



St. Patrick

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Our Lady of the Rosary

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13TH SEPTEMBER 2020

THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sat		18:15	The Carmelites	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	13th	09:00	Parishioners	<i>Our Lady's</i>
	The 24th Sunday	11:00	Mark Hollinshead	<i>St Patrick's</i>
	In Ordinary Time	17:00	Mass in Polish	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Mon	14th	Exaltation of the Holy Cross No Mass today		
Tue	15th	Our Lady of Sorrows 13:00 Funeral Mass for Marcella Brennan (No Public Mass)		<i>St Patrick's</i>
Wed	16th	Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 19:00 Sean Keegan		<i>Our Lady's</i>
Thurs	17th	Ferial No Mass today		
Fri	18th	Ferial 12:00 Jack and Cäcilia Stanton		<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sat	19th	St Januarius, Bishop and Martyr 18:15 Mavis Peries & Gregory Fernando		<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	20th	09:00	Maura Sweeney	<i>Our Lady's</i>
	The 25th Sunday	11:00	James Hyland	<i>St Patrick's</i>
	In Ordinary Time	12:30	Baptisms	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		17:00	Mass in Polish	<i>St Patrick's</i>

Confessions heard by appointment

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

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THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING (Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm*
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Response: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R/**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.
R/
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R/**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R/**

SECOND READING (Romans 14: 7-9)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we

belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 18:21-35)

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

"And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. 'Give me time,' he said, 'and I will pay the whole sum.' And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. 'Pay what you owe me,' he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, 'Give me time and I will pay you.' But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he could pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?' And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And this is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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 the doctors, nurses and all medical staff at the PRH and RSH; also all the staff at our local nursing and care homes. Please pray for Fr Michael Dyson, a retired diocesan priest who is gravely ill and also for Patricia Bamford.

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially **Marcella Brennan** (Funeral Mass this Tuesday, 15th September); and all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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. Do notice the change in their Mass times.

At Shrewsbury Cathedral

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

Sunday Morning: Sunday, 08:00hrs & 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.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's collections:

St Patrick's: £ 812.00

Our Lady's: £ 447.25

Many thanks for your continued generosity. We thank all those who have carefully accumulated their envelopes during lock-down and are paying them in together.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

With the resumption of Mass, we can 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 available.

If you would like to begin giving via envelopes there are spare boxes available.

MASKS

You will need to wear a mask for the whole duration of the Mass.

We thank the parishioner who added to our stock of disposable masks recently. There are plenty

of masks if you turn up without one.



A MESSAGE TO & FROM THE STEWARDS

On behalf of all of us, Fr Alban would like to thank all the Stewards who are working so hard and so well in welcoming people as they arrive at church, who also show people to their places, and who clean the church at the end of Mass ready for the next Mass. Without their dedication to the task we would not be able to safely celebrate Mass. Many thanks to all of them.

Please reserve your place early in the week and only between **9am and 11am** on 01952 242423. If you leave a message on the answerphone, please leave your phone number. We will ring you back if we have no space. Alternatively, you can email us using ccntelford@gmail.com.

Our Masses are beginning to become fully booked. Safely seating everyone requires careful juggling of the seating plan. Please do not assume you will sit in the same seat every time. We do try to accommodate but not everyone can "sit at the back".

Please sit in the exact seat you are allocated. The 2m distance has been carefully calculated in both churches to ensure your safety. We are advised by the Diocese to keep to 2m for the foreseeable future to protect our priests and others.

Please let the stewards know if you will need communion brought to you at your seat.

Once the safe limit of the building is reached, we are not able to accommodate any more people. The doors are closed at the beginning of Mass so our stewards can sit during the service.

We need more stewards! If you are under 70 and do not suffer with an underlying condition, please consider helping out. Please email Moira with your details and availability on ccntelford@gmail.com.

Please note: There is no public Mass this Tuesday because of the Funeral Mass.

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER

Today we pray for all involved in Education.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

The Holy Father asks the members of the Church to pray for various intentions each month.

In September:

That the planet's resources will not be plundered; but shared in a just and respectful manner.

NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please email newsletter@stpatrickstelford.com or hand items for inclusion in that week's newsletter to the office by Wednesday.

Occasionally mistakes occur if messages are taken by word of mouth so requests in writing are best to ensure the correct information is relayed.

MANY THANKS

Fr Alban is now much better, health-wise, and is now back ministering. Although he has been celebrating some weekday Masses over the last few weeks, he formally returned to work on 1st September. He thanks Fr Kevin who has, along with Fr Joe, been celebrating our Sunday Masses, and all those who have ensured that everything is operating as normally as possible, given our present circumstances.

INCREASING CHURCH CAPACITIES

We have begun the process with the diocese of increasing the number of available places in our churches by reducing the safe spacing to one metre rather than two metres. However, given the change this week in national rules of gathering Fr Alban decided that we should delay any move at this time of increasing our capacity. Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals are still restricted to a maximum of thirty people being able to attend.

Once the rules are eventually relaxed, we shall again seek to increase the safe seating capacity of our two churches.

In the meantime, if you want to reserve a seat for Mass on a Friday, or at one of the weekend Masses at St Patrick's do contact us early to avoid disappointment. The Sunday Mass at Our Lady's is becoming more popular too.

REPOSITORY

At present the repository stalls are not in operation but if there is something you need please contact Moira in the Parish office on 242423 and if the item is not in stock we can arrange for orders to be placed.

Orders of Christmas items will be made on 1st October.

MASS INTENTIONS

We try to fulfil Mass Intention requests on the correct day if a date is specifically requested. On occasion there may not be a Mass that day or there may be a funeral or Liturgy of the Word and on those occasions the Mass will be celebrated on the nearest available date.

If a specific date is required, please give at least 3 weeks' notice. There are Mass Intention envelopes in both porches. Please print the requests clearly to make sure we spell your loved one's name correctly.

RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH

Last Easter a number of new parishioners should have been received into the Church. We are now able to begin that process and our first celebration during next Saturday evening's Mass when we welcome Gail Day into full Communion with the Church.

PARISH GROUPS

Unfortunately, Parish Groups cannot yet use our buildings because of self-distancing requirements. As soon as the guidance changes, we will let Groups know. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Although our schools have reopened, we are not able yet to restart our Children's Liturgies at both churches – too many children to adequately safe-distance. However, we will endeavour to have a handout each Sunday to help keep the interest of the children during Mass.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Those attending university are preparing themselves for the new academic year. Please keep them in prayer, especially those beginning their university course.

FOR CHILDREN...AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Have you ever wondered ... why the ninth month of the year is called September, since September is from the Latin meaning "seven"? If "novem" is the word for "nine", why doesn't November come straight after August?

This is because the year used to start in March, and September was therefore the seventh month. But Julius Caesar revised the calendar and added January and February to the beginning of the year, and then every month had to move along two places. Hence December (in Latin "tenth month") became the twelfth and final month.

These calendar mathematics also explain why the Eastern Church celebrates John the Baptist's conception on September 23rd, because it is six months before Mary's Annunciation, when the angel told Mary that Elizabeth was already six months pregnant.

Clever? Then perhaps you can tell Fr Alban or Fr Joe why St Januarius's feast is on September 19th. Or there again, you might not want to bother ...

WORDS OF WISDOM

In the town of God's forgiveness
There are no one-way streets.

(Oliver Todd)

"I can forgive but I cannot forget"
Is only another way of saying
"I cannot forgive".

(Henry Ward Beecher)

Forgiveness is pure bonus:
God's love no strings attached.

(Hugh Lavery)