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26TH SEPTEMBER 2021

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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
Mon	27th	St Vincent de Paul, Priest No Mass today		St Patrick's
Tue	28th	Ferial		
		12:00	Memorial Mass for Sandy Caswell	St Patrick's
		16:00	Receiving John Holloway's body into church	St Patrick's
Wed	29th	Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels		
		10:30	Funeral Mass for John Percy Holloway	St Patrick's
		18:30	Confirmation Preparation: Session 5	Holy Trinity Academy
		19:00	Special Intention	Our Lady's
Thur	30th	St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church		
		19:00	Patrick Dooney (Anniversary)	St Patrick's
Fri	1st	St Theresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin		
		12:00	Doris Eccles	St Patrick's
		18:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Sat	2nd	Guardian Angels		
		12:30	Baptism – Luca Childs	St Patrick's
Sat	2nd	18:15	For Intentions of Parishioners	St Patrick's
The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3rd	09:00	For the work of CAFOD	Our Lady's
		11:00	Vic Shaw, RIP	St Patrick's
		15:00	Confirmation Mass at Shrewsbury Cathedral	
		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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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 **John Holloway** (*Reception into church, Tuesday at 16:00hrs; Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 10:30hrs*), 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 **Harlee Noelle Magge-Watson** who was Baptised yesterday (Saturday) and **Leo Mateo Zygmunt** who will be Baptised today (Sunday), and congratulate their family members also.

CONFIRMATION

Next Sunday Bishop Mark will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with twenty-nine 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.

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.

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: £ 1,024.50

Our Lady's: £ 339.40

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

Afghan Refugees

SVP is supporting some families who are in temporary accommodation locally. There is a need for suitcases and unused makeup. These can be brought to church for collection.

The SVP are also looking for smart phones for their Afghan clients so that they can keep in touch with family members in Afghanistan. If anyone has an old spare phone they are happy to donate (and the charger if possible) please let the parish office know and we can pass it on. You can also leave them with the stewards at Mass and they will be passed on. Ideally, the phone needs to be unlocked from previous networks and have the previous owner's Google or Apple iPhone account deleted from the phone.

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

Many thanks for your help and support.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Prophecy means, literally, speaking on behalf of God. A prophetic Church is a Church that speaks always on behalf of God, measuring everything against the coming Kingdom of God.

Richard P McBrien

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 ccntelford@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

NEWS ABOUT LOURDES

For the last two years the diocese has not been able to arrange its annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes because of the COVID restrictions. However, we have heard in the last few days, that plans are being drawn-up for the 2022 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The dates are: for those travelling overland – departure will be on Thursday, 28th July, arriving home on Friday, 5th August 2022; for those travelling by air – departure will be on Friday, 29th July, arriving home on Thursday, 4th August 2022. As soon as more information is received it will be available to parishioners.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality – Next Meeting –

The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be on Sunday, 10th October at 2pm at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 1PL. This is a hybrid meeting with both the option to attend in person or via Zoom. Please register your attendance and make any requests for the online password, apologies or items for the agenda

at secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267. Please pass on the details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending.

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.

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.

LET US KNOW YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

We have 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!

SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

A two-year 'synodal' process is taking place in the Catholic Church from October 2021 that culminates in the final Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023.

Parish meetings for reflection and prayer and our deanery (Missionary Area) will need to be submitted by Christmas to the Bishop. More news soon.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (on Wednesday). The feasts of these three archangels are celebrated as one feast which is sometimes called Michaelmas. Angels are seen in scripture as messengers of God. Michael (= who is like God?) is venerated as a protector of the Church. Gabriel (= hero of God) is honoured for bringing the news of Jesus's impending birth to Mary, and Raphael (= God has healed) is seen as witnessing to God's healing powers. They are recognized as symbols of divine communication to the Church and the world.

THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *(Numbers 11:25-29)*

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, "Look," he said "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, "My Lord Moses, stop them!" Moses answered him, "Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!"

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 18*

Response: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R/**
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R/**
3. So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping,
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **R/**
4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **R/**

SECOND READING *(James 5:1-6)*

A reading from the letter of Saint James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated

them — listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.**

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL *(Mark 38-43; 45; 47-48)*

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.

John said to Jesus, "Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him." But Jesus said, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

"If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

"But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.