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Our Lady of the Rosary

5TH DECEMBER 2021

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	4th	18:15	Evangelina Gabriel RIP	St Patrick's
Sun	5th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	The 2nd Sunday of Advent	09:00	Doris Eccles	Our Lady's
		11:00	Jenny Brothwood	St Patrick's
Mon	6th	St Nicholas, Bishop No Mass Today		
Tue	7th	St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 12:00 Owen Kavanagh		St Patrick's
Wed	8th	The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12:00 Private Intention 14:15 Funeral Service for Graham Stelmach		Our Lady's St Patrick's
Thur	9th	Ferial 12:00 Edith Scott		St Patrick's
Fri	10th	Ferial 12:00 In Thanksgiving (Duffy)		St Patrick's
Sat	11th	Ferial		
	11th	18:15	Jan Mieszkowicz	St Patrick's
Sun	12th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	The 3rd Sunday of Advent	09:00	For Parishioners	Our Lady's
		11:00	Graham Stelmach	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

We use 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 in the comfort of your own home.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT



Last Sunday we began our season of Advent, the Church also begins a new Liturgical Year. For those of you who use missals the Sunday readings are taken from Year C and the weekday readings are taken from Cycle II (2).

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 **Graham Stelmach** (Funeral on Wednesday) and **Joseph (Joe) Davey** (Funeral on Monday, 13th December), and all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

HOLY COMMUNIONS 2022

If you and your child (Y3 and above) wish to join the Programme, then please complete one of the Registration Forms available from the porch and return it via the Gold Box.

The Preparation relies upon a partnership between parents, children, catechists, priest, and parishioners working together.

Your child is expected to attend Masses during the preparation. Seats can be booked through the Parish office.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Evangelisation - Catechists:

For Catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE BIG CHRISTMAS CLEAN

Tuesday, 21st Dec @ St Pat's

Wednesday, 22nd Dec @ Our Lady's

After the Midday Mass

Tea and coffee and mince pies will be served.

All are welcome to help.

Please sign-up on the list if you can help.

Soft drinks available for the children.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 1,087.29

Our Lady's: £ 288.30

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.

CLERGY EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUND

Thank you for your donations to this very important fund. All payments received will be sent to the diocese on Monday of this week.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY AT OUR BLESSED SAINTS FEDERATION

This is an opportunity to offer your gifts and talents in service of our catholic primary schools. Anyone interested is asked to check out St Luke's website, or follow this link where full information is available: <https://www.stlukesatholicprimary.org.uk/gov.php>

CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR MASS IN OUR PARISHES

You are asked to continue 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**. or 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 Distribution of Holy Communion has changed at St Patrick's. Following the last week's Parish Council Meeting we have reintroduced the one-way system. **Please wait for the Stewards to direct you; we will use the previously used one-way system as it prevents bottlenecks in the aisles.** 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.

As we ready ourselves for the Christmas Masses our arrangements may have to change.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Yet again, as the Church's year begins a new cycle, we receive a call to remain awake and ready for the coming of our saviour Jesus Christ. Our prayer for the strength to be vigilant and to persevere in trying to live the life we know God wants of us. Our hope is that, in whatever way he comes, Christ may find us with the strength of will for doing good.

SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

A two-year 'synodal' process is taking place in the Catholic Church that leads to the Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023.

Pope Francis is inviting all of us to take part in the process by reflecting upon what the Holy Spirit is asking of us as members of the pilgrim Church journeying together in faith here and now. What is the Spirit asking of us at a parish level, diocesan level, and as a world-wide Church?

The Holy Father has proposed ten "Nuclei" to help us in our considerations. The Synod Paper that lists the ten Nuclei is available from the church porch.

Individuals, Families and Groups may be interested in taking part in the process by thinking about the ten Nuclei that are put forward for our consideration.

Over the coming weeks each Newsletter will list one Nuclei, in the hope that a Bite-Size might make it easier for yourselves. So, this week's Nuclei:

Nuclei 4: Celebrating

Does the liturgy of the Church inspire a deeper encounter with the risen Lord? How does my prayer – both individually and in community – affect my discernment of my participation in the mission of the Church? Is the Eucharist the centre of my, and my community's, life? What flows from the Sunday (or daily) Eucharist out of the Church into the world from our communities? What do I give thanks to God for in prayer? What do I seek from him?

After your reflections, jot down your comments and considerations, add your name and contact number and pop it into the gold box in the porch. You can if you wish email cctelford@gmail.com with your response. Your names will be treated in the strictest confidence, but will enable Fr Alban or the parish office to contact you to clarify, if necessary, anything in your response.

The deadline for your responses is Sunday, 13th February 2022.

JUNIOR SYNOD LEAFLETS

Please take a leaflet for any young people who may be interested whose views are welcome and will be added to the discussion.

PRAYER DURING THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

There will be ten Masses over the Christmas weekend:

Christmas Eve: Friday, 24th December:

18:00hrs Family Christmas Vigil Mass at St Patrick's
18:00hrs Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's
20:00hrs Polish Christmas Vigil Mass at St Patrick's
22:00hrs Christmas Night-time Mass at St Patrick's

Christmas Day: Saturday, 25th December:

08:45hrs Polish Christmas Dawn Mass at St Patrick's
09:00hrs Christmas Dawn Mass at Our Lady's
11:00hrs Christmas Day-time Mass at St Patrick's
No Vigil Mass for the Sunday

Feast of the Holy Family: Sunday, 26th December

08:45hrs Polish Mass at St Patrick's
09:00hrs Mass at Our Lady's
11:00hrs Mass at St Patrick's

To book a place at one of the Masses please phone the parish office on 01952 242423 or email us on cctelford@gmail.com. Places will be allocated in order of receipt of bookings.

The Masses will probably get very full. Only book a place if you are sure you can attend the Mass. To give the opportunity for as many people as possible to attend Mass over the Christmas weekend, we ask you to only book for one Mass over the weekend (if you really need to book for a second Mass, your name will be put on a waiting list so that we can allocate a place if places are available).

If you are not able to come to a booked place, please let the parish office know as soon as possible, we can then allocate your place to someone on the waiting list.

Obviously, face masks must be worn throughout the Mass and you must be sanitized as you enter and leave the church.

For those of you who are still self-isolating at home and with access to a computer, Christmas Masses will be live streamed from Shrewsbury Cathedral and other venues. They can be accessed by visiting website www.churchservices.tv/ The BBC will also broadcast Midnight Mass from Birmingham Cathedral.

CWL RAFFLE PRIZES

Those of you with long memories may remember that before the lockdown the CWL held a raffle. The prizes are now available. Ask Fr Alban or one of the CWL members if your ticket was a winner. The Our Lady's winners have already received their prizes.



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING *(Baruch 5:1-9)*

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, "Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness." Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 125*

**Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R/**
2. The heathens themselves said:
"What marvels the Lord worked for them!"
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad. **R/**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R/**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of
song,
carrying their sheaves. **R/**

SECOND READING *(Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL *(Luke 3:1-6)*

The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see
the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.