

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord. **R/ Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

**Response: Who is the king of glory?
It is the Lord.**

- O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. get him enter, the king of glory! **R/**
- Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **R/**
- O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R/**
- Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **R/**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, he too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord. **R/ Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!

The light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-32

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

“Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.”

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.”

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with tasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.



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Our Lady of the Rosary

2ND FEBRUARY 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Sat	1st	18:15	Maria Lauriello	St Patrick's
Sun	2nd	09:00	Bridget Heneghan	Our Lady's
	The Presentation of the Lord	11:00	Trevor Hatcliffe	St Patrick's
		17:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Mon	3rd	St Werburgh, Virgin		St Patrick's
		12:00	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	
Tue	4th	Ferial		Our Lady's
		12:00	Paulina Bernardo Joves	
Wed	5th	St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr		St Patrick's
		12:00	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	
Thur	6th	St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs		Our Lady's
		14:30	Funeral Service for Caroline Souka	
Fri	7th	Ferial		St Patrick's
		12:00	Lawrence Vambe	St Patrick's
		18:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		20:00	Monthly Prayer Vigil (until 01:00hrs)	St Patrick's
Sat	8th	Ferial		St Patrick's
		18:15	Lino Emanuelli	
Sun	9th	09:00	Catherine Godbert	Our Lady's
	The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time	11:00	Maura Sweeney	St Patrick's
		17:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's

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 **Ann Howells; Gareth Davies; Caroline Souka; Derek Lloyd; Charles Walsh; John Farmer; George Turner; and Mary Day**; all who are mourning the death of a loved one; and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's collections:

St Patrick's: £ 1,039.38
Our Lady's: £ 480.95

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

There are 45 children at St Patrick's and 13 at Our Lady's who are enrolled on the First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion programme.

First Holy Communion will take place during weekend Masses during May

Do keep the candidates, their parents, and the catechists who will be working with them, in your prayers as they prepare for these important sacraments.

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Young people in Yr8 and above who wish to be Confirmed this year should complete one of the green enrolment forms in the porch and return it via the gold box. Once we have numbers the preparation programme dates will be arranged. These forms must be returned by Sunday, 1st March.

Confirmation will take place at St Patrick's on 28th May.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The new RCIA course began last Tuesday, 28th January at 7pm. The course is being held in St Patrick's Presbytery. It is still not too late to join the group. Further dates will be decided at the first meeting. The course is open to anybody wishing to have a deeper understanding of our shared faith.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Each year the bishop invites those couples celebrating a special anniversary to attend a Diocesan Mass. In 2020 it will be on Saturday, 8th February at St. Joseph's, Birkenhead. We thank those who have put their names forward. It is not too late to add your names. If you wish to attend, please give Fr Alban your name and address and the anniversary you are celebrating. You will then receive a personal invitation.

BISHOP MARK'S VISITATION

Bishop Mark was delighted to have been with us last weekend, and thanks you for the welcome he received from all those he met. On behalf of all of us Fr Alban thanks him for the words of encouragement that he gave to us all.

He visited the pupils and staff at our two Primary Schools on Friday, 24th January.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We thank those at Our Lady's who volunteered to help to deliver Children's liturgy following last Sunday's appeal.

If you anybody at either church would like to know more about what you can do to help, please ask one of the team or let Father Alban have your details and someone will contact you.

Safeguarding checks are required for all helpers.

SVP NATIONAL RAFFLE 2020

Raffle tickets are available at Our Lady's. The raffle supports St Vincent de Paul activities both locally and nationally. Ticket stubs and money is to be returned to church by Sunday, 8th March. First prize £3,000, second prize £2,000, third prize £1,000 and 10 £50 prizes.

STAMP COLLECTION FOR RNIB

Thank you for bringing in your stamps. The collection boxes will remain in the porch for further donations.

CWL ANNUAL RAFFLE

Wellington Section CWL is holding their Annual Raffle this year in aid of the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund.

This group attempts to raise public awareness of signs and symptoms of cancer, improve early diagnosis, support cancer patients and their relatives and friends when just diagnosed and undergoing treatment and in an ongoing way to help cope with problems of living with cancer as well as enhancing local Cancer Treatment Services.

Donations of raffle prizes of all descriptions will be very gratefully received, and a box will be placed in the meeting room for donations during the rest of January and early February or items can be given directly to members of the CWL.

Tickets will be sold at Masses from the second week of February and the draw will take place at our St Patrick's Day celebration.

Many thanks to everyone in anticipation of donations and support for this local and worthwhile Fund.

TELFORD IN LOURDES 2020

Information on this year's diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is now available, as are the booking forms.

The cost of the pilgrimage has been reduced for those travelling over-land (although there is an increase in the cost of flying to Lourdes).

If you are joining this year's pilgrimage please let Fr Alban know so that you can be kept informed of group activities

Between us, our parishes will again sponsor one parishioner (and if necessary, someone to accompany them). Forms are at the back of the church so that you can nominate a parishioner, young or old. Please read the "terms and conditions" on the form. Please return your completed forms via the gold box. Names will be drawn out of the hat at the end of the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday, 1st March.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

Today the annual Special Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund is being held. With your help we can build up the Fund to help meet the needs of our sick and retired priests.

Special envelopes are available for you to use. If you wish Gift Aid to be claimed on your donation, please write in your name and address (including Postcode on the front of the Special Envelope provided.

A leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund (by Standing Order, Cheque), and how you can donate Online to the Fund at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund. It also explains how to take advantage of Gift Aid to boost your donation to the Fund.

I ask that you give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause and would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support.

With every blessing,

**+ Mark
Bishop of Shrewsbury**

150 CLUB

Congratulations to the Week 7 Winners:

£30: Stephen Venezia (No.14)
£15: Cath Maiden (No.109)
£10: Matt O'Neill (No.132)
£5: Ann Huxley (No.10)



YEARBOOKS

Filled with all kinds of information on the diocese and the different parishes, copies of the diocesan yearbook are now available, priced only £5 each.

ADVANCE NOTICE

On Sunday, 29th March England will be re-dedicated as the Dowry of Mary. Parishioners will be invited to prepare for this over the coming weeks.

PARISH GROUPS

Meeting at Our Lady's:

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.

Prayer Group - Wednesday at 7:30pm.

Knit and Knatter – 12:45-2:30pm. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the meeting room.

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

SVP – Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm

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

PARISH DIARY

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

February

2nd **The Presentation of the Lord**

Retired Priests Fund - Collection

4th SVP meets *SP*

8th Diocesan Annual Mass for those celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries.

9th **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

12th Knit and Knatter

13th Pastoral Parish Council meets at OL

16th **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

18th Local Missionary Area Council Meeting at Bridgnorth

SVP meets *SP*

20th SVP meets *OL*

23rd **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

26th **Ash Wednesday**

Knit and Knatter

27th First Forgiveness Celebration *SP*

28th First Forgiveness Celebration *OL*

March

1st **1st Sunday in Lent**

3rd SVP meets *SP*

4th Area Cafod meeting *SP*

6th Lent Fast Day – *Frugal Lunch SP*

8th **2nd Sunday in Lent**

12th SVP meets *OL*