16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *(Wisdom 12:13, 16-19)*

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.
Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 85*

Response: O Lord,
you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
   full of love to all who call.
   Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
   and attend to the sound of my voice. **R/**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
   and glorify your name, O Lord:
   for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
   you who alone are God. **R/**
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
   slow to anger, O Lord,
   abounding in love and truth,
   turn and take pity on me. **R/**

SECOND READING *(Romans 8:26-27)*

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

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.
Response: **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA VERSE
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL *(Matthew 13:24-43)*

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 put a parable before the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servant went to him and said, 'Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?' 'Some enemy has done this,' he answered. And the servant said, 'Do you want us to go and weed it out?' But he said, 'No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches."

He told them another parable, "The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through."

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, "Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us." He said in reply, "The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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19TH JULY 2020

THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation is suspended until further notice.

Sat	18th	18:15	John and Ann Doran Golden Wedding Anniversary	*St Patrick's*
Sun	19th	09:00	Babs Needham	*Our Lady's*
16th Sunday in		11:00	Marion Howells	*St Patrick's*
Ordinary Time		17:00	Mass in Polish	*St Patrick's*
Mon	20th	***Ferial***		
			No Mass today	*St Patrick's*
Tue	21st	***Ferial***		
		12:00	Jolly Kuriakose	*St Patrick's*
Wed	22nd	***Feast of St Mary Magdalene***		
		19:00	Doris Dolan	*Our Lady's*
Thur	23rd	***Feast of St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe***		
			No Mass today	*St Patrick's*
Fri	24th	***Ferial***		
		12:00	Perera Intention	*St Patrick's*
Sat	25th	***Feast of St James, Apostle***		
		15:30	*Wedding of Oliver Yates & Karolina Machnik*	*St Patrick's*
		18:15	Frank Burns	*St Patrick's*
Sun	26th	09:00	Stella Webb	*Our Lady's*
17th Sunday in		11:00	Mary Croston	*St Patrick's*
Ordinary Time		17:00	Mass in Polish	*St Patrick's*

Confessions heard by appointment

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

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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 pray for **Olive Dawson** who is seriously ill. We also 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.

We offer our prayerful congratulations to **Oliver Yates** and **Karolina Machnik** who will be married next Saturday at St Patrick's Church.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

If you are shielding or otherwise can't get to church for Mass you can livestream the Mass from the Cathedral in Shrewsbury.

At Shrewsbury Cathedral
http://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral

Sunday Morning: Sunday, 08:00 hrs & 10:00hrs
Weekday Mass: Daily at 12:15hrs.

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.

ST LUKE'S HEAD TEACHER

Governors at Our Blessed Saints are pleased to say a Candidate Pack is now available in the search for our new Executive Headteacher. It can be found by logging on to St Luke's website, clicking the Teams tab and selecting Employment Opportunities. Full details of how to apply are given. The post has been advertised in various media but please help us to spread the message and encourage suitable applicants to take a look. We aim to interview in September for a January 2021 start.

150 CLUB

The 150 Club still has some weeks to run before it reaches week 20, when the present session ends. However, with the lock-down the weekly draw and the opportunity to catch-up with the weekly payments had to be suspended. It is still having to be suspended until we can return to something like "normal" normal with our Masses. Please be patient for some time to come.

THE CATHOLIC VOICE

The latest edition has arrived – do take a copy home with you as you leave church today.

THE REOPENING OF OUR CHURCHES

Both St Patrick's Church and Our Lady's Church are now open for Mass. To keep a safe distance in both church (2 metres) we have had to reduce the number of people who can attend each Mass. A booking system has been introduced for each of our Masses. Phone 01952 242423 to reserve your place or you could e-mail ccntelford@gmail.com. We are grateful for those who have offered to be Stewards at Mess. We need more Stewards – especially at Our Lady's – for without the presence of Stewards we cannot safely celebrate Mass. The Sunday Mass obligation is still lifted, so think of possibly attending a weekday Mass rather than at the weekend, or you could live-stream Mass (see the information in column 1 of the Newsletter).

SOME CHANGES IN THE MASS

As we resume celebrations of Mass, you will notice some changes, in the Mass itself, and how we do things.

Safe-Distancing
Some places in both our churches are blocked-off so that we can keep a safe distance of two metres.

