

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING *(Micah 5: 1-4)*

A reading from the prophet Micah

The Lord says this: You, (Bethlehem) Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.
R/ Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Psalm 79)*

**Response: God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we
shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R/**
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R/**
3. May your hand be on the man you have
chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your
name. **R/**

SECOND READING *(Hebrews 10: 5-10)*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or
sacrifices for sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the
book,

“God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.”

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifice, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.
R/ Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA VERSE

**Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL *(Luke 1: 39-44)*

The Lord be with you.
R/ And with your spirit.

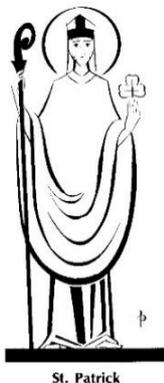
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the Mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."

The Gospel of the Lord.
R/ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.





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Our Lady of the Rosary

19TH DECEMBER 2021 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat	18 th	18:15	John and Teresa Corley	St Patrick's
Sun	19 th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	The 4th Sunday of Advent	09:00	Alex Hills	Our Lady's
		11:00	Tudor Perera	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism – Harry Martin Jones	St Patrick's
		13:30	Baptism – Toogood Family	St Patrick's
Mon	20 th	Ferial	No Mass Today	
Tue	21 st	Ferial	12:00 Roma Allcock, RIP	St Patrick's
Wed	22 nd	Ferial	12:00 Jack Mylod	Our Lady's
Thur	23 rd	Ferial	12:00 Intentions of Owen Duffy	St Patrick's
Fri	24 th	18:00	Special Intention	St Patrick's
	Christmas Celebrations	18:00	Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite	Our Lady's
		20:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		22:00	For the Intentions of our Parishioners	St Patrick's
Sat		25 th	08:45	Mass in Polish
	of Mass	09:00	In Thanksgiving (Sebin)	Our Lady's
		11:00	Dr Xavier Perumpillichira	St Patrick's
Sun		26 th	08:45	Mass in Polish
	The Holy Family	09:00	Jim Fitton	Our Lady's
		11:00	Jimmy and Margaret Shaw	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 **Fr Dominic Byrne** (whose Funeral Mass takes place in Westminster Cathedral tomorrow), **Jack Mylod**, and all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Prayerful congratulations to the families of the children who will be baptised today.

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.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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THE FRIENDS OF MYANGA

Acknowledge receipt of donations amounting to £50.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 1,045.00

Our Lady's: £ 367.75

Donations of £146 for Cafod and £10 for Clergy Education Fund were also sent off this week.

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.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

If you give regularly via an envelope you will find an envelope for Christmas in your box. If you usually give by standing order and would like to make a Christmas offering, envelopes are available from the porch. Please put your name on the envelope if you are a gift-aider to ensure can claim on your offering. The collection taken up at our Christmas Masses is the traditional collection towards the up-keep of your priest.

The crib collection is offered to Caritas Shrewsbury to support their work with children and families locally.

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 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.

It is now a legal requirement that facemasks must be worn throughout each of our Masses. Hand sanitizer and safe distancing of 1 metre is still a requirement.

. We have to keep others, and ourselves, safe as we gather to celebrate Mass.

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.

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 cctelford@gmail.com and we shall keep you abreast of the latest news and updates in the comfort of your own home.

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 6: Dialogue in Church and Society

How do we understand dialogue in and outside of the Church? Do we see dialogue as a unique contribution that the Church can make to the world? How do we address the challenges that dialogue brings about? How do we begin to dialogue with others?

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 ccntelford@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 SEASON MASS TIMES

There will be ten Masses over the Christmas weekend, as you can see from the front of this week's Newsletter.

Each of the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are fully booked – apart from the Mass on the morning of Christmas Day at Our Lady's: there are literally a hand-full of places still available (these may be booked by the time you read this Newsletter).

If you have booked a place at one of our Christmas Masses and have to "un-book" them – let us know as soon as possible so that others can take your place/s.

If you have not booked a place at one of the Masses on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, don't come to Mass hoping that the Stewards can find you a place – we are really, REALLY fully booked.

If you want to come to Mass on the Sunday of the Christmas weekend (Boxing Day) we still have a limited number of places available at both Masses – but book as soon as possible.

The Parish Office will close from after the midday Mass on 23rd December until Tuesday, 4th January 2022.

If you wish to book a place at the Mass to mark the start of 2022 (12 noon on Saturday, 1st January); or one of the Sunday Masses on 1st/2nd January; or even at our Epiphany Masses (6th January) then please phone the office before midday this Wednesday (01952 242423) or you can email us at anytime using ccntelford@gmail.com.

Sunday Masses will be at their normal times; the times of Masses on the Epiphany will be 7pm on the 5th Jan. at St Patrick's and 12 noon at both St Patrick's and Our Lady's on the 6th January.

CAN YOU HELP WITH A HOUSING NEED?

A new parishioner who works as a nurse at the PRH is looking for accommodation in the Wellington/Apley area. Of African descent, he is currently living in Nursing accommodation, but is looking to rent a single en-suite room from the start of February. If you can help please contact him on his mobile phone 07950 928739 or email him on obilonwanza@gmail.com.

