our Lady's
Fri	14th	John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church		
		09:15	Joe Keenan	St Patrick's
Sat	15th	Ferial		
		10:00	Veronica Finnie	St Patrick's
Sat	15th	18:15	Peter Chester and Family	St Patrick's
Sun	16th	09:00	For Parishioners	Our Lady's
	The Third	11:00	Nancy McManus	St Patrick's
	Sunday of Advent	17:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's

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

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Confessions heard before and after Masses; and upon request

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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 **Moirá Porter** (whose Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday at 10am); **Delphine Tomkins** (Funeral Mass 10am on Wednesday, 19th December), **Teresa Solon** (Funeral Mass at 9.30am on Friday, 21st December); and **Teresa Mabbott** (Funeral Mass at 1.30pm on 21st December); and 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: £ 1,005.32

Our Lady's: £ 532.30

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 this Monday, 10th December at 2pm – 3.30pm and Tuesday, 11th December at 5.30pm – 7pm.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

MINI VINNIES' AFTERNOON TEA

The Mini Vinnies from St Patrick's Primary School invite all parishioners to join them for Afternoon Tea this Friday, 14th December from 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

As we continue 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

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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

Emptied red boxes are now available from the porch table at Our Lady's and the sacristy at St Patrick's.

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

A further £35 was received last weekend – making a total for the Priests Training Fund of £557.20 – thanks to your generosity.

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 this Sunday, 9th December with funds raised split between the SVP and Two Hands.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL ADVENT PRODUCTION

The School's Evening of Advent Readings and Songs will take place in St Patrick's Church on Thursday, 20th December at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome to this special event.

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 next 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOLY TRINITY

There were over 300 entries for the thirteen awards being offered as part of the Telford Community Pride Awards. Holy Trinity received the award for the "Best School Environmental Project" sponsored by Telford Business Services. The ceremony took place at the Telford International Centre and was part of the recent Telford 50th Birthday events.

Congratulations to the students and staff who are involved in their on-going Project.

ST PATRICK'S NEW YEAR'S LUNCH

This year's Lunch will take place on Sunday, 13th January 2019 at The Pheasant Inn at Admaston.

It will be a two-course Lunch with a choice of main course and a choice of dessert. The cost is £12.50 (£6.25 for a child's half-portion).

Booking and Menu Choice Forms are available from the church porch.



Advent continues its journey towards Christmas and the coming of Jesus who sets us free. For our part we are called to make changes in our way of life, in our attitudes and behaviour. If Jesus is really to set us free, then we need to clear our lives of obstacles to his coming – to prepare a way for him.

PARISH DIARY

December

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| 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
Our Lady's Christmas Draw after Mass |
| 18 th | Reconciliation Service in Our Lady's |
| 19 th | 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) |