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10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022

**PALM SUNDAY**

Sat	9th	18:15	Maria & Gennaro Lauriello	St Patrick's
Sun	10th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	09:00	Brian Neville	Our Lady's
	<b>of the</b>	11:00	Jenny Brothwood	St Patrick's
	<b>Passion of the Lord</b>	15:00	Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction	St Patrick's
Mon	11th	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b> <i>No Mass or Service today</i>		Our Lady's
Tue	12th	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b> 12:00 James Douglas		St Patrick's
Wed	13th	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b> 19:00 Private Intention		Our Lady's
		19:00	Mass of the Sacred Chrism	St Michael & All Angels, Birkenhead
	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	10:00	Mass and Confessions in Syro-Malabar Rite	Our Lady's
		<b>19:00</b>	<b>EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b> <i>(Watching until 21:45)</i>	St Patrick's
		11:00	Family Stations of the Cross	St Patrick's
		12:00	Stations of the Cross	Our Lady's
		12:00	Wellington Walk of Witness	
	<b>Good Friday</b>	14:00	Ecumenical Service	St Peter's, Priorslee
		<b>15:00</b>	<b>SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION</b>	St Patrick's
		17:30	Polish Stations of the Cross	St Patrick's
		<b>18:00</b>	<b>POLISH SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION</b>	St Patrick's
	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	10:00	Polish blessing of food begins at this time	St Patrick's
		<b>19:30</b>	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>	St Patrick's
		08:45	Polish Mass	St Patrick's
		09:00	In Thanksgiving	Our Lady's
	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	11:00	Stanisław & Zofia Marzec	St Patrick's
		11:00	Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite	Our Lady's
		12:30	Baptism – Myla Teresa Evans	St Patrick's

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### 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 on telephone: 01952 410315

### ST LUKE'S SCHOOL

The Star has now finished the scheme and we thank those parishioners who brought in tokens.

### FRIENDS TOGETHER AND LUNCH CLUB

If anyone is interested in organising and running either of these once-a-month clubs at Our Lady's, please speak to Moira. It would be unfortunate if these two groups were to "wither on the vine" as other groups are beginning to re-open after the pandemic.

### 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 thank all those who nominated parishioners to be sponsored to join this year's Pilgrimage. The Draw was made recently. Three names were drawn. See the list on the noticeboard.

### 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.

### ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

One of the new nurses at the Princess Royal Hospital is in need of accommodation when her initial house share ends at the end of April.

If you can help her with a room or space in a shared house, please get in touch with the parish office for her contact details.

### THE OCKENDEN REPORT

The Report into the maternity services of the Shrewsbury and Telford Health Trust was released a week last Wednesday. The Report highlights many issues affecting local families and medical staff at both our main hospitals. Please keep in your prayers the families of children and mothers who have died; those having to cope with disabled children; and the medical staff caught-up in the situation.

### THE EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter collection is towards the upkeep of your priest.

If you contribute by weekly envelope, then the second envelope in your box is labelled "Easter Offering". If you usually give by standing order, or would like to make a one-off donation, there are special envelopes available in the church porch. If you are a gift-aider, please add your name to the special envelope so we can claim gift-aid on your donation.

### SEMINAR ON CONFESSION

Leading to a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Seminar will take place in St Mary's Church, Shifnal (TF11 8AE) on Saturday, 9 April from 11am until 4.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. See the flyer for greater details.

### THE SYNODAL PROCESS

Bishop Mark issued the summary of the responses received from parishioners across the diocese. He also published his discernment of the process. His response will not form part of the response from the Bishops of England and Wales. These will in due course be collated and will form part the European response to the Process.

Fr Alban thanks all those who submitted responses from our parishes. Copies of the document were sent electronically to those who received their weekly newsletter by email. Copies for others are available from the church porch.

### PARKING IN FRONT OF ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Recently new CCTV cameras have been installed across the centre of Wellington, including one near the station roundabout which keeps an eye on King Street. Traffic wardens are aware when people park on the pavement in front of St Patrick's Church. A number of Mass-goers have received parking fines over the last weeks. You have been warned! If the church car park is full, there is normally plenty of parking available in the station car park (free of charge).

