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25TH APRIL 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Sat	24th	18:15	Geraldine Moruzzi	St Patrick's
Sun	25th	09:00	In Thanksgiving	Our Lady's
	Fourth Sunday of Easter	11:00	In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Sacrament	St Patrick's
		17:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Mon	26th	Ferial	No Mass Today	
Tue	27th	Ferial	12:00 Irene Dooney (Anniversary)	St Patrick's
Wed	28th	Ferial	19:00 Keegan Intention	Our Lady's
Thur	29th	Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	19:00 Hilda Heeley	St Patrick's
Fri	30th	Ferial	12:00 Brendan Regan	St Patrick's
Sat	1st	Ferial		
Sat	1st	18:15	Solorz Family Intention	St Patrick's
Sun	2nd	09:00	In Thanksgiving	Our Lady's
	Fifth Sunday of Easter	11:00	Eddie McGourty RIP	St Patrick's
		17:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS) By Appointment

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

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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!

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; also all the staff at our local nursing and care homes and parishioners shielding or self-isolating at home during this time of pandemic.

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially **Patricia Leonard** (Michael Turner's sister), Eddie McGourty (Frank McGourty's brother) and all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Today is a special World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We all follow a calling in life: parent; husband and wife; family member; married or unmarried; our occupation. Although the emphasis today is on the priesthood and consecrated life, we pray that we may be faithful to our own personal vocation as a way of witnessing to the presence of the risen Lord in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

"Universal – Fundamental Rights:

For those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis."

FIRST COMMUNIONS

We are continuing to "catch-up" on some delayed First Communion of 2020. Next Sunday at our 11 o'clock Mass two Children will receive Holy Communion for the very first time.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2021

Our parish catechists are collecting the names of those who are eligible to receive Holy Communion this year (children in Year 3 and older) and those wishing to be Confirmed (Year 8 and older). Registration forms are available from the porch. Last date to apply is 7th May.

YEAR OF PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 852.00

Our Lady's: £ 453.75

Thank you for your continued generosity, and especially those continuing to pay by standing order.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

From Shrewsbury Cathedral on Sunday at 08:00hrs and 11:00hrs on:

www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral.

When you log on to the website you will find, in the churches tab, that there are lots of churches across England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland to live-stream Masses. Some are cathedrals, others parish churches, you can make your choice from the many Masses that are on offer at various scheduled times.

MASS BOOKINGS

To make a booking please phone the Parish Office on 01952 242423 **BETWEEN 9.00AM AND 11.00AM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY**. The answerphone may be on after those hours – leave a message – we will get back to you. You can always email us on ccntelford@gmail.com to make a booking.

Masses are frequently fully booked. **DO LET US KNOW** if you are not able to attend a Mass at which you have booked a place so we can fill your seat.

COVID REMINDER

- If you have the Covid App please remember to scan the QR code to register your presence. This is in addition to booking a seat and letting us have your contact details.
- Please sanitise your hands and wear a face covering for the entire time you are in church. The stewards have spare masks if you turn up without one.
- Please do not kneel; please sit before and during the service.
- At Communion please do not approach the Minister with your face uncovered. Please receive Communion then step to the side to uncover your face and consume the host, replacing your mask before you move away again.
- You must leave the church immediately following the service and not congregate outside.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SVP APPEAL

Our Lady's SVP Conference would like to thank all those who have so far given donations to help them continue their work.

The box at Our Lady's will remain for a couple of weeks for you to leave any further donations or you may send direct to Janet at: Janet Beyer, 3 Ennerdale Close, Priorslee, Telford, TF2 9RR Tel: 01952-410315. Your generosity is much appreciated.

#DOYOUKNOWHIMTELFORD

The Telford Area Mission Team has produced and written some information to accompany this initiative aimed at getting us to think more deeply of our Christian faith. If you would like to take a poster at the back of the church and display it in your window, please do so.

SAINTLY FUN FACTS

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST CATHERINE OF SIENA



Catherine was the youngest in a family of twenty-five children! She was a merry, happy little girl who grew up to be the most remarkable woman of her time.

