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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sat	20th		<i>Live stream is available</i>
Sun	21st		<i>from Shrewsbury Cathedral at 08:30hrs and 10:45hrs on www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/</i>
The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Mon	22nd	<i>The Feast of SS John Fisher, Bishop and St Thomas More, Martyrs</i>	<i>Live stream at 08:30 on www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/</i>
Tue	23rd	<i>Ferial</i>	<i>Live stream at 08:30 on www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/</i>
Wed	24th	<i>The Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	<i>Live stream at 08:30 on www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/</i>
Thur	25th	<i>Ferial</i>	<i>Live stream at 08:30 on www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/</i>
Fri	26th	<i>Ferial</i>	<i>Live stream at 08:30 on www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/</i>
Sat	27th	<i>St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Live stream at 08:30 on www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/</i>
Sat	27th		<i>Live Stream is available</i>
Sun	28th		<i>from Shrewsbury Cathedral at 08:30hrs and 10:45hrs on www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/</i>
Ss Peter & Paul. Apostles			

Starting this Monday Shrewsbury Cathedral will be open for private visits and private prayers from 10:00hrs until 15:00hrs on weekdays, and from 12Hrs until 15:00hrs on Sundays

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

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THE 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *(Jeremiah 20:10-13)*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!"
denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts,
you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 68*

**Response: In your great love,
answer me, O God.**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my
brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **R/**
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R/**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their
chains. Let the heavens and the earth give
him praise, the sea and all its living
creatures. **R/**

SECOND READING *(Romans 5:12-15)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of "law-breaking", yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL *(Matthew 10:26-33)*

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.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: "Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

"So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

Your prayers are asked for the sick and the housebound and all those who are in hospital, the Hospice or local nursing homes. We remember especially all those suffering from the effects of the corona virus; especially the doctors, nurses and all medical staff at the PRH and RSH; also all the staff at our local nursing homes.

We remember in prayer all who have died; and all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

During the time when our churches remain closed, Sunday and Weekday Masses will still be live-streamed to the internet.

At Shrewsbury Cathedral

<http://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral>

Sunday Morning: Sunday, 08:30 hrs & 10:45hrs

Weekday Mass: Daily at 08:30hrs – please note the change of time from 12:15.

If you prefer to livestream a more “homely” parish church celebration, then you can always log-on to <http://www.churchservices.tv>. In the “churches” section you will find where livestreaming is now available across the UK and Ireland, and also the schedule of service times.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

“Given the escalation of the Coronavirus, hospitals are having constantly to review their policy on visiting the sick which includes chaplaincy access to patients. Although each hospital will determine its own approach to these matters, it is becoming increasingly clear that giving access to chaplains is difficult due to the scarcity of PPE, the risk of contagion to the chaplain, as well as the chaplain becoming another link in the chain of infection.

“Contact details of chaplains and priests are available for **telephone support** of those who need it. Priests and chaplains must follow the visiting instructions from Hospital and Trust authorities.

“Whilst this runs counter to our instinct to provide personal end-of-life sacramental and pastoral care, in the current circumstances minimising the spread of the virus must be the priority of all.”

MASS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Bishops are still celebrating Mass for those who are ill and for all in the health service. This week on Thursday at 7.00pm Bishop Alan Hopes of Norwich Cathedral will celebrate Mass; the following Thursday it will be the turn of Archbishop John Wilson of Southwark on 2nd July; then Bishop Tom Williams, auxiliary Bishop, will celebrate Mass from Liverpool Cathedral on 9th July.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

These are difficult times for us all. The Parish of course has to continue to pay its way – despite saving on the heating!

Like all charities we will feel the impact of not having a regular income. You yourselves will have the same pressures, especially if you are on a low income or zero hours contracts.

Parishioners can continue to make regular contributions in a variety of ways if they are able.

ENVELOPES

Supplies of new envelopes have been received and will be distributed when we are able to gather together to celebrate Mass.

If you can set your usual offertory gift aside and bring it when things return to normal it would help – but only if you are able. Fr Alban is most grateful to those parishioners who have sent him envelopes with their donations.

STANDING ORDERS

We thank all those who have started giving by Standing Orders. If you wish to set up a Standing Order either permanently or in order to continue to make your regular Offertory giving to the Parish during the period when Mass is not being celebrated in public, please contact the Parish Office on 01952 242423 and talk to Moira or e-mail Mike Russell (from the Diocesan Planned Giving & Gift Aid Service) including your name, phone number and name of the Parish. Mike’s email address is: mike.russell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

ONLINE GIVING

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page to allow you to donate to the Parish has been developed. The links are on the Parish websites.

Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way. You can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further.

If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order.

We thank those who have started to donate monies using this method

Thank you for your continued support.

THIS WEEK

If you **urgently** need the services of a priest, please contact Father Michael Hartley at The Good Shepherd Parish in south Telford on 01952 586118.

YELLOW RIBBON

Yellow Ribbon, looking after people coming out of prison and resettling into the community, is in need of bath towels, tea towels, single & double bedding, suitable for single males (that is, no florals please!) If you have any of these items, please call Rita Wilkinson on 07803 281971 and she will arrange collection from your home. As always, many thanks for your continuing help.

THE REOPENING OF OUR CHURCHES

You will have read in newspapers and heard in news broadcasts that churches can begin to reopen from this Monday, 15th June.

This welcome news, for we all want to see our churches open as soon as possible

Churches will reopen in two stages. Firstly, for private prayer; and then eventually for the public celebration of Mass and the sacraments. However, they have to be places where it is safe to visit with adequate precautions in place: we want to avoid the risk of people coming down with the virus as a result of visiting a church.

In the last few weeks the members of the Parish Council have held a "virtual meeting" over the internet. After discussion they have come to two main decisions regarding the reopening of our churches for private prayer.

Firstly, regarding Our Lady's Church. Because of the proximity of the church to the primary school the PPC decided that Our Lady's should not reopen at this stage for private prayer.

Secondly, regarding St Patrick's. St Patrick's does have the tradition of remaining open throughout the day for private prayer and we hope to be able to reopen the church as soon as we can. However, we have to ensure that when it does reopen for private visits and private prayer it is a safe environment for all visitors.

We have ordered the various things that we need to open safely; some things have been delivered, but we await other necessary items. Once these are available, we will begin the process of opening St Patrick's.

Seven churches across the diocese have reopened for private visits and private prayer. They include Shrewsbury Cathedral which re-opened last Monday: it is open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 3.00pm; and on Sundays from 12 Noon to 3.00pm.

As we await the time when we can safely re-open St Patrick's church – don't forget that you can still pray to the Lord in your own homes and within your families – he is always with us, everywhere!

Fr Alban and Fr Joe

CHURCH STEWARDS

One important element in safely re-opening our churches is stewarding. We are most grateful for all those who have volunteered to act as Stewards. Twelve have offered their services at St Patrick's; two have come forward at Our Lady's (needed for when the church opens for liturgies); and six people from the Polish community.

If you are willing to act as a volunteer steward at St Patrick's or at Our Lady's, please either phone the Parish Office (01952 242423) and register with the parish secretary or with Fr Alban (please leave a message if the answerphone is operating). You can always, if you prefer, email the Office using the address ccntelford@gmail.com. Volunteers have to be under 70 years of age, and not suffering from any underlying health issues.

When our churches eventually begin to reopen, we would all want the experience to be as risk-free as possible as we begin to adjust to the "new normal". In the next week or so there will be training sessions for the volunteers.

STAMPS

Please continue to save stamps for the RNIB.

DO NOT OPEN!

A parishioner has pointed out that they received spam that appeared to come from Father Alban. We are not sure how this is happening but please do not open any mail you find suspicious. This spam is not sent via the stpatrickstelford or ccntelford addresses, which are the only ones used by Fr Alban and the parish office.

SCHOOLS

Please keep the pupils and staff of our local schools in your prayers as they continue their work. Holy Trinity Academy is continuing their work of welcoming back its Year 10 students.

May they be kept secure and safe as they welcome each other back into the classroom experience once again.

CHILDREN' LITURGY

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Y	C	S	K	D	R	L	L	L	R	KILL
A	L	P	I	N	L	A	C	I	O	SOUL
D	A	E	H	U	F	E	P	K	Y	DESTROY
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A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you
sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and
unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

Psalm 90

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

It is he who will free you from the snare of the fowler who seeks to destroy you; he will conceal with his pinions and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the plague that prowls in the darkness nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand fall at your right, you, it will never approach; his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Your eye have only to look to see how the wicked are repaid, you who have said: 'Lord, my refuge!' and have made the Most High your dwelling.

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory.

With length of life I will content him; I shall let him see my saving power.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.