## 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, and all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Please keep Fr Anthony Wild, Parish Priest at Newport and Market Drayton, in your prayers whilst he is unwell in hospital.

## THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

### For Health Care Workers:

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and elderly, especially in the poorest countries. May they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

## MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 1,074.75

Our Lady's: £ 331.37

A further £78 was added to the Ukraine collection  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

## ENVELOPES

The new session of envelopes begin this weekend. There are a few envelopes still to be collected in the porches at both churches. If you cannot find your envelopes or would like to begin using envelopes, please complete the form with your details and a set will be provided.

## 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.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

This week we follow the events of the last few days in the earthly life of Jesus – his suffering and death, and then his glorious resurrection.

## PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY



Today we begin Holy Week with the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem when the people welcomed him as their King and their Messiah – but this king's crown would be thorns, and his throne would be the cross.

Palms are blessed and are distributed at each of our Masses. Masses are at the usual Sunday times.

## HOLY WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday the clergy of the Diocese will join the Bishop at St Michael and All Angels Church, Birkenhead, to celebrate the Mass of the Chrism. Priests renew their priestly promises, and the oils for use in the coming year in parishes will be blessed and consecrated – the Oil of Baptism, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Chrism. It is always a very special Mass. Our parishes will be represented. You can follow the Mass on-line at website: [www.churchservices.tv/woodchurch](http://www.churchservices.tv/woodchurch). The Mass begins at 7.00pm.



The parish's own newly-blessed oils will be in St Patrick's church at Thursday night's Mass.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

As the disciples joined Jesus in the Upper Room, so we join together for our fraternal meal – the Mass – when we shall commemorate the Last Supper the night before Jesus died, when the Lord gave us the sacrament of love and unity.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is at 19:00hrs in St Patrick's in Polish and English language. The Mass will be followed by a time of watching at the Altar of Repose.

## GOOD FRIDAY

Friday's Liturgy is absolutely unique – there is nothing quite like it throughout the whole year. The subject that occupies the Church today is the death of her Lord – so it is a sense of mourning that pre-dominates. Yet the texts of the Service show again and again that the



death of Christ is not to be separated from his resurrection. It is viewed against Christ's triumph – it is a *celebration*.

There are Stations of the Cross at both churches and an ecumenical Service at St Peter's Priorslee.

The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will take place at 15:00hrs in English and 18:00hrs in Polish at St Patrick's.

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

The Church, as it were, enters the tomb with the Lord, as it awaits the resurrection. No sacraments are celebrated today.

### **THE EASTER VIGIL**

The Lent Services and the Holy Week services prepare us to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, the greatest feast of the Church. In the Vigil we recall how God formed a people to be his own; how he saved that people not only in the past but even now; we celebrate our Baptism – how we form that People today. The Lord will again pass among his People: he will come into our hearts and share with us his new, risen life.



The Vigil must be celebrated after sunset – so we shall celebrate the Vigil at 19:30pm, at St Patrick's. The Vigil will be a joint English-Polish language celebration enabling our communities to come together to celebrate the resurrection.

### **EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**



The celebrations of Easter continue with the other Masses on Easter Day.

We will renew our Baptismal Promises, and in doing so align ourselves with the Risen Life of Christ.

The Easter morning Masses will be at the usual times.

The Syro-Malabar Community will celebrate Mass at 11am at Our Lady's Church.

### **CAFOD AND UKRAINE**

A total of £1,385 has been sent to Cafod's Ukraine appeal. It is wonderful that your generous contributions continue to be made.

#### **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.

### **CALLING MUSICIANS AT OUR LADY'S**

Now that we are beginning to get back to normal; music has a special place in our Liturgy. I am looking for some help at Our Lady's Church. I would love to hear from anybody who plays a musical instrument and who would like to join me on a Sunday morning. Many of the country's successful musicians started in the church environment. We usually have an hour-long practice on a Thursday evening. I am also looking for a reserve keyboard player so we can fully support the liturgy, and effectively lead the congregation in song each week.

For more information, please contact Dianne – 07918 188688.

### **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.

Again, it is truly wonderful to see the generosity of your donations to the Food Bank.