

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FIRST READING

(Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you
to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as
covenant of the people and light of nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 28)

Response: **The Lord will bless his people
with peace.**

- O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R/**
- The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R/**
- The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **R/**

SECOND READING

(Acts 10:34-38)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:
"The truth I have now come to realise," he said, "is
that God does not have favourites, but that
anybody of any nationality who fears God and does
what is right is acceptable to him."

"It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel,
and it was to them that the good news of peace
was brought by Jesus Christ — but Jesus Christ is
Lord of all men. You must have heard about the
recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of
Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John
had been preaching baptism. God had anointed
him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and
because God was with him, Jesus went about
doing good and curing all who had fallen into the
power of the devil."

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened, and the Father's voice
resounded: "This is my Son, the Beloved.
Listen to him."

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

(Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the
people, who were beginning to think that John
might be the Christ, so John declared before them
all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is
coming, someone who is more powerful than I am,
and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Now when all the people had been baptised and
while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer,
heaven opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on
him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came
from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my
favour rests on you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



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13TH JANUARY 2019

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Sat	12th	18:15	Special Intentions	St Patrick's
Sun	13th	09:00	Matthew O'Neil 80 th Birthday	Our Lady's
			The Baptism of the Lord	
		11:00	Father Alban's 40 th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination	St Patrick's
		17:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Mon	14th	Ferial		
		09:15	Liturgy of the Word and Communion	St Patrick's
Tue	15th	Ferial		
		09:15	20 th Wedding Anniversary of Joseph and Betty	Our Lady's
Wed	16th	Ferial		
		09:15	Liturgy of the Word and Communion	St Patrick's
Thur	17th	St. Anthony, Abbot		
		09:15	Mary Hughes	Our Lady's
Fri	18th	Ferial		
		09:15	Jack Pike (Anniversary)	St Patrick's
Sat	19th	Ferial		
		10:00	Nancy Whittaker	St Patrick's
Sat	19th	18:15	Dooney Family Intention	St Patrick's
Sun	20th	09:00	Jack Chester (Family Mass)	Our Lady's
			2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		11:00	Nugent Family Intention (Family Mass)	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

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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; especially **Derek Mullinder**.

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially **Stanisław Budryk** of Muxton whose Funeral will take place on Thursday, 24th January; all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £1,063 46

Our Lady's: £513.15

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 via the gold box one of the yellow Registration Forms available from the church porch.

The children will be formally enrolled into the Preparation Programme at Mass a week on Sunday, 27th January.

TODAY'S ST PATRICK'S NEW YEAR'S LUNCH

We apologise to those who came with booking forms last weekend hoping to secure places at the Lunch – we are completely "sold-out"!

We look forward to extending a warm welcome to all who will be joining in today's Lunch. There is direct access to the function room from the car-park behind The Pheasant. Gather at 1.30pm for 2pm prompt start to the meal itself.

CWL NEW YEAR RAFFLE

Tickets are still available for the CWL Raffle that will be drawn at today's New Year's Lunch.

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

Raffle tickets will be on sale after the St Patrick's Masses today, and at the Lunch as well.

The CWL thank all those who have generously donated prizes for the Raffle and all who have helped to sell the raffle tickets.

2019 DIOCESAN YEARBOOKS

We now have copies of the 2019 Shrewsbury Diocesan Yearbook – crammed-full of all sorts of information on the Diocese. At only £5.00 each, they are a bargain. Look for them on the table or the piety stall in the church porch.

SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM ROOTED IN CHRIST

A parish youth leaders training day ideal for Parish Youth Leaders, Clergy, Staff with a care for Catholicity, and Young Adults with an interest in Youth Ministry being held on Wednesday, 30th January at Shrewsbury Cathedral, starting at 6pm.

Contact Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team on youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or see details on the diocesan website.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

This month's Service of Ecumenical Praise and Worship will be held on Tuesday, 29th January at 7pm at St Peter's Priorslee. The theme is – 'Our love for others'.

GIFT-AID REFUNDS

Thanks to those parishioners who Gift-Aid their weekly giving, both our parishes have received a repayment of tax paid. We have also received a refund of tax paid on some of the loose-plate collections as well. St Patrick's has received a refund totalling £9,454.86; Our Lady's £5,697.92 – paid into our Central Fund accounts with the diocese.

If you pay income tax, and wish to Gift-Aid your regular giving, have a word with Fr Alban. It won't cost you a penny extra, but on behalf of the parish, it enables the diocese to reclaim the income tax you have paid on your giving. At the current rate of tax, for every £1 you give, the parish can benefit by twenty-five pence.

