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## 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Sat	15th	18:15	Patrick & Kathleen Dooney	St Patrick's
Sun	16th	09:00	Covid Vaccination Intention	Our Lady's
	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	11:00	Mary Culis Mascringhas	St Patrick's
		17:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		18:15	Reception of John Ryall's body into church	St Patrick's
Mon	17th	<b>Ferial</b>		
		10:00	Funeral Mass for John Ryall prior to burial	St Patrick's
Tue	18th	<b>Ferial</b>		
		12:00	Howard Johnson	St Patrick's
Wed	19th	<b>St Milburga, Abbess and Virgin</b>		
		19:00	Mrs Vince Williams	Our Lady's
Thur	20th	<b>Ferial</b>		
		19:00	Kathleen Gorman	St Patrick's
Fri	21st	<b>The Feast of The Dedication of the Cathedral</b>		
		12:00	Martin Gaughan	St Patrick's
Sat	22nd	<b>Ferial</b>		
Sat	22nd	18:15	Maria Sterlini (Anniversary)	St Patrick's
Sun	23rd	09:00	Maureen Piper	Our Lady's
	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	11:00	For the People of the Parish	St Patrick's
		17:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS) By Appointment

Newsletter items: [newsletter@stpatrickstelford.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 **John Ryall** and **Mark Teece**; 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 May, Pope Francis asks us all to keep in our prayers the following intention:

### **"Universal – The World of Finance:**

*That those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.*

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2021

Registration forms for this year's Confirmations are available from the porch. Last date to apply is 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## LIVESTREAM MASSES

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

[www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral](http://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 who 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.

## MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 739.75

Our Lady's: £ 235.40

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

## MASS BOOKINGS - AN APPEAL

Masses are frequently fully booked. Please consider attending a Mass during the week if you can, while there is no Sunday obligation. This would relieve the pressure on the weekend Masses, especially as we approach First Holy Communion preparation, which will increase demand for seats for those families.

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 [cantelford@gmail.com](mailto:cantelford@gmail.com) to make a booking.

**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.

## THE CHURCH IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD

The Bishops of England and Wales meeting in their Low Week Meeting spent time reflecting on the state of the Church in our country during the pandemic and looking forward to the time when churches can reopen fully to all parishioners. They issued a document summarising their reflection. Copies of the document, called "*The Day of the Lord*", are available from the church porch. You may like to take it home to read and reflect upon its contents.

## STAMPS

On behalf of the RNIB, Joy Rebello thanks all those who continue to contribute used stamps. The collecting box is in the church porch.

## THE CARE OF CREATION

At a time of growing concern for the care of creation, the Church brings to the environmental concerns of our time the perspective of God's creation and the place of humanity within creation. The Church across the country is taking practical steps with IFM (Inter-Diocesan Fuel Management Limited), based in our Shrewsbury Diocese and supplying all 22 dioceses and over 100 schools with 71% green energy and with a 29% carbon offset. The offset schemes include renewable boreholes in Eritrea and a new energy plant in Bangladesh using household waste (including landfill), to reduce the methane being produced and provide renewable power. IFM is also using its buying power to drive the demand for "green gas" in the UK.

## CAFOD NEWS

India is facing a devastating second wave of coronavirus. The country has confirmed more than 16 million cases and more than 200,000 deaths, with some reports concerned that the number of deaths is just the tip of the iceberg, because of under-reporting. The pandemic has put a strain on the medical infrastructure of the country, with hospitals unable to cope with the influx of patients. CAFOD has already pledged £200,000 to our partners Caritas India. They will be distributing medical kits and setting-up temporary treatment centres as well as providing PPE to frontline health workers. We are also helping families to provide home-based care for mild cases, raising awareness of the vaccine, and how to avoid further spread of the virus. **Envelopes are in the porch if you wish to contribute to CAFOD's work.**

## THE MONTH OF MAY – AND PRAYING THE ROSARY

Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying the rosary for an end to the pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse from Acts of the Apostles (Acts 12:5).

This week's Marian Shrines, and their particular prayer intentions, are:

- 16<sup>th</sup> **St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, Australia**  
- for victims of violence and human trafficking.
- 17<sup>th</sup> **National Shrine, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.**  
- for people with disabilities.
- 18<sup>th</sup> **Our Lady of Lourdes in France**  
- for doctors and nurses.
- 19<sup>th</sup> **Shrine of Our Lady in Ephesus, Turkey**  
- for people at war, and for peace in the world
- 20<sup>th</sup> **Our Lady of Caridad del Cobre in Cuba**  
- for pharmacists and health professionals.
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Our Lady of Nagasaki, Japan**  
- for social workers.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> **Our Lady of Monserrat in Spain**  
- for volunteers.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> **Our Lady of Cap at Three Rivers, Canada**  
- for law, military and firefighter personnel.

