



St. Patrick

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13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat	12th	18:15	Graham Stelmach	St Patrick's
Sun	13th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	09:00	Private Intention	Our Lady's
		11:00	Paul Venezia	St Patrick's
		15:00	Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction	St Patrick's
Mon	14th	<b>Ferial</b>		
		14:30	Reception of Annie Fennell's body into church	St Patrick's
		16:30	First Forgiveness Service	Our Lady's
Tue	15th	<b>Ferial</b>		
		12:00	Funeral Mass for Annie Fennell	St Patrick's
		18:30	First Forgiveness Service	St Patrick's
Wed	16th	<b>Ferial</b>		
		12:00	Special Intention	Our Lady's
Thur	17th	<b>Solemnity of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland,</b>		
		<b>Patronal Feast Day of St Patrick's Parish</b>		
		19:00	For all Parishioners	St Patrick's
Fri	18th	<b>Ferial</b>		
		12:00	Funeral Mass for Moira Kaye	St Patrick's
		18:00	Stations of the Cross in Polish	St Patrick's
Sat	19th	<b>Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		
		14:00	Polish Baptism	St Patrick's
Sat	19th	18:15	Martin Gaughan	St Patrick's
Sun	20th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	09:00	Eric Leary	Our Lady's
		11:00	Duffy Intention	St Patrick's
	<b>Ukrainian Collection</b>	15:00	Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction	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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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### FIRST READING *(Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)*

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, "Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants" he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

"I am the Lord" he said to him "who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land." "My Lord, the Lord" Abram replied "how am I to know that I shall inherit it?" He said to him, "Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon." He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

"To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River."

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Psalm 26)*

**Response: The Lord is my light and my help.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **R/**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
"Seek his face." **R/**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. **R/**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **R/**

### SECOND READING *(Philippians 3:17-4:1)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things.

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him."**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

### THE GOSPEL *(Luke 9:28-36)*

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.**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you one for Moses and one for Elijah." — He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him." And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 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 at this time.

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially **Annie Fennell** (Funeral on Tuesday); **Moira Kaye** (Funeral on Friday); **Paul Webster** 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 March, Pope Francis asks us all to keep in our prayers the following intention:

### For a Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges:

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges. May they defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

## THE SEASON OF LENT

Each Sunday at 3pm we shall hold a service of **Stations of the Cross and Benediction** at St Patrick's.

### PRIVATE PRAYER

**St Patrick's Church** will be open from 9am till 1pm Tuesday to Friday.

**Our Lady's** will be open from 9am to 1pm on Wednesdays.

## SVP - TELFORD FOOD BANK

Demand has never been greater - 121,000 meals were provided in 2021, and in just 7 weeks of 2022, they have supplied 23,000 meals. With hikes to National Insurance, energy costs and inflation, demand is expected to increase further so a very big THANK YOU to everyone who has donated food, nappies & toiletries for our Food Bank Box.

As well as UHT milk, tinned meat, nappy cream and size 5/6 nappies they are short of biscuits, toilet rolls & toothpaste.

## OUR LADY'S SVP

Would you like a visit from SVP members for a social chat and friendly catchup? Maybe you know someone who has not been able to come to church recently but would like to keep in touch with parishioners? Maybe you know of someone in a Residential or Care Home who would like a visit?

Please contact Our Lady's SVP President Janet Beyer tel: 01952 410315

## MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 1,121.75

Our Lady's: £ 405.87

Thank you for your continued generosity.

## FRIENDS TOGETHER AND LUNCH CLUB

Neither of these once-a-month, friendly, supportive clubs are able to restart with their previous organisers, who have given their time over a number of years.

If anyone is interested in organising and running either of these clubs at Our Lady's, please speak to Moira.

## ENVELOPES

If you make your regular donation using an envelope, please check the tables in the porch for your new supply which will start in April.

Please add your name to the list beside the boxes if:

- You currently give by envelope but would prefer to use a standing order.
- If you would like to begin using envelopes.
- If you usually give by envelope but cannot find the box with your name.

Envelopes and standing order forms will be provided for you before the end of March in time for the new tax year.

## ST LUKE'S SCHOOL

We are excited to be taking part in the Shropshire Star's 'Cash for Schools' campaign in association with Enterprise Flex-E-Rent.

Tokens will appear daily in the Shropshire Star between Thursday 3rd March and Tuesday 2nd April. The five schools with the most tokens collected per pupil, will walk away with a cash prize.

The first-place school will scoop a whopping £5,000, followed by £3,000 for second, £2,000 for third and then two £1,000 awards, which will be presented to the fourth and fifth placed schools.

