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24TH APRIL 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sat	23rd	18:15	Armando and Maria Consentino	St Patrick's
Sun	24th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Second Sunday of Easter		09:00	Rose Foudy	Our Lady's
		11:00	Moira Kaye	St Patrick's
		15:00	Divine Mercy Chaplet	St Patrick's
Mon	25th	Feast of St Mark, Evangelist No Mass or Service today		St Patrick's
Tue	26th	Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England 12:00 For the People of the Parish		St Patrick's
Wed	27th	Ferial 19:00	In Thanksgiving	Our Lady's
Thur	28th	Ferial 19:00	John & Irene Dooney (Anniversary)	St Patrick's
Fri	29th	Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church 12:00 Adam Rezanowicz (Anniversary)		St Patrick's
Sat	30th	Ferial		
Sat	30th	18:15	For a Special Blessing	St Patrick's
Sun	1st	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Third Sunday of Easter		09:00	Elizabeth McDaid	Our Lady's
		11:00	Mary Lockett	St Patrick's

CONFESSIONS

Heard by Appointment

DATA PROTECTION PRIVACY NOTICE

Our two parishes sometimes collect personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary and used by the Parish/Diocese for the benefit of the Parish and for legitimate reasons such as administrative and religious purposes. You can read our full privacy notice at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
"His love has no end."
Let the sons of Aaron say:
"His love has no end."
Let those who fear the Lord say:
"His love has no end." **R/**
2. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R/**
3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. **R/**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, "Write down all that you see in a book." I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be

afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come."

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, "Peace be with you.

"As the Father sent me, so am I sending you."

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

"Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained."

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, "We have seen the Lord", he answered, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe."

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. "Peace be with you" he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, "Put your finger here: look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him:

"You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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 and care 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.

Please continue to keep in prayer **Fr Anthony Wild**, Parish Priest at Newport and Market Drayton. Please also keep in prayer **Austin Atkinson** and all who are unwell at home.

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. We pray especially for **Fr David Peters**, a retired priest, who died last week after a short spell 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

Fr Joe and Fr Alban thank you for your continued generosity in your Easter Offerings and for the cards and other gifts received over Easter.

OUR EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICES

On behalf of all of us, Fr Alban would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who helped to make our Holy Week Services so special: our Readers; Musicians (including the Polish musicians and choir); also those behind the scenes: cleaners; our flower arrangers; stewards; "furniture removers" and the 1001 jobs that helped our celebrations. Some parishioners commented that "it was a real privilege to attend the dual language services. Well done to you all for taking part in our Liturgies.

ENVELOPES

The new session of envelopes began last 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.

SVP - TELFORD FOOD BANK

We continue to collect items for the Food Bank and Baby Bank; you have been truly generous.

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today, April 24, 2022, we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy, a feast day added to the liturgical calendar by Saint John Paul II to celebrate the overwhelming mercy of Jesus Christ.

In recognition of this very special day, we shall observe a special devotion for Divine Mercy, beginning at 3.00pm with the with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

There are special leaflets available in the church porch giving details of the Divine Mercy Sunday and the Chaplet Service at 3.00pm on Sunday.

There are also brief details of St Faustina and her role in this special Feast Day. She died in October 1938 and was canonised by Pope John Paul II on 30 April 2000.

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.

CHEST FREEZER

A parishioner at Our Lady's is in need of a chest freezer. If you have one he can have please ring Elias on 07935 496961.

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.

PARKING IN FRONT OF ST PATRICK'S

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.

THE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022

Overland: Thursday, 28th July to Friday, 5th August
By Air: Friday, 29th July to Thursday, 4th 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.

LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2022

A special Youth Pilgrimage is being arranged for those aged 16 to 22 years of age which will depart on 27th 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.

THE SYNODAL PROCESS

Bishop Mark has issued the summary of the responses received from parishioners across the diocese and has also published his discernment of the process. His response will now 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.

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.

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.

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

WELLINGTON CIVIC SOCIETY

Outing to Powis Castle on Monday, 23rd May. Cost is £11.50 for cost of coach; entry to castle is £13.30 entry (free to National Trust members). Coach leaves the Red Lion on Holyhead Road at 10.15am and arrival back will be 5.15pm. Details and Booking Forms available in each of the church porches.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We were born too late to witness the historical resurrection of Jesus. But if, like Thomas, we need some sign that Jesus is really risen, then we simply need to open our eyes. We see the wounds of Jesus in the faces of those who turn to us for help, in those who are in need. And we look upon the glory of Christ wherever there is growth, progress, openness and reconciliation.



"Doubt no longer – but believe..."