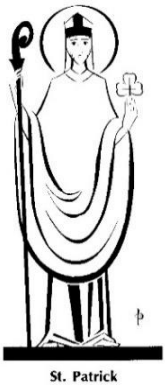

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18TH OCTOBER 2020

THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sat	17th	18:15	June Austin	*St Patrick's*
Sun	18th	09:00	Special Intention	*Our Lady's*
The 29th Sunday		11:00	Recovery of Kathleen Gorman	*St Patrick's*
In Ordinary Time		*15:00*	*Holy Communion Class*	*St Patrick's*
		17:00	Mass in Polish	*St Patrick's*
Mon	19th	***St Peter of Alcantara, Priest***		
			No Mass today	
Tue	20th	***Ferial***		
		12:00	Derek Lloyd	*St Patrick's*
Wed	21st	***Ferial***		
		19:00	Private Intention	*Our Lady's*
Thurs	22nd	***St John Paul II, Pope***		
		19:00	Jack and Josina Solorz Wedding Anniversary	*St Patrick's*
Fri	23rd	***Ferial***		
		12:00	William and Frances Canning	*St Patrick's*
Sat	24th	***Ferial***		
		10:00	Holy Communion Mass (not public)	*St Patrick's*
Sat	24th	18:15	Thanksgiving for Vajira	*St Patrick's*
Sun	25th	09:00	First Holy Communion Mass	*Our Lady's*
The 30th Sunday		11:00	In Thanksgiving	*St Patrick's*
in Ordinary Time		*15:00*	*Holy Communion Class*	*St Patrick's*
		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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THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *(Isaiah 45:1 4-6)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.
The word of the Lord.
Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Psalm 95)*

Response: Give the Lord glory and power.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
   sing to the Lord all the earth.
   Tell among the nations his glory
   and his wonders among all the peoples. **R/**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
   to be feared above all gods;
   the gods of the heathens are naught.
   It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R/**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
   give the Lord glory and power,
   give the Lord the glory of his name.
   Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R/**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
   O earth, tremble before him.
   Proclaim to the nations: "God is king."
   He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R/**

SECOND READING (*Thessalonians 1:1-5)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonica which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, wishing you grace and peace. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE
Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL *(Matthew 22: 15-21)*

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord.**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, "Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, "You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with." They handed him a denarius, and he said, "Whose head is this? Whose name?" "Caesar's," they replied. He then said to them, "Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."

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 the doctors, nurses and all medical staff at the PRH and RSH; also all the staff at our local nursing and care 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.

HOLY COMMUNIONS IN 2020

We have been in touch with all the families and will be celebrating First Holy Communions at special Masses to be held over the next month on Saturday mornings at St Patrick's and during Sunday Mass at Our Lady's.

Please keep the children in your prayers.

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, 08:00hrs & 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.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For October, Pope Francis asks us all to keep in our prayers the following intention:

"That by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church."

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.

MUSIC AT LAST SUNDAY'S MASS

"Taste and See" sung by Boyce and Stanley.

CAFOD
Just one world

CAFOD FAST DAY

Over the last week or so our parishes have been marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable in the world *survive, rebuild and heal*. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at **cafod.org.uk/give** or by using one of the envelopes available in the church porch.

There is a collection box in the porch for your donation.

TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT – BOOK EARLY

The Bishops of England and Wales have removed the Sunday Mass obligation during these trying times.

It is wonderful to see that our Masses are filling more and more. To relieve the pressure on our weekend Masses we have introduced a Mass on Thursday evenings in St Patrick's at 7.00pm.

We are grateful to those parishioners who have volunteered their services as Stewards to enable us to celebrate Masses in safety

If you want to reserve a seat for Mass on a weekday or at one of the weekend Masses **do contact us early to avoid disappointment**. **Phone 01952 242423 between 9am and 11am** on weekdays. 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**.

In the meantime, do let's all keep safe, and also let's keep one another in prayer.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's collections:

St Patrick's: £ 1,032.40
Our Lady's: £ 222.65

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.

NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

REPOSITORY

If you are interested in purchasing a Catholic diary, please put your name down on the order form available in the porch. They will be available for £3.30 each and will be ordered on Monday, 2nd November. They are available in black, blue or red.

Those parishioners who bought a Missal in 2010, when the New Translation was introduced, will wonder whether they need to buy a new one as the table of moveable feasts has run out. If you look at the newsletter it will tell you which Mass is coming up

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESOURCES

Families may be interested to know about some resources available to help children pray and participate in a time of prayer designed to be child-friendly.

Members of CAFOD run a national Children's Liturgy webinar at 10am on Sunday mornings, which lasts for approximately 20-25 minutes. The webinar is interactive, and children are encouraged to sing along and can answer questions and join in discussions using the chat box.

All webinars are recorded and can therefore be watched on the CAFOD Website at a later time.

There are also activity sheets, which can be downloaded. See the internet link here: https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy

Another great resource that is available free for the moment is *The Wednesday Word*. Available to print at http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm

NOVEMBER LIST MASSES

During the month of November all our Masses will be offered for those whose names are included in our Book of Remembrance. If you wish others to be included, please complete one of the *November List* forms and pop it into the special box in the church porch.

Unfortunately, because of the current restrictions we will be unable to hold the annual parish Service of Remembrance this year. On Monday, 2nd of November we shall still gather, safe-distancing, at the grave of Fr Corcoran and Fr O'Reilly and the grave of Fr Carter in Wellington Cemetery.

NHS COVID-19 APP

Both of our churches have their QR codes on display. If you have downloaded the app please log yourself in. This does not remove the need to make sure we have your contact details for our booking form.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS

The clocks go BACK ONE HOUR next Sunday morning – don't get caught out!

REDUCED NUMBERS

The demand for reserved places at our Masses is growing – which is a wonderful sign. The recent changes announced by the government over the last few days affects the numbers who can attend services other than our "normal" Masses at church.

The numbers who can attend a church **Funeral Mass** or a **Funeral Service** in the church or in the crematorium continues to be thirty people. For **weddings** and the receptions afterwards the number who can be present has reduced from thirty people to only 15 people. **Baptisms** can now only be attended by six (yes, 6) people.

For track-and-trace purposes, families will be asked to complete a seating plan to help the Stewards at Funerals and Weddings.

FLOWERS AND STABLES

We thank the Parishioner who kindly paid for the new flower arrangements at Our Lady's church. Another parishioner has sponsored a new stable and figures bought for St Patrick's Church.

A new stable and figures have also been obtained for Our Lady's church. Fr Alban is most grateful to the parishioner who has most generously volunteered to sponsor the new stable and the new figures for the crib at Our Lady's church. On behalf of all people at Our Lady's we express a big "thank-you".

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

ST LUKE'S SCHOOL

After four years as Headteacher at St Luke's and then followed by three years as Executive Head of the Our Blessed Saints Federation, Friday will see Mrs Stacey Beale leave for pastures new. On behalf of all of us we thank her for all she has done and wish her every success in her new headship.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Foodbank

Whilst we were unable to collect our usual food parcels this year for Harvest, children and families from St Patrick's School gave generously to Telford Crisis Support appeal last week. We raised just over £100.

Mini Vinnies

Last week, after an application process, Grace and Jacob were nominated to be Mini Vinnie representatives for Year 3. We welcome them to the team and look forward to working with them to support the faith life of our school and parish community.