



St. Patrick

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Our Lady of the Rosary

4TH SEPTEMBER 2022

## THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please note changes to Mass Times

Sat	3rd	18:15	Special Intention for a Family problem	St Patrick's	
The 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun	4th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
			09:00	Patricia O'Neill Anniversary	Our Lady's
			11:00	Catherine Ebele RIP	St Patrick's
			12:30	Baptisms – Benjamin & Isabelle Kelly	
Mon	5th	<b>Ferial</b>	No Mass today		
Tue	6th	<b>Ferial</b>	12:00 Kathleen Gilbert (née Dooney) Anniversary	St Patrick's	
Wed	7th	<b>Ferial</b>	13:00	Funeral Service for Raymond Shilleto	St Patrick's
			19:00	Private Intention	Our Lady's
Thur	8th	<b>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	No Mass today		
Fri	9th	<b>Ferial</b>	12:00 Repose of the soul of Kitty Walsh	St Patrick's	
Sat	10th	<b>St Ambrose Barlow, Priest &amp; Martyr</b>			
Sat	10th	18:15	Kathleen Hough	St Patrick's	
The 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun	11th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
			09:00	In Thanksgiving	Our Lady's
			11:00	Terence Casper RIP	St Patrick's
			12:30	Baptism – Hallie Elizabeth Vincent	St Patrick's

### CONFESSIONS

Heard by Appointment

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## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING

*Wisdom 9: 13-18*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

“What man indeed can know the intentions of God?  
Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure  
and our intentions unstable;  
for a perishable body presses down the soul,  
and this tent of clay  
weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us  
to work out what is on earth,  
laborious to know what lies within our reach;  
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?  
As for your intention, who could have learnt it,  
had you not granted Wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from above?  
Thus have the paths  
of those on earth been straightened  
and men been taught what pleases you,  
and saved, by Wisdom.”

The word of the Lord.

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 89*

**Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.**

1. You turn men back into dust  
and say: “Go back, sons of men.”  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **R/**
2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **R/**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **R/**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **R/**

### SECOND READING

*Philemon 9-10, 12-17*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with

him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God**

### ALLELUIA VERSE

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL

*Luke 14: 25-33*

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. “If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

“And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, ‘Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.’ Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.”

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.

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially **James Treanor** (Funeral Service 14<sup>th</sup> September), **Fr. Władysław Marmol**, **Fr Greg Downing**, **Raymond Shilleto** (Funeral Service on 7<sup>th</sup> September) and **June Parsons** (Funeral Mass on 22<sup>nd</sup> September) and all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## FR WŁADYSŁAW MARMOL

Fr. Władysław Marmol, born on March 22, 1940, who served the Polish Community in Stafford and held Masses at St Patrick's in Wellington until 2012, has died in Poland.

After working for the Polish community in Stafford, Fr. Marmol spent several years at a facility in Penrhos, North Wales (near the town of Pwllheli). He stayed in Great Britain from 1972 to 2021.

After returning to Poland in 2021 for about a year he was a resident of a parish in southern Poland - in the Tarnów diocese.

May he rest in peace.

## CLERGY COVER

Father Alban thanks all the clergy who have covered the Masses and services in his absence. He is back in the Parish but taking on a much-reduced workload for the next couple of weeks. He also thanks Moira, our Parish Secretary, and all our parish helpers for their work, and everyone for their prayers and good wishes.

**Please note, there is no Mass on Thursday this week as all the local clergy will be attending Father Greg Downing's Vigil Mass in Whitchurch.**

## THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

**For the Abolition of the Death Penalty:**  
We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

## ST PATRICK'S SVP

St Patrick's SVP will meet at 7pm on 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> October.

New members are always welcome.

## STAMPS

We are still collecting used stamps for the RNIB. There is a collection box in the porch at both churches.

## COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

Face coverings are no longer required in our churches but there is a supply of masks available if you choose to use one.

Please continue to sanitise your hands on entry.

The sign of peace will continue to be 'contactless' until everyone is happy to shake hands.

## 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.

## MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:  
St Patrick's: £ 1016.00  
Our Lady's: £ 290.50

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

If you would like to make a regular contribution by standing order please contact the office for a form.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**There will be a short meeting after the 11am Mass this Sunday for anybody interested in helping with Children's liturgy at either church on Sundays during term time. We also welcome teenagers who would like to help the younger children (with parents' permission).**

You do not need any qualification to undertake this Ministry. All help will be given from our experienced catechists. All you need is the desire to spread the Word to the children of our Parishes and help them to better understand the Gospel.