**There are collection boxes for tokens in the porch at both churches.**

## COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

**Please continue wearing masks over your nose and mouth throughout the service, sanitizing and keeping a safe distance, where possible. It is still our duty to protect each other.**

People displaying symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home, and medical advice sought as appropriate for those who are ill.

Holy Communion will remain under one kind and distributed on the hand. **Please keep your mask in place until you have received the Host then step aside to remove your mask to consume.**

**Please do not kneel** - it keeps a safe distance from the people in front of you. There are no longer fallow rows.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Next weekend members of the parish's C.W.L. will lead our Stations of the Cross.

If members of other groups wish to lead the Stations, or members of any other communities, do have a word with Fr Alban. Help and guidance can be given to those who are willing to help.

## CAFOD AND UKRAINE

Cafod's equivalent Catholic (sister) organisations are known as Caritas. The organisations are already on the ground responding to this humanitarian crisis:

**Caritas Ukraine** has 19 centres across the country. They are extremely experienced, having been active for 30 years and have been responding to the conflict in eastern Ukraine since 2014. They are already helping by:

- Running warm and safe 'collective centres' which provide beds, food, washing facilities and safe spaces for children. Displaced families can also receive up-to-date information, referrals to local services and psychosocial support.
- Transporting people to friends, family, or the collective centres for shelter and support;
- Organising Child-Friendly-Spaces where children can play sports and do arts and crafts as a means of coping with their experiences.

**Caritas SPES**, a charity of the Religious Mission of the Roman Catholic Church in Ukraine, is helping children and families to reach safe locations.

**Caritas Poland, Caritas Romania and Caritas Moldova** are all supporting people who have fled Ukraine and need food, water, shelter and means to continue their journeys to safety.

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March we will have an emergency collection specifically for the Ukraine humanitarian crisis.** (We have sent £500 in advance....Many thanks).

**Family Fast Day** will continue as usual. One of the two annual collections for Cafod. Last year it raised £3.5 million in Lent, including £800,000 for walk for water. These monies go to supporting ongoing development programmes, that Cafod are already committed to. Transforming lives around the globe. Please take an envelope and return your donation to the collection box next week. Donations can also be sent directly to Cafod or made online. Please complete the Gift Aid section on the envelope if you are eligible and Cafod will be able to reclaim tax on your donation.

**Prayer for Ukraine:** God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your spirit may comfort them. We pray for those with power over peace and war, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all we pray for the precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold them and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

## THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

If anybody has ideas or a talent for organising, please step forward. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime celebration, and it would be good to do it properly.

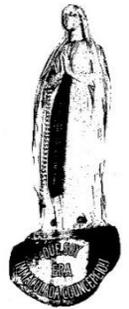
Members of the Social Committee will meet soon to consider ideas that we can use to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

## THE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022

*Overland: Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> July to Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August*

*By Air: Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> August*

Details of this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes have now been released and are available together with Booking Forms from the large envelopes at the back of church. We shall again form a **Telford in Lourdes Group**, so that all those joining from the parishes of our East Shropshire Deanery can travel and stay together in Lourdes.



## SPONSORSHIP

We have two parishioners who we promised to sponsor to join the 2020 Pilgrimage (that was cancelled because of the pandemic). They are being sponsored for this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage. We shall also sponsor a parishioner to join in this year's Pilgrimage. Yellow sponsor forms are available from the church porch. If you wish to nominate a parishioner, complete one of the forms, give us the person's contact details, and pop the completed for in the gold box. If someone has been sponsored already, they are not eligible to be sponsored a second time. **The draw will be made after the 11am Mass on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March – THIS WEEKEND.**

## LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2022

A special Youth Pilgrimage is being arranged for those aged 16 to 22 years of age which will depart on 27<sup>th</sup> July. There are flyers available in the church porch for those young people who are wanting to go to Lourdes this year and to act as helpers. Also, have a word with Fr Alban for more info.

## SYNODAL CHURCH:

### COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

Fr Alban last week published all the responses he had received so that everyone might learn the promptings of the Holy Spirit made through their fellow parishioners. Copies are available from the church porch; those who receive their Newsletter by email have received a digital copy.

As journeying companions together, this will enable us to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us through one another; to share responsibility in the mission of the Church in north Telford; and to participate as we form ourselves in Synodality.

## LET US KNOW YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

On 4<sup>th</sup> April the cost of postage stamps will increase. The first-class stamp will increase to £.95p and the second-class stamp will increase to £.68p. To try and save money we shall try and use emails as much as possible.

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](mailto:ccntelford@gmail.com) and we shall keep you updated.