This means that St Patrick's Church can safely accommodate up to 68 people; and that Our Lady's can safely accommodate up to 30 people.

How can we best accommodate the reduction in places?
For now, places will need to be allocated. This can be done by phoning the parish office on 01952 242423 between 09.00am and 11.00pm each weekday. Alternatively, you can email us using ccntelford@gmail.com. Please note that Sunday obligation is still suspended, so you can come to weekday Mass instead of Sunday Mass.

Will it be safe?
Stewards will be in place to organise and to clean surfaces after use. You must gel hands on entry and go straight to your allocated seat. Candles stands are not in use at Our Lady's.

What happens during Mass?
There will be no music, and some parts of the Mass will be omitted. Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass.

What about communion?
Follow instructions given by stewards. You must safe-distance as you come to communion. You must stand in front of the minister, receive on the hand and consume the host while standing after which you will leave church immediately. Fr Alban and Fr Joe need to stay on the sanctuary at all times during Mass.

There must be no gathering once you leave the church door.

If Communion is usually brought to you, please wait in your seat until the very end of Mass.

What about the collection, or if I wish to see the priest?
A basket to put your offerings into, and gel to sanitise your hands, will be at the entrance. If you need to see Fr Alban or Fr Joe you must wait outside until Mass is over and he will come to you, keeping safe distancing measures.

What about toilets?
These are out of use, since we do not have people to clean them after every use.

What if too many people turn up?
Once the safe limit of the building is reached, we are not able to accommodate any more people. It is important that you take advantage of the booking service to ensure that a place is reserved for you.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

With the resumption of Mass, we are able to distribute the new supply of envelopes. When you book your place at Mass, let us know that you are awaiting the new envelopes, and we can safely ensure that they are waiting for you.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 2,005.55
Our Lady's: £ 232.00
Online donations via the Diocese: £135.00
Payments direct into our bank accounts:

Thank you for your continued generosity – especially to all of you who paid-in monies that accumulated each week over the lock-down.

PARISH GROUPS

A number of our Parish Groups are still operating – thank goodness – but unfortunately, we are not able to offer them space to meet in our church buildings. As soon as we are able, we shall be in touch with them.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

Having been closed for some time, the List of Prayer Remembrances needs reviewing. Some, like Fr John Wright, have died; others may be much better and can be taken off the list; and there may be other people whose names need adding to the list. Check the list and note any amendments on the reverse side of the document.

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Moira, our Secretary, is drawing up new rotas for our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. Some of our ministers are unable to be included at present because they are vulnerable or are shielding. If you would like to volunteer for these ministries, please call the Parish Office (01952 242423) or have a word with Fr Alban or Fr Joe after Mass.

VIRTUAL LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Normally at this time of the year a number of parishioners are making final arrangements in readiness to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Unfortunately, this is not the case this year. However, the pilgrimage organisers are planning to present a "virtual pilgrimage" instead from 29th July to 4 August. Next Sunday we plan to have a special supplement giving details of the Virtual Pilgrimage giving us all details of the proposed timetable of events.

CWL RAFFLE.

Some of you may remember we held our CWL raffle earlier in the year. We have drawn the raffle and have the prizes waiting to be distributed.

As you will appreciate, that is not possible yet, but hopefully, in the not too distant future we will be in a position to distribute them to the lucky winners.

Thanks for your patience.

WAITING FOR RESULTS

School reports and exam results can cause great anxiety. We wait for them, worry about what they will mean for our future. We can't make the agony go away but we can remind ourselves of how wrong they sometimes are. A teacher at Harrow, Mr Davidson, wrote on one boy's report: *"He is forgetful, careless, unpunctual, irregular in every way… If he is unable to conquer this slovenliness he will never make a success …"* It was Winston Churchill's report!

Lord, don't give me marks for achievement. Just look at my effort.

FREE AT LAST

This has been a strange school year for our pupils and their parents. As the school term finished last Friday and the holidays beckon, we wish all the young people of our parishes a good time, whether you are going away or staying at home this summer. Get plenty of exercise, do at least ten heroic things, learn a new language, compose a symphony, save someone's life and invent a really useful gadget.

And even if you don't manage all of this, do remember to come back after the holidays. We'll miss you all, and your parents!