Some useful websites so that you can follow on-line by livestream:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

On the Vatican home page, click the "Video" tab, and then press the arrow on the video screen when it opens, to see the broadcast. Each day at 5pm (UK time).

<https://ewtn.co.uk/live-tv/>

This website broadcasts live, and so it depends on the time at the particular shrine.

<https://ktotv.com>

The French Catholic website. Broadcasts the rosary live at 5pm each day. Click the tab entitled "En mai, un marathon de prière en direct pour la fin de la pandémie", scroll down and click on that day's tab. It is also useful to catch-up on previous broadcasts of the rosary.

The yellow sheets are still available in the church porch. You may wish to join in by praying the rosary at home. Before each weekday Mass we shall pray the rosary in church. Resources are available, but please bring your own rosary beads!

## THE NEXT PHASE OF RELAXING LOCKDOWN

Monday sees the next important step in the unwinding of the national lockdown regulations.

We still have to maintain our church buildings as safe venues. Stewards will still welcome people as they arrive in church, and will ensure that people are sanitized before entry. We will still have to wear facemasks, and maintain the two-metre safe distancing of seats.

However, there are changes in the numbers that can attend some services. The number that can attend a Funeral increases from 30 people to the permitted safe capacity of the church (68 for St Patrick's; 40 for Our Lady's). The number that can attend a Wedding or a Baptism will increase to 30 people.

More generally, people can meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors; six people or two households can meet indoors, with overnight stays allowed; up to 30 people are allowed to attend a support group of parent-and-child group (not counting under-fives); care home residents are allowed up to five named visitors, and more freedom for visits out of the home; pubs, bars cafes and restaurants will be allowed to serve customers indoors, indoor entertainment venues can reopen, as can sports stadiums; and hotels and B&Bs can reopen. It is recommended that students in secondary schools no longer wear face coverings; and all remaining university students can return to in-person teaching. People will be able to travel to green list countries without having to quarantine when they return.

We still must wear face coverings in church and in shops, and we must still safe-distance.

From 21 June it is hoped that all limits on social contact will be removed: a return to the *new normal* – whatever that will look like!

## ST MILBURGA

On Wednesday we celebrate the memory of a local saint, St Milburga. Milburga, also know as Mildburh or as Mildburga, died about the year 700 and features in many old English calendars of the saints. She was foundress of Wenlock Abbey, here in Shropshire, extensive ruins of which survive to this day. She was the elder sister of St Mildred, and a third sister, Mildgytha who was a nun, was also a saint. Sanctity ran in the family since her mother was St Erenburga and her aunt was St Ermengytha. The title of "saint" in this period came from popular acclamation and predates the official process of canonization.

## SVP PROJECT – PLANNING APPLICATION – ASSISTANCE NEEDED

The SVP nationally is exploring the possibility of having a centre in Birkenhead. Negotiations for the grant of the lease are ongoing and it will be necessary to make a planning application for change of use. The team who are working to get the project off the ground are seeking someone with experience of CAD who may be able to draw plans of the existing building to assist in submitting a planning application for change of use so the building can offer the provision of food and training.

Anyone who could assist in drawing up the building plans is asked to please contact Rose Mullarkey on 07905 952798 or any member of the SVP Conferences in our parishes.

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### FIRST READING *(Acts 1:15-17, 20-26)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers — there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: “Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus — after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours.

In the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office.

“We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us — and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.”

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, “Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.”

They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

The word of the Lord.

*Response:* **Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 102*

**R/:** **The Lord has set his sway in heaven.**

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. 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/**
3. The Lord has set his sway in heaven  
and his kingdom is ruling over all.  
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,  
mighty in power, fulfilling his word. **R/**

### SECOND READING *(1 John 4:11-16)*

A reading from the first letter of Saint John

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God

will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world.

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves.

God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

The word of the Lord.

*Response:* **Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.**

**I will come back to you,**

**and your hearts will be full of joy.**

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL *(John 17:11-19)*

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 raised his eyes to heaven and said:

“Holy Father,

keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us.

While I was with them,

I kept those you had given me true to your name.

I have watched over them and not one is lost

except the one who chose to be lost,

and this was to fulfil the scriptures.

But now I am coming to you

and while still in the world I say these things

to share my joy with them to the full.

I passed your word on to them,

and the world hated them,

because they belong to the world

no more than I belong to the world.

I am not asking you to remove them from the world,

but to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world

any more than I belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the truth;

your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world,

I have sent them into the world,

and for their sake I consecrate myself

so that they too may be consecrated in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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