New adult helpers are always welcome: helpers have occasional planning meetings and are required to undertake a DBS check and provide two references.

Contact Moira in the Parish Office on 01952 242423 or email [ccntelford@gmail.com](mailto:ccntelford@gmail.com)

## WORLD FOOD CRISIS

You will no doubt have heard on the news about the World Food Crisis. In Kenya, Ethiopia, and South Sudan, up to 20 million people are fighting for their very survival. CAFOD's local Church aid workers are already on the front line of the food crisis in the Horn of Africa region, getting emergency food supplies and clean water to vulnerable families in need. You can donate to the World Food Crisis online at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Worldfood-crisis>

### RELICS OF ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES:

There are some leaflets available in the porch from the organisers of the Tour.

The Relics will be at our Cathedral in Shrewsbury on 13<sup>th</sup> September from 1.00pm and leaving on 14<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am. To attend you must register at [Stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/](http://Stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/).

### NEW PRIEST FOR NEWPORT AND MARKET DRAYTON

We welcome to the Deanery **Fr Lee Bennett**, a priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Father Lee needs to relocate northwards for family reasons from the parish he has been serving in Essex. Bishop Mark has invited him to undertake the pastoral care of Newport and Market Drayton as Parochial Administrator from 1st September.

Father Lee has taken-up residence at the presbytery at Market Drayton with his wife Helen, who is a schoolteacher. We extend a warm welcome to our part of the diocese to Fr Lee and his wife, and I'm sure we will keep them in our prayers.

Bishop Mark is grateful to all the clergy and others who have generously helped to support both parishes during the past few months and asks you to continue to remember for Father Anthony Wild in your prayers as he continues his convalescence.



### SINGING AT ST PATRICKS - GREAT NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES!

Ros Hargrave, who has led the choir for many years, is ready to restart

rehearsals - the choir meet on Wednesdays at 7.30 - 9.00 pm in church. They sing at the 11.00am Mass once a month, and at Christmas and Easter - first rehearsal is 21st September. Speak to Ros for more details.

Thank you to those who came to the first rehearsal of the Family Mass weekend singers (These are fortnightly, so the next dates are 13th & 27th September at 7pm, ready for Family Mass weekend 1st/ 2nd October 6.15pm & 11.00am) Speak to MaryJo, Anna or Theresa for more details.

**Everyone is welcome to either or both groups.**

### SCHOOLS ARE BACK!

Our schools reopen this week – much to the relief of perhaps parents and grand-parents – maybe also to the pupils as well. We welcome back the pupils at St Luke's School, St Patrick's School, and the students at Holy Trinity Academy. We are grateful for the work of teachers, all ancillary staff, governors, all involved in education, and especially their families.

We also remember as well, those who are preparing to resume or start university and college courses over the coming weeks – especially those living away from home for the first time.



### MYANGA TOY SALE

The Friends of Myanga will be holding a Nearly New Toy Sale in the meeting room at St Patrick's after the 6:15 Mass on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> September and after 11am Mass on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Books, Soft Toys, Jigsaw puzzles and more...

All proceeds to The Poor Clare Mission in Myanga, Kenya.

Last week the Friends of Myanga banked £225 anonymous donations for which they are most grateful.

Kenya is in the midst of the world food crisis and the sisters very much appreciate our continued support

### LOST PROPERTY

There are several items of lost property in the porch. Please check whether any of it is yours. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of this week.

### TELFORD FOOD BANK

Collection boxes are available in both churches for parishioners to leave goods for the Food bank and Baby bank. Thank you for your donations.

### VOLUNTEERS

It is the time again to prepare new rotas for our various ministries. We need more readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar servers, offertory collectors and cleaning teams.

We also need welcomers for our weekend Masses and helpers and someone to manage the repository stall at St Patrick's.

Please let Moira know if you can help with any of the above or add your name to the list in the porch. Altar server training will take place in September.

Many thanks to those who have offered help so far.

### FAITH SHARING GROUP

A Faith-sharing Group will meet this Wednesday at 7pm at St Mary's in Madeley. This will be of interest to anyone who wants to become a Catholic or those who wish to strengthen their faith. Everyone is welcome.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Today we are reminded in our Mass readings of the shortness of life and of the urgency of following Jesus. No one is expected to live a life somehow distant from the world and its beauty. Possessions and relationships are part of the fabric of life. But when we become so attached to someone or some thing that they prevent us from living for God, then it's time to do something about it. We need to re-examine the building plans.