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Our Lady of the Rosary

22ND NOVEMBER 2020

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**The Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation is suspended until further notice.
 Fr Alban will celebrate a Private Mass at St Patrick's each day during the lockdown.**

Sun	22nd	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i> November Dead List	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Mon	23rd	<i>Ferial</i> November Dead List	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Tue	24th	<i>Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs of Vietnam</i> November Dead List <i>St Patrick's open for private prayer from noon – 1.00pm</i>	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Wed	25th	<i>Ferial</i> November Dead List	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Thurs	26th	<i>Ferial</i> November Dead List	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Fri	27th	<i>Ferial</i> November Dead List	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sat	28th	<i>Ferial</i> November Dead List <i>St Patrick's open for private prayer from noon – 2.00pm</i>	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	29th	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> November Dead List	<i>St Patrick's</i>

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

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NEWS DURING THE SECOND LOCKDOWN

UPON REFLECTION, ONE OF THE THINGS WE COULD HAVE DONE BETTER IN THE FIRST LOCKDOWN WAS TO ESTABLISH IMPROVED LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH PARISHIONERS. TO THIS END, WE ARE USING OUR DATA-BASE OF EMAIL ADDRESSES TO DISTRIBUTE OUR PARISH NEWSLETTERS, AND EVENTUALLY OTHER ITEMS OF NEWS.

IF THERE ARE OTHER PARISHIONERS LIVING CLOSE TO YOU, BUT WITHOUT EMAIL, YOU MAY WISH TO PRINT-OFF THE NEWSLETTER AND DELIVER IT TO THEM. IN THIS WAY AS MANY AS POSSIBLE WILL BE KEPT IN THE "NEWS LOOP".

TODAY'S FEAST – CHRIST THE KING



Also called the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is celebrated in honour of Jesus Christ as Lord over all creation. It is essentially a magnification of the Feast of the Ascension, it was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Originally, it was celebrated on the last Sunday in October, but in the revised liturgical calendar promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1969 it was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time (immediately preceding Advent), where its theme of Christ's dominion made it a fitting end to the liturgical year.

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 Princess Royal and Royal Shrewsbury Hospitals and surgeries, also all the staff at our local nursing and care homes during this time of pandemic. We also keep in prayer those who are having to self-isolate following a positive COVID-19 test – we pray that they keep well and safe at this troubling time for them.

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially those mentioned in our Book of Remembrance and our November List, and all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

“That the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.”

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 & 11:00hrs

Weekday Mass: Daily at 07:30hrs.

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.

RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2021

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School & Nursery St Luke's Catholic Primary School

Are you looking for a family orientated, Ofsted-rated Good Catholic School for your child?

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 please be aware that applications for reception class must be completed online with Telford and Wrekin before 15th January 2021. Each school will also require you to complete a School Supplementary Information Form (SIF) available from the office. If you would like to speak to a member of our Early Years Foundation Team or our Head of School then please phone the school on 01952 386160 (St Patrick's) or 01952 388222 (St Luke's) and we would be more than happy to talk to you.

Graeme Hawes

Acting Executive Headteacher

Blessed Edward Campion School Federation

Louise Evans

Acting Headteacher, St Luke's Primary School

Link to Telford and Wrekin Admissions:

https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school_admissions/3247/applying_for_a_place_in_school

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

It is now over eleven years since the SVP Conference at St Patrick's was re-established. The members under-take some vital apostolic work in the parish for which many parishioners will be grateful. In all that time Mrs Ann Doran has been the Conference President. She now feels that the time has come to step down from that role. On behalf of all of us Fr Alban wishes to thank Ann for the hard work and devoted service she has given as President. Ann will continue as a working member of the SVP. Two members will “job-share” as President – Mrs Sheila Torabi and Mrs Cath Evans. We wish them every success as they under this important role.

If you need to contact the SVP, please phone the parish office in the first instance.

THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Eucharistic Congress, scheduled to take place in Bucharest in 2020, has been deferred to September 2021. As part of the preparation for this event, the International Organising Committee is inviting all Catholics to mark the Feast of Christ the King by joining in a time of adoration and prayer on Saturday, 21st November 2020. All the information needed to do so can be accessed via this link:

<https://www.iec2020.hu/en/news-press/7th-worldwide-adoration-and-prayer-21st-november>

NOVEMBER LIST MASSES

Apart from Funeral Masses, all the Masses that will be celebrated in November will be offered for those whose names are in the parish's Book of Remembrance and November Dead List.

YEAR OF PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

With all the problems surrounding COVID-19 and the need to keep others and ourselves safe, the Bishop asks us to keep a Year of Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church.

The Prayer:

The Heavenly Father chose you, St Joseph, to be the husband of the Holy Mother of God, and to watch over His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

In times of joy and trial, pray for us so that we too can recognise the loving plan of the Eternal Father, who always works for the good of those who love Him.

Teach us, Guardian of the Holy Family, to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit; and to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in all the circumstances of our lives and, above all, in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

At the last, pray for us that we may happily join you, the just and faithful servant, to praise God forever in the company of Our Lady and all the saints.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECOND NATIONAL LOCKDOWN

The churches remain in lockdown, meaning that we cannot open to celebrate Sunday or weekday Masses. The only exception being Requiem Masses and Funeral Services within the limitation of numbers provided in guidance for places of worship (*no more than thirty can be present*).

Happily, churches can open as places for personal prayer where appropriate with all necessary Covid safety measures, including stewarding. Thanks to our volunteer stewards and to members of the Polish community, **St Patrick's church will be able to open on Tuesdays for one hour from 12:00hrs to 13:00hrs and for two hours on Saturdays from 12:00hrs to 14:00hrs.**

For those who are self-isolating or otherwise are unable to come to church for Mass, we still hope to arrange for making Mass available on Zoom once we upgrade our internet connection in early December – and have mastered the technology!

In the meantime, do keep safe and keep well. If you are fit and able, please keep an eye on elderly family members and neighbours to make sure that they are assisted with shopping or collecting prescriptions and the like.

ON-LINE GIVING TO THE PARISH

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 is available.

For Our Lady's parishioners:

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/OurLadyoftheRosary&StLukeTelford2196>

For St Patrick's parishioners:

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stpatricktelforddioceseofshrewsbury2177>

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.

Thank you for your support.

LET US KNOW YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

Fr Alban has begun using e-mail addresses to keep in touch with parishioners and to circulate the Newsletter. If you are not yet receiving parish updates let us know your email address and you too can be included. Send an email to ccntelford@gmail.com and we shall keep you abreast of the latest news and updates all in the comfort of your own home!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If Christ comes back tomorrow to judge us, then most of us will not be judged on lots of terrible things that we have done wrong. We will be judged rather on lots of ordinary things that we have not done. Today's gospel is an excellent examination of conscience for our sins of omission, for our inactivity and our lukewarmness. For when we failed to reach out to any of our fellow human beings, we failed to reach out to Jesus.



Christine Allen, the National Director of CAFOD, has written to the Diocese thanking everyone for the support given to Cafod projects. The parishes and individuals of the Shrewsbury Diocese raised £797,574.70 over the year 2019-2020. St Patrick's parishioners, who have a long-standing tradition of raising money for CAFOD raised £8,252.27; Our Lady's, who are newer to working with CAFOD, raised £889.92. Well done to you all.

CHRIST THE KING

FIRST READING *(Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17)*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 22*

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

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **R/**
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **R/**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup overflowing.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life. **R/**

SECOND READING *(1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28)*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is

death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

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ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessings on him who comes in the name of
the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of
our father David!**

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL *(Matthew 25:31-46)*

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothed you; sick or in prison and go to see you?' And the King will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.' Next he will say to those on his left hand, 'Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.' Then it will be their turn to ask, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?' Then he will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.' And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.