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Our Lady of the Rosary

19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation is suspended until the First Sunday in Advent.

Sat	18th	18:15	Maria & Gennaro Lauriello	St Patrick's
Sun	19th	09:00	For World Peace & Reconciliation	Our Lady's
The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00	For Parishioners	St Patrick's	
	12:30	Baptisms – Stephanie, Edosa & Noah Amadasun	St Patrick's	
	17:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's	
Mon	20th	Ss Andrew Kim Taegön and Companions, Martyrs of Korea		
		10:00	Funeral Mass for Maria Santopietro	St Patrick's
Tue	21st	The Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist		
		12:00	Marie Kavanagh (Anniversary)	St Patrick's
Wed	22nd	Ferial		
		18:30	Confirmation Preparation: Session 4	Holy Trinity Academy
		19:00	Intentions of Donor	Our Lady's
Thur	23rd	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest		
		19:00	Speedy Recovery of Maries	St Patrick's
Fri	24th	Our Lady of Walsingham		
		12:00	Jack & Cäcilia Stanton and Vic Shaw	St Patrick's
Sat	25th	Ferial		
		14:00	Baptism – Harlee Noelle Magge-Weston	St Patrick's
Sat	25th	18:15	Mary Kutty Augustine	St Patrick's
Sun	26th	09:00	Aniela Yates (1 st Birthday)	Our Lady's
The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00	Jan Mieszkowicz	St Patrick's	
	12:30	Baptism – Leo Mateo Zygmunt	St Patrick's	
	17:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESIONS)

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 our 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 **Maria Santopietro** (*Funeral on Monday*) and **John Holloway** (*Funeral 29 September*), and all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

We prayerfully welcome into the Church baby **Erin Rickers** who was Baptised yesterday (Saturday) and **Edosa, Stephanie** and **Noah Amadasun** who will be Baptised today (Sunday), and congratulate their family members also.

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, 3rd October Bishop Mark will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with thirty young people from across our East Shropshire parishes. Do keep the candidates, and all involved in the programme, in your prayers during this time.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

For an Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

That we will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are so resolutely committed to this.

YEAR OF PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

The Prayer:

The Heavenly Father chose you, St Joseph, to be the husband of the Holy Mother of God, and to watch over your 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.

RED BOX COLLECTIONS

If anyone has a red box that needs emptying, please contact Andrea on 01952 605313 or 07719288477 or else by email at andylort02@gmail.com.

Andrea is willing to collect your box from your home if necessary.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

From Shrewsbury Cathedral on Sunday at 08:30hrs and 11:00hrs on website:

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: £ 848.00

Our Lady's: £ 368.30

Thank you for your continued generosity, and especially those continuing to pay by standing order. If you wish to start giving regularly by standing order or envelope, please speak to Father Alban or email the Parish Office.

SVP APPEAL

Help! The need now is greater than ever

The parish SVP groups are appealing to all parishioners for help. The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is a group of parishioners who set out to help anyone in need.

We need your assistance now more than ever as people suffer terrible hardship as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. There are families short of food, homeless individuals and families, people struggling with financial hardship, or those facing illness. Please consider joining one of our parish groups to help in whatever way you can – whether it is doing some shopping, phoning someone for a chat or giving someone a lift to the doctor.

During the pandemic we have been unable to raise funds by holding events or retiring collections. If you could make a donation by cheque (made out to SVP) that would be a huge help.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a member of either of the parish SVP groups please contact:

Janet Beyer (Our Lady's) tel: 01952 410315
email: j.beyer202@virginmedia.com
Cath Evans (St Patrick's) tel: Parish Office on 01952 242423

DO YOU HAVE AN OLD SMART PHONE?

The SVP are also looking for Smart phones for their clients. If anyone has a spare they are happy to donate (and the charger if possible) please let the office know and we can pass it on. You can also leave them with the stewards at Mass and they will be passed on.

CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR MASS IN OUR PARISHES

You are asked to still make a booking for a place at one of the **weekend Masses**, 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 cctelford@gmail.com to make a booking.

There is no longer a need to book a place at one of our **weekday Masses**. Turn-up; add your name to the Attendance List; and choose a seat, safe distancing from others.

Hand sanitizer and face coverings will continue to be required at all times in church.

THE NEXT PHASE OF LOCKDOWN EASING

From last Sunday we moved to the next stage in our gradual opening-up after the rigours of lockdown.

The Distribution of Holy Communion reverted to its pre-2020 place during Mass. As far as possible, Communion will be distributed at the top of each aisle. Continuing restrictions mean we cannot offer the chalice yet, and Communion must be received in the hand and not the tongue. **Having received Communion, people return to their seats for the concluding parts of the Mass.**

This new arrangement will give us the opportunity for more singing at Mass.

We are hoping to have the first of our Family Masses series at the start of October.

As soon as we can, we are also planning to resume tea and coffee after our Sunday Masses at both churches. The kitchen at Our Lady's will have to be inspected by Health and Safety people from Telford & Wrekin before we can use the kitchen facilities

CHURCH GARDENING PARTY

We thank those who have volunteered already. Add your name to the list in the church porch, and we shall arrange for the Party to take place after the easing of lockdown.

STAMPS

The RNIB collecting box is in the church porch for your used stamps. Mrs Rebello thanks all those who continue to contribute to help the Institute.

CLEANING TEAMS NEEDED

There is a sign-up sheet in the porch at both churches to sign up to assist with regular cleaning. Each team will consist of a minimum of 3 members. If you can make up a team, please add all the names together otherwise we can add people to teams as spaces are available. The more teams we have, the less often each team will be needed to be on duty.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The members of the CWL resume their monthly meetings on Tuesday of this week in the Meeting Room at St Patrick's. They are always ready to welcome new members, young and old. So, ladies, if you fancy a cup of tea; a good chin-wag; social company; and to get-to-know each other: 2pm on Tuesday in the Meeting Room is the place to be!

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) has written: “Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis.”

Family Fast Day is Friday, 1st October. Envelopes so that you can contribute to the work of CAFOD are available in the church porch.

CATHOLIC DIARIES

We know we are still in September, and that 2022 seems a long way away – but early birds and worms come to mind! If you wish to order a Catholic Diary for 2022, please add your name to the list in the church porch. Diaries cost £3.00 each.

NEW SMART METERS

Electrical smart meters are scheduled to be installed at St Patrick's on Thursday of this week. This means that phones and emails will be out of action from late morning until lunchtime. If you can't get through to us, please be patient – we will be ready for a flurry of phone calls in the afternoon!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The paradox of Christianity is that greatness consists in humility, leadership is exercised in service, and receiving is got through giving. Jesus reminds the disciples that the qualities needed for a place in the kingdom are to be found most clearly in small children: simplicity, trust and obedience. It's a hard lesson to learn.

SCRIPTURE

Anyone who welcomes one of these little children welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

From today's Gospel

THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING (*Wisdom 2:12, 17-20*)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves, "Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after — we have his word for it."

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 53*

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. R/
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. R/
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. R/

SECOND READING (*James 3:16-4:3*)

A reading from the letter of Saint James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You

want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light
of life.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

(*Mark 9:30-37*)

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again." But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all." He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.