

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING

(Isaiah 7:10-14)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said,

“Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.” “No,” Ahaz answered, “I will not put the Lord to the test.”

Then he said:

“Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means ‘God-is-with-us’.”

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 23

**Response: Let the Lord enter!
He is the king of glory.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R/**
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R/**
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R/**

SECOND READING

(Romans 1:1-7)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome,

called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means “God-is-with-us”.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

(Matthew 1:18-24)

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.” Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means “God-is-with-us”. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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22ND DECEMBER 2019

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Sat	21st	18:15	Patricia Dooney	St Patrick's
Sun	22nd	09:00	Rod Ions	Our Lady's
	4th Sunday of Advent	11:00	Lawrence Vambe, RIP	St Patrick's
		17:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Mon	23rd	Ferial		
		12:00	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	St Patrick's
Tue	24th	Ferial		
		12:00	Belen Maneja	Our Lady's
		18:00	Christmas Vigil Mass	St Patrick's
	The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	20:00	Polish Christmas Vigil Mass	St Patrick's
		19:30	Christmas Carols leading to.....	Our Lady's
		20:00	Christmas Vigil Mass	Our Lady's
		23:30	Christmas Carols leading to.....	St Patrick's
Wed	25th	00:01	Mass at Midnight	St Patrick's
	Christmas Masses	09:00	Christmas Dawn Mass	Our Lady's
		11:00	Christmas Daytime Mass	St Patrick's
		17:00	Polish Daytime Mass	St Patrick's
Thur	26th		The Feast of St Stephen, Martyr	
		09:00	James and Margaret Shaw	Our Lady's
		18:00	Polish Mass	St Patrick's
Fri	27th		The Feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist	
			No Service Today	
Sat	28th		The Holy Innocents	
		10:00	Douglas Ormsby	St Patrick's
		18:15	Maria Lauriello	St Patrick's
Sun	29th	09:00	Leonard Davies	Our Lady's
	Feast of the Holy Family	11:00	In Thanksgiving to Jesus, Mary and Joseph	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

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity (No.234025)

To wish you,
and all the members of your families,

A Very Happy and Blessed Christmas



“Glory to God in the highest Heaven, and peace to all who enjoy his favour.”

(Luke 2:14)

The Saviour is born and the work of our redemption has already begun. He is Emmanuel – God with us – and in him we find a new life. His final coming in glory may still be far off but the whole world has been changed by the event at Bethlehem. God, through a tiny baby, enters the course of human history, and the world will never be the same again. In the days to come, may all of us know just how close God is to each one of us.

Fr Alban and Fr Joe

From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another; the warmth, joy and love from New Born Jesus brings us closer to each other. And may the Glory of Christ's birth live in your hearts all New Year. With the best Christmas Greetings for all of St. Patrick's Parishioners in Wellington on behalf of the Polish Community in Telford and Stafford.

Fr. Wiktor

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially **Henrick Bailey** (Funeral 31st December at 11:00hrs) and **Peter Bramall** (Funeral 10th January at 10:30hrs) (both from Our Lady's Parish) and **Patricia Lennon** from St Patrick's Parish (Funeral Mass 10:00hrs on 8th 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: £ 935.31
Our Lady's: £ 559.48

Thank you for your continued generosity.

The collection on Christmas Day is the traditional one towards the upkeep of your priest.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Enrolment forms are available in the porch for the First Holy Communion programme. Children must be in Year 3 or above. The dates are on the forms. Please put completed forms in the gold box.

RCIA

We will begin a new RCIA course in January. The dates will be announced soon. Please add your name to the sheet on the notice board at either church if you would like to attend. The course is for anybody wishing to have a deeper understanding of our shared faith.



PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A great time was had by all. Good food – good company. Everyone found “the child hiding within themselves” – crackers, balloons, party poppers and hats!

The members of the CWL are grateful for all who supported the raffle at the Lunch - £241.40 was raised for their charity of the year.

150 CLUB

Congratulations to the Week 1 Winners:
£30: Elias Hove (No.67)
£15: Tara Allen (No.4)
£10: Daisy Fallon (No.12)
£5: Joy Rebello (No.131)

If you are not a member now is your chance to join. Members pay £1 for each of twenty weeks. The payment can be made in full (£20) or in instalments. Each week there is a draw for four prizes: £30; £15; £10 and £5. In the twentieth week there is also a bonus prize of £100.

ROTAS

New Rotas are available in the porch at St Patrick's for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Counters, Welcomers and Repository.

We thank you all for your help.

STAMP COLLECTION FOR RNIB

Especially at this time, when you may have more postal deliveries than usual, please continue to add your stamps to the collection boxes in the porch.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

Some of you may be off to relatives over the Christmas period, so please have a special time.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the parish over the past year, especially through your generosity.

While we celebrate, we know it is a difficult time for some in the congregation who have lost loved ones over the year, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

To the many who have family back at home, overseas, we will be praying that it will be a time of blessing for those both near and far.

Thank you for all the love and support you have given to Fr Joe and myself over the past year.

Be assured of our prayers.

Fr Alban and Fr Joe

LIGHT, ACTIONS, SOUND!

Parishioners at St Patrick's will be please to hear (especially those with hearing-aids) that the loop system is up and working, and that the front flood-light is working. At Our Lady's, parishioners will be pleased that the radio mikes are now repaired/renewed, and a CD player now installed.

PARISH DIARY

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

December

29th **Feast of the Holy Family**

Baptism *SP*

31st Funeral Service for Henrick Bailey *OL*

January 2020

5th **The Epiphany of the Lord**

8th Funeral Mass for Patricia Lennon *SP*

10th Funeral Service for Peter Bramall *SP*

12th **The Baptism of the Lord**

19th **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Enrolment Masses for First Sacraments
Baptisms *SP*

25/26 **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Bishop Mark visits our Parishes