Because of her advice and counselling, many people changed their lives and returned to the Church. Because of her ability to “heal” feuds, many people came to her to help settle disagreements.

Because of her wisdom, she became a great influence on those who read her writing. Because of her, she even became a counsellor to the pope! And because of her love for God, she became a saint.

Do you come from a large family like Saint Catherine or from a small family? Very few people come from a family as large as Saint Catherine’s, but size is not what makes a happy family. What do you think it takes to make a happy family? What could you do today to make someone happy in your family?



We celebrate the Feast of St Catherine of Siena on Thursday of this week.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The initial national lockdown began last March before we had the chance to distribute supplies of new envelopes. The new envelopes, starting next Sunday, are now available and are being gradually distributed to parishioners as they come to Mass. We thank all those who have contributed to use their old supplies of envelopes to give so generously to the parish, and to all who have begun giving by monthly standing orders.

If you would like to begin using envelopes or to set up a standing order for a regular amount, please contact Moira in the Parish Office.

Please note: last year we paid for the printing of envelopes which we were unable to give out. Rather than waste them, and pay for a new set, we will ask the non-gift aiders, to use the envelopes from last year – just ignore the dates!!! Many thanks. Hope it is not too confusing?

WORDS OF WISDOM

The lone sheep is in danger of the wolf.

(Anon.)

To discover God’s name for us
Is the work of a lifetime.

(Kathleen Hughes)

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2021

Fr David Long, the diocesan pilgrimage director writes: “It is with a really heavy heart that I have to announce that, following discussions with the Bishop, our travel agent and our Pilgrimage Management Team, it has been decided that once again it will be impossible to have a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. We had all hoped that it would have been possible to go ahead with a small pilgrimage albeit without any assisted pilgrims or youth section. However, in the light of the Government’s latest regulations with regard to international travel, that would require testing for Covid before and after the Pilgrimage (at a minimum cost of £100 per person) and the likelihood of the need to quarantine after the pilgrimage (possibly in a hotel at a cost of £1800) it was felt we had no alternative but to cancel the Pilgrimage.

Once again, we plan to hold a Virtual Pilgrimage and members of the Management Team will be working on this in the weeks ahead. Once the plans are finalised, we will let you have all the information you need to participate in the Virtual Pilgrimage. These are indeed very difficult times for us all and I think we all experience a deep sense of loss at not being able to go on Pilgrimage in what would have been our 70th Year. We pray that Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette will intercede for an end to the pandemic, and we keep in our prayers all those who have suffered illness or loss as a result of the Virus.”

As Fr David encourages us, let’s ask our Lady and St Bernadette to pray for us through this disappointment to the pilgrims in the hope that in the months ahead, new opportunities will open up for pilgrimage again to the Shrine at Lourdes.

ST PATRICK’S SCHOOL PRAYER GARDEN

On behalf of St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School and the SPPSA (parent-teacher association) we would like to thank Nigel Stefiuk the caretaker from Cathedral School for building the foundations of St Patrick’s Prayer Garden. We have been able to build a prayerful and reflective space which has followed the plans created by the children pre-COVID. In the following weeks we will be asking for any donations from the community regarding planting or extra seating, and then we will be able to set a date for the garden to be formally blessed and opened. Thank you all for your continued support.

Graeme Hawes – Acting Executive Headteacher

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

In an age when sheep can now be cloned into identical copies, Jesus stands out as that shepherd who knows our uniqueness, our individual likes and habits. The closeness he has with his Father mirrors his nearness to us. If we listen for his voice, then he promises us a better pasture.

TRAVEL PLANS FOR 2021?

I have been to many places, but I’ve never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can’t go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don’t have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

(Acts 4:8-12)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said, "Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 117

Response: The stone which the builder rejected has become the corner stone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **R/**
2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R/**
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **R/**

SECOND READING

(1 John 3:1-2)

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that

when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

(John 10:11-18)

The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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