LUNCH CLUB

The monthly Lunch Club, held at Our Lady's on the second Tuesday of the month, is in desperate need of help from 10am – 2pm with the cooking and clearing. Without help, the Club is at risk of folding. Volunteers are asked to contact Mick Lugowski.

This month's Lunch Club will go ahead this Tuesday, 15th January. Please pay Mick for your meal. New members are always made most welcome – why not give it a try.

ST PATRICK'S CLEANERS

We thank all those who take it in turns to come and clean the church and the Meeting Room. Can you spare a couple of hours every eight weeks or so to help with cleaning the Church and Meeting Room? The more team members we have, the lighter the work-load for individual team members.

If you would like to offer to help with the cleaning, please have a word with Vivienne Pike, or Fr Alban. It normally only takes an hour or even less to clean the place. There is always tea and coffee available as well as biscuits....a worker deserves his or her cuppa!

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jesus was baptized by John in the River Jordan so that he could be sealed by the Holy Spirit and strengthened for his mission. On this feast we too rededicate ourselves to our mission which we undertake by virtue of our own baptism. We proclaim by our lives that Jesus is the Son of God and the Saviour of the world.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The PPC is due to meet this coming Tuesday. Unfortunately, Fr Alban will be away at a meeting of clergy this Tuesday in Warwickshire. The meeting is therefore having to be postponed.

It is not too late to propose items for the Agenda of the meeting. Please use one of the yellow forms available from the church porch to submit your item. Once completed, please pop your form into the gold box in the porch.

HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY

Our joint faith school is going from strength to strength. It is now in a position to let the premises out to groups from the area. It has excellent sports facilities, as well as Studios for dance, etc. If you know of any group that is looking for facilities, they can contact the school directly on 01952-386100.

LOCAL MISSIONARY AREA COUNCIL

The next meeting takes place on Thursday, 24th of January at 7.00pm in St. Mary's presbytery, Shifnal. Phillip Williams, from Our Lady's, represents our two parishes on this Area Council.

COLLECTION FOR OUR RETIRED PRIESTS

Advance notice: There will be a special diocesan collection towards the up-keep of our retired priests. It will take place at each of our Masses over the weekend of 9th and 10th February.

CAKE SALE

There will be a cake sale after Mass on Sunday, 3rd February at Our Lady's Church, in aid of The Severn Hospice.

SAINT OF THE WEEK - SAINT ANTHONY OF EGYPT

There is more than one St Anthony, and this one was born in Egypt around the year 250. He sold all that he had inherited from his parents and moved to the desert where he lived in a tomb in the cemetery. His life of contemplation and silence attracted other monks to come and join him, and so he founded the very first Christian monastery. He led a life of simplicity, weaving mats, doing gardening and looking after his pets. Known as a wise spiritual counsellor, he lived to be about one hundred and five years old. He is regarded as the "Father of Monasticism".

PARISH GROUPS

Now that the Christmas and New Year celebrations are behind us, our various Parish Groups resume their meetings:

Meeting at Our Lady's:

Prayer Group - Wednesday at 7:30pm.

Friends Together - Third Wednesday of the month at 2pm.

Choir - Thursday at 7:30-9pm

SVP – Every 3rd Thursday 6:30-7:30pm, beginning 10th January.

Meeting at St Patrick's:

Meditation Group - Monday at 5.30pm. Term time

Choir - Wednesday at 7.15pm.

Knit and Knatter - 6:30-8:30pm 2nd and 4th

Mondays in the presbytery.

Catholic Women's League - Third Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

All groups are open to members of both Parishes and new members will be welcomed warmly.

IT'S A CRACKER!

This year's pantomime at The Belfrey Theatre, Princes Street, Wellington, is **Jack and the Beanstalk**. (Oh yes it is!)

Shows are on from 25th January to 3rd February over both weekends, with evening performances on Friday and Saturday and matinees on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Tickets cost £8 for adults and £6 for concessions and are available via the Belfrey Theatre website at www.belfreytheatre.com

PARISH DIARY

January

13th **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

13th St Patrick's Parish Lunch

14th Knit and Knatter

15th Lunch Club

CWL meets

20th **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Family Masses

First Holy Communion meeting at St Pat's.

25th First Holy Communion meeting at OLOR.

27th **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

At both churches: Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion Candidates.

31st Our Lady's SVP meets

February

3rd **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Holy Communion meeting at St Pat's

10th **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

15th Quiz night at Our Lady's

17th **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

21st Our Lady's SVP meets