

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FIRST READING** 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, "Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons." When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him," but the Lord said to Samuel, "Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart." Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." He then asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" He answered, "There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, "Come, anoint him, for this is the one." At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 22

Response: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R/**
- He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R/**
- You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R/**
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R/**

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness

but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Glory, to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God**

**THE GOSPEL** John 9:1-41 (shorter version)

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam" (a name that means "sent"). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "Yes, it is the same one." Others said, "No, he only looks like him." The man himself said, "I am the man."

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, "He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see." Then some of the Pharisees said, "This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath." Others said, "How could a sinner produce signs like this?" And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, "What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?" "He is a prophet," replied the man.

"Are you trying to teach us," they replied, "and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!" And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Sir," the man replied, "tell me who he is so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking at him; he is speaking to you." The man said, "Lord, I believe," and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



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**Until further notice, we can no longer celebrate Public Masses.  
The Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation is suspended until further notice.**

Sat	21st		<i>Live stream is available</i>
Sun	22nd	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	<i>from Shrewsbury Cathedral at 08:30 and 10:45 on each Sunday; and at 12:15 each weekday on <a href="http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/">www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/</a> The times will change during Holy Week and possibly the Easter Weekend.</i>
Mon	23rd	<b>Ferial</b>	<i>Live stream at 12:15 on <a href="http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/">www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/</a></i>
Tue	24th	<b>Ferial</b>	<i>Live stream at 12:15 on <a href="http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/">www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/</a></i>
Wed	25th	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>	<i>Barbara Needham, RIP – Graveside Service for members of her family only. Live stream at 12:15 on <a href="http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/">www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/</a></i>
Thur	26th	<b>Ferial</b>	<i>Live stream at 12:15 on <a href="http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/">www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/</a></i>
Fri	27th	<b>Ferial</b>	<i>Live stream at 12:15 on <a href="http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/">www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/</a></i>
Sat	28th	<b>Ferial</b>	<i>Live stream at 12:15 on <a href="http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/">www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/</a></i>
	28th		<b>British Summer Time begins at 01:00 – clocks go forward one hour</b>
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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, especially **Barbara Needham** (*Graveside Service on Wednesday for members of her family only*) and **Gordon Wild**, Fr Anthony Wild's father who died this week; and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's collections:

St Patrick's: £935.89  
Our Lady's: £ 425.48

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

## CAFOD 150 CLUB

Congratulations to the Week 14 Winners:

£30 Elias Hove (No.67)  
£15 Pater Ignotus (No.21)  
£10 Alan Cowell (No.28)  
£5 Anna Dooney (No.45)

## THIS WEEK

We thank Fr Joe, Fr Terence, Fr Michael and Deacon David for taking care of all the Masses and Services whilst Fr Alban has been unwell.

Father Alban is on holiday this week. If you **urgently** need the services of a priest, please contact Father Michael Hartley on 01952 586118

## 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



## EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

### BLESSED EDWARD CAMPION FEDERATION

Due to the retirement of the present Headteacher, the Governors are looking to appoint an **Executive Headteacher** to work across the Federation of our two schools, St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Wellington and Cathedral Catholic Primary School Shrewsbury

Application packs are on our website as is key information on vacancies: our website is: [www.blessededwardcampion.co.uk/](http://www.blessededwardcampion.co.uk/)

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

In response to the ongoing public health situation, the Bishops of England and Wales have updated their instructions and advice to all of us.

They are outlined below, so that all parishioners can understand the reasons for the decision of the Bishops.

The following instructions are now given for the celebration of the Sacraments and sacramentals of the Church at this time.

### Celebrations of Holy Mass

Because of the situation the Church finds herself in, the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or a Holy day of Obligation is removed, until further notice.

Priests will continue to celebrate Mass within their parish as far as possible on a daily basis without the faithful.

Our two churches will remain closed during this period.

