

**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FIRST READING**

*Wisdom 18:6-9*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 32*

**Response: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **R/**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R/**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. the Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R/**

**SECOND READING**

*Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity

to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God**

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!**

**THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 12:32-48*

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "There is no need to be afraid, little flock for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

"Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

"See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Peter said, "Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?" The Lord replied, "What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at his employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, 'My master is taking his time coming', and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

"The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him."



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**11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019**

**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sat	10th	18:15	Essie Burke	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	11th	09:00	Dr Kurase	<i>Our Lady's</i>
	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	11:00	Pete and Kate Chin	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		17:00	Mass in Polish	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Mon	12th	<b>Ferial</b> 12:00	<i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Tue	13th	<b>Ferial</b> 12:00	Private Intention	<i>Our Lady's</i>
Wed	14th	<b>St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</b> 12:00	Peggy Moore	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Thur	15th	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation</b> 12:00 In Thanksgiving 18:00 Mass in Polish 19:30 Mary Croston		<i>Our Lady's</i> <i>St Patrick's</i> <i>St Patrick's</i>
Fri	16th	<b>Ferial</b> 12:00	Philip Devine	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sat	17th	<b>Ferial</b>	<b><u>No Morning Mass</u></b>	
Sat	17th	18:15	Jane Walker	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	18th	09:00	Special Intention	<i>Our Lady's</i>
	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	11:00	Veronica Keys	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		17:00	Mass in Polish	<i>St Patrick's</i>

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Please send items by 5pm on Wednesday

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### PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer all who have died, 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: £ 930.55

Our Lady's: £ 461.67

Thank you for your continued generosity.

### CATECHISTS MEETING

Rueben Purchase and Dr Caroline Farey, from the Diocesan Mission for Catechists team, will be leading a day for lay ministers and catechists on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September from 11.00am to 3pm. at St. Mary's, Madeley. Open to all who are interested in passing on the faith.

### THE WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group meet at St Patrick's in the meeting room on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. We meet to share praise and worship, bible verses and become a community of prayer. We welcome any Christian who would be interested in joining us.

### BOOK PERSON AT OUR LADY'S NEEDED

Following the recent death of Colin Howard, who looked after the books for sale at Our Lady's, we need a volunteer, or a group of volunteers, to take over. If you want further information, please have a word with Fr Alban or one of the parish secretaries.

### AMNESTY!!!

Last year there were over a hundred laminated Order of the Mass leaflets for parishioners to use at St Patricks during Mass, which were available from the i-Point in the porch – and now there is one!

Please check your cars and homes and return any copies that you have inadvertently taken home, you may also find a few hymn books whilst looking!

### ROTAS

Rotas for the rest of the year are being compiled. Please inform Moira in the office of any changes needed.

### CAFOD 150 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners in our Week 12 Draw:

£30 David Porter (No.60)

£15 Liz Tobiasz (No.62)

£10 Andrea Lort (No.116)

£5 Alan Cowell (No.28)

YES!! They have ALL won prizes earlier in the session BUT next week it will surely be YOUR turn to win.

### TELFORD IN LOURDES 2019

A display of some photographs is in the porch (others may be added later). Some Lourdes water is also available as well should you wish to take some home. Small water bottles are on sale at the repository – *please do not dip your fingers into the water.*

In early September we shall have a reunion enabling all those who joined the pilgrimage to catch-up with each other and to begin to launch next year's arrangements for Lourdes.

### YELLOW RIBBON APPEAL FOR HELP

Yellow Ribbon Community Chaplaincy – looking after people coming out of prison and helping to establish them back into the community. Thanks to great generosity we have acquired some great large tools needed for the workshop to train clients into employment. We still have a need for drills, screw drivers, sanders and hand tools; if you have any that you would be prepared to donate, please contact Rita Wilkinson 07803 281971. Many thanks.

### LORETO RETREAT IN LLANDUDNO

Arranged by the Shrewsbury and Wrexham Dioceses' teams working together, details and booking forms for this year's weekend at the Loreto Retreat Centre in Llandudno from Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> October are available from the notice board.

