

THE 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

(Ecclesiasticus 27:1-7)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 91

Response: **It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R/**
2. The just will nourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R/**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R/**

SECOND READING

(1 Corinthians 15:54-58)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

(Luke 6 39-45)

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Jesus told a parable to them, "Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,' when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

"There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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3RD MARCH 2019

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	2nd	18:15	Speedy recovery of Peter Halford	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	3rd	09:00	For the Intentions of Parishioners	<i>Our Lady's</i>
	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00	Nugent Family Intentions	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		12:30	Baptism	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		15:00	Celebration of First Forgiveness for St Patrick's children	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		17:00	Mass in Polish	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Mon	4th	Ferial		
		09:15	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Tue	5th	Ferial		
		09:15	Private Intention	<i>Our Lady's</i>
Wed	6th	Ash Wednesday	<i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i>	
		09:30	Primary School Mass with Distribution of Ashes	<i>St Patrick's School</i>
		12:00	Mass with Distribution of Ashes	<i>St Patrick's Church</i>
		14:00	Primary School Mass with Distribution of Ashes	<i>Our Lady's Church</i>
		18:00	Mass in Polish with Distribution of Ashes	<i>St Patrick's Church</i>
		19:15	Mass with Distribution of Ashes	<i>Our Lady's Church</i>
Thur	7th	Ferial		
		13:00	Funeral Mass for Derek Mullinder prior to Committal	<i>Our Lady's</i>
		18:00	Celebration of First Forgiveness for Our Lady's children	<i>Our Lady's</i>
Fri	8th	Ferial		
		09:15	Syria Lathas	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		11:00	Funeral Mass for Ludwika Bąkowska prior to Committal	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		18:00	Stations of the Cross in Polish	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sat	9th	Ferial		
		10:00	Patrick Gorman	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sat	9th	18:15	Moira Porter	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	10th	09:00	In Thanksgiving	<i>Our Lady's</i>
	1st Sunday of Lent	11:00	Padraig McAndrew	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		15:00	Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		17:00	Mass in Polish	<i>St Patrick's</i>

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

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PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially **Derek Mullinder** (Funeral Mass at Our Lady's on Thursday, 7th March at 1.00pm prior to burial); **Ludwika Bąkowska** (Funeral Mass at St Patrick's on Friday, 8th March at 11.00am followed by Committal at Shrewsbury Crematorium); **David Curzon** of Apley; **Kristin Carey** of Wellington; and **Carol Hyde**; all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

To **Isla Rose Caswell** who was Baptized last Sunday; and to **Harry Titley** who will be Baptized today.

FIRST COMMUNIONS IN 2019

The Preparation Programme is now underway at both our parishes. Please do keep the candidates, their parents and the catechists who are working with them, in your prayers during these coming weeks.

The St Patrick's children will receive God's Forgiveness for the first time this Sunday afternoon. The Our Lady's children will receive God's Forgiveness on Thursday, 7th March. Please continue to keep them, their parents and the catechists in your prayers at this special time.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 969.87 and Our Lady's: £ 516.80

Thank you for your continued generosity.

CONFIRMATIONS IN 2019

If you are in Year 8 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please complete one of the green forms in the porch and return it via the gold box. Once we have numbers, we can plan the course dates.

PROCESSION TO COMMUNION

At present, arrangements for Holy Communion at St Patrick's Masses are a little chaotic.

In the next few weeks we will be asking ushers to invite people up to communion in the following order: Altar servers, Choir and then Congregation, beginning from the back of the church.

It is hoped that this will save areas of the church becoming congested and allow the choir to get back upstairs in good time.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 15 MARCH

In Bangladesh, one of the world's poorest countries, CAFOD is working to provide isolated communities with clean water facilities, is distributing rice seeds that will grow in salty water and building protected ponds so enabling families to breed fish.

We ask you, on Family Fast Day, to eat just a simple meal and give to our Lent Appeal. Your donation will help people around the world to support themselves whatever the weather brings.

Please collect your Fast Day envelope, next weekend, and give whatever you can.

The money raised from last Friday's frugal lunch will be added to the total.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Five Masses will mark the start on Wednesday of the season of Lent between our two parishes (see page 1 for details). Ashes will be distributed at each of them.

Each Sunday during Lent at 3pm there will be Stations of the Cross, followed by Exposition and then Benediction. Alternating between our churches, the first Stations will be in St Patrick's church.

Last year in Lent some of our Parish groups successfully led the Stations of the Cross and this may be the format again this year.

Could groups who are willing to lead the Stations of the Cross please add the name of your group and a contact number to the list on the porch.

Various examples of Stations of the Cross are available. Please speak to Fr Alban who will assist the group to prepare if needed.

Each Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of the Rosary & St Luke's at 12:00pm and on Thursday 9th and 30th March at 7:00 pm.

LENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Led by Sr Anna O'Connor

Sr Anna O'Connor is from the Congregation – Sisters of St Paul, Selly Park, Birmingham Archdiocese. The Lenten Day will be held on Saturday, 23rd March at Our Lady & St. Luke's, Trench for all the deanery area.

TELFORD IN LOURDES 2019

25TH July – 2nd August 2019 (overland) and 26th July – 1st August 2019 (by air). Brochures and Booking Forms are now available from the porch.

PARISH-SPONSORED PILGRIM

The parishes will sponsor a parishioner (and, if necessary, an accompanying adult) to join the group travelling with Telford in Lourdes. Please use one of the cream forms in the porch to make your nomination(s) and post them in "The Gold Box" to be found in the church porch. Names will be drawn out of the hat after the 11 o'clock Mass this Sunday, 3rd March – so, don't delay if you want to nominate someone – young or old – to join the pilgrimage.

USED STAMPS

There is a collecting box in the porch for used stamps to be sent to the Royal National Institute for the Blind to help it in its work for blind and partially-sighted people.

DIOCESAN EDUCATION VACANCIES

Two important opportunities have arisen for a **Deputy Director of Schools** and a **Diocesan Religious Education Coordinator** to implement sector-leading support and advice within the Diocese of Shrewsbury.

The roles will require individuals who demonstrate absolute commitment to delivering the highest standards of support to schools. The individuals will demonstrate a significant track record in education across geographically dispersed schools.

Working in partnership with the Director of Schools, these are key roles ensuring the highest standards are upheld, and will require a practising Catholic.

Working in the office of the Diocese of Shrewsbury, 2 Park Road South, Birkenhead, Wirral CH43 4UX the successful candidates will join a committed professional team.

Further details of the role including an application form can be found at

<http://dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>

Please send completed applications to

recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Closing date Friday 16 March 2019

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT OUR LADY'S

As befits a modern church, a modern set of Stations is displayed in the church, initially for use during our season of Lent. This depicts sixteen Stations rather than the traditional fourteen. Can you spot the extra two?

SVP NATIONAL RAFFLE

This weekend is the last opportunity to buy raffle tickets: all monies and counterfoils must be returned by next Sunday, 10th March at the latest. Tickets cost £1 each and are on sale before and after our Sunday Masses. The first prize £3,000; second prize £2,000; third prize £1,000; plus, additional monetary prizes. Your support for this annual fundraiser is much appreciated.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The offertory envelopes for Gift Aid and Non-Gift Aid contributions towards the up-keep of our churches are available this weekend in both churches ready to be used at the start of April.

It is important to ensure you only pick up the envelopes with your name on it.

If you would like more information, to join or leave the scheme; if your tax status has changed, or if you would like to make a regular donation via standing order, please make a note of this on the list.

ROTAS

New Rotas are being compiled to start from Easter. If you would like to take up a Ministry or make a change to your current rota please let Moira know via the Parish Office.

We welcome new volunteer readers, servers, Ministers of the Eucharist and welcomers, especially for the 6:15 Mass. Young people who would like to read are most welcome to join the rota.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL MISSION WEEK 2019

St Patrick's school has had a very rewarding Mission Week, with a range of activities going on in and out of school. The children have been considering ways in which they can use their hands, feet, eyes and ears to do God's work. These have included: planting seeds to improve our school grounds; visiting the elderly at Farcroft Nursing Home; a sponsored walk to Apley Woods; some mindfulness; a cake sale; and a litter pick. We concluded the week with a liturgy where we shared our activities and reflected on the theme—*Christ has no body now but yours*. Thank you to Mrs Stevens for organising the week and to all the staff and children for their commitment to our mission.

SHROPSHIRE DRAMA FESTIVAL

The festival runs over 3 nights from 28th-30th March and Tickets are available from www.belfreytheatre.com.

The first play on Saturday night, on the subject of domestic abuse is written and directed by one of our young parishioners.

PARISH DIARY

March

- 3rd **8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
First Holy Communion meeting at St Pat's
First Confessions at St Patrick's
- 6th Ash Wednesday
- 7th First Confessions at Our Lady's
- 10th **1st Sunday in Lent**
First Holy Communion meeting at St Pat's
Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St Pat's
- 11th Knit and knatter
- 14th Our Lady's SVP meets
- 17th **2nd Sunday in Lent**
Stations of the Cross & Benediction at OLOR
- 15th Cafod Lent Fast Day
- 23rd Deanery Day of Reflection at Our Lady's
- 24th **3rd Sunday in Lent**
First Holy Communion meeting at St Pat's
Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St Pat's
- 25th Knit and Knatter
- 31st **4th Sunday in Lent**
BST begins
First Holy Communion meeting at St Pat's
Stations of the Cross & Benediction at OLOR

PARISH GROUPS

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

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.