### Baptisms

Baptisms should be deferred until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can gather safely. In case of necessity, where death is a danger, baptisms should be celebrated with all the hygiene precautions that have been laid down by the Church in its COVID-19 advice. We thank all those who have already delayed their child's Baptism.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

With our churches closed, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be postponed. When necessary, it can be celebrated with the sick who are receiving the Sacrament of the Sick.

### First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

These celebrations should be postponed until a time that allows for families and friends to gather safely within our churches. All the dates that parents have signed for, may have to be postponed

### Confirmation

The celebrations of Confirmation should be deferred until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can resume public worship. We have postponed our Deanery celebration of Confirmation.

### Matrimony

If possible, the celebration of the sacrament of Matrimony should be deferred until such time that people can gather in numbers safely. However, if this is not possible and only in the most pressing of circumstances, then those present for the marriage should be restricted to the celebrant, bride and

groom and immediate family, and if necessary, the legal Registrar.

### Anointing of the Sick

No pastoral visits should be made to people who are self-isolating until the isolation period ends. However, do offer phone support. When anointing the sick, the Oil of the Sick can be applied using a cotton bud which can be burned afterwards (one end for the head and the other for the hands) and the priest extend his hands over the sick person for laying on of hands, without physical contact. This has been confirmed as a valid mode of celebrating the sacraments which involve "laying on of hands." Visits to people in care homes or hospitals should follow advice from the staff on infection control.

### Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil

This will be dependent on the forthcoming decisions of the Bishops for the Holy Week ceremonies.

### Funerals

There must be great pastoral sensitivity to this issue. The funeral service should take place at the graveside or at a crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the cemetery or crematorium authorities. Arrangements should be made for a Mass to be celebrated *in memoriam* when congregations are allowed to gather.

This is why Barbara Needham's funeral arrangements have been changed.

### Sacramentals

Sacramentals, for example the Stations of the Cross, have all to be cancelled during Lent, and until further notice so that we can avoid gathering people together.

We are in a very fluid situation at present, with changes taking place almost daily. Please keep an eye on the needs of your neighbours, especially if they are self-isolating or are elderly. But especially keep an eye on your own health and condition.

We pray that we may soon reach the position where we are able to freely mingle again.

### CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY

Thanks to your generosity the amount donated to the work of CAFOD following the recent Family Fast Day has totalled £517.92. Many thanks indeed.

### CWL ANNUAL RAFFLE

The members of the CWL thank all those who supported their raffle – it raised some £500 for the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund. Winners have been drawn, but prizes will be distributed as and when it is possible to do so.

## NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new Offertory Envelopes have arrived, but we shall have to wait until we gather again before we can distribute them. We thank all those who give by means of Standing Orders.

## PARISH GROUPS

Under the present public health conditions, all groups who meet in our two churches have had to be postponed until further notice. This includes the Alcoholics Anonymous that meets each Monday evening.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The Preparation programmes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are postponed until further notice.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We await further instruction from the Bishops' Conference regarding their Initiation.

## SCHOOLS

We pray for the staff in our schools who are working under extreme conditions in this changing landscape. May they be given all the resources they need to keep themselves and the children in their charge safe from harm.

We especially think of those children who were due to sit exams in the coming weeks who have faced the biggest changes to the continuity of their education.

## PARISH OFFICE AT ST PATRICK'S

The Parish Office will be staffed from 10:00hrs to midday Monday and Friday this week. Messages can be left on the answerphone outside of those times.

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Our Parishes have a new Facebook page where you can keep up to date with changing news.

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/St-Patricks-Wellington-Our-Lady-of-the-Rosary-Trench-100793494903216/about/>

You can also email [olnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:olnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk) to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter.

## PARISH DIARY

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

### March

22<sup>nd</sup> Fourth Sunday of  
25<sup>th</sup> Feast of The Annunciation  
29<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday of Lent

### April

5<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday and start of Holy Week  
10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday  
12<sup>th</sup> Easter

18<sup>th</sup> Wedding of Oliver Yates and Karlina  
Machnik

19<sup>th</sup> **Second Sunday of Easter**