### BUILDWAS ABBEY MASS

The Deanery Mass scheduled for August has had to be cancelled as there is building work being done at the Abbey.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY**  
**This coming Thursday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary. You will see from page 1 that there will be three Masses to mark this Holyday of Obligation.**

### ST PATRICK'S MEDITATION GROUP

There are plans to hold some pop-up meditations over the summer.

There will be Tai Chi and meditation and general relaxation in the open and a bring your own picnic lunch. There is no charge.

If anyone is interested in attending, please email [john.kille@btopenworld.com](mailto:john.kille@btopenworld.com) for details of the meetings.

### LUNCHEON CLUB

This month's Luncheon Club will be held on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August at 1pm at Our Lady's. There will be no Luncheon Club in September.



### A-LEVEL RESULTS DAY

Some of our young people will be quite anxious on Thursday of this week – as they learn of their A-Level results. Please keep them, and their family members, in your prayers. Let's pray that the results reflect all the work they have put into those exams. Let's hope that they are able to fulfil the plans they have for their future studies or their career plans.

### GARDENER NEEDED AT OUR LADY'S

The person who has kindly kept the gardens at Our Lady's in such fine condition is in need of a rest. We thank him for his hard work over the years.

We would like some help to keep up his good work. If you can take on the maintenance of the gardens in front of the church and by the gates, please speak to Father Alban or one of the Parish secretaries.

### PARISH GROUPS

Please check with individual groups whether they will continue meeting throughout August. Many will take a summer break.

If you would like to advertise your group please send a small description and details of meeting times to [newsletter@stpatrickstelford.com](mailto:newsletter@stpatrickstelford.com) and groups will be featured as space is available.

### NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL

Anyone who would like to start receiving newsletters by email can send an email message to [olnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:olnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk) to be added to the distribution list. This email address exists only to distribute the parish newsletter. Your details will not be shared with any third-party for any purpose.

### CAFOD NEWS

After their borehole was broken, villagers in Uganda were forced to collect water from a nearby river. Several people soon developed Hepatitis E. CAFOD arranged for the system to be repaired and trained some local mechanics to fix the pump should it break down again. There is now a plentiful supply of clean water and the spread of disease has stopped.

A recent donation of £150 will help CAFOD to continue its work with some of the poorest people in the world. Thank you for this generous gift.

**MINISTRIES OVER THE HOLIDAYS**  
**During the holiday season we ask that Readers and Eucharistic Ministers please step up to fill gaps if others are away. Your help in this would be very much appreciated, so that things continue to run as smoothly as possible.**

### ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

You may remember Deacon Joseph from India who spent a few weeks at St Patrick's whilst visiting members of his family. Well, Joseph was Ordained a priest yesterday (Saturday) at St Joseph's Church, at Varianikkad in Kerala. I'm sure we wish him every blessing in his new ministry and many years of fruitful work in the vineyard of the Lord.

A copy of the Invitation to his ordination, and a picture of Fr Joseph, is on the noticeboard in the church porch.

A number of our Indian families have gone to Kerala to share in the celebrations surrounding his priestly ordination.

### CWL SUMMER LUNCH

The date of the lunch at The Falcon at Bridgnorth has had to be changed from 21<sup>st</sup> August to Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting at 1.15pm in St Patrick's carpark to share lifts.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

One of the more recently canonized saints, Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish Franciscan who was imprisoned by the Nazis in the concentration camp of Auschwitz. In 1941 ten men were chosen to be killed in retribution for a prisoner who had gone missing. Maximilian Kolbe volunteered to take the place of a man with a wife and family and was locked up in an underground cell to die of hunger. After two weeks he had managed to stay alive, but was then killed by the camp authorities.

Pope John Paul II canonized him in 1971. Franciszek Gajowniczek, the man with whom he swapped places and who survived Auschwitz, was present at Kolbe's canonization. We keep his feast-day on Wednesday of this week.

### PARISH DIARY

SP = St Patrick's; OL = Our Lady's

### August

- 11<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 15<sup>th</sup> Assumption of the B.V.M. *Holyday*  
A-Level results day
- 18<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 22<sup>nd</sup> GCSE results day  
CWL Summer Lunch
- 24<sup>th</sup> Baptism SP
- 25<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 26<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday
- 31<sup>st</sup> Shifnal Parish Summer Fayre
- 1<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Baptism SP
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council SP