



St. Patrick

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27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please note change of Mass Time

Sat	26th	18:15	November List	St Patrick's
Sun	27th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		09:00	November List	Our Lady's
		11:00	November List	St Patrick's
		13:00	Baptism – Cecilia Rose Kelly	St Patrick's
	16:00	Ecumenical Service at Holy Trinity Academy		
Mon	28th	<b>Ferial</b> No Mass today		
Tue	29th	<b>Ferial</b> 12:00 November List		
Wed	30th	<b>St Andrew, Apostle</b> 14:00 Advent Mass for St Luke's School		
Thur	1st	<b>Ferial</b> 19:00 Terence Gasper, RIP		
Fri	2nd	<b>Ferial</b> 12:00 Michael Lauriello		
		18:00 Mass in Polish		
Sat	3rd	18:15	Sunya Mary Field	St Patrick's
Sun	4th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		09:00	Val Perry, RIP	Our Lady's
		11:00	Martin Carolan	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism – Audrey-Marie Kitt & Willow Wainwright	St Patrick's

## CONFESSIONS

Heard by Appointment

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**Safeguarding:** Parish: Moira Shrimpton 07540 723614; Diocese: Andrew O'Brien 0151 652 9855.

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 2: 1-5*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come  
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord  
shall tower above the mountains  
and be lifted higher than the hills.  
All the nations will stream to it,  
peoples without number will come to it;  
and they will say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.”

He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,  
their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

*Response:* **Thanks be to God**

The word of the Lord.

**R/ Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 121*

**Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
“Let us go to God’s house.”**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
“Let us go to God’s house.”  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R/**
2. It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel’s law it is,  
there to praise the Lord’s name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. **R/**
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
“Peace be to your homes!”  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace! **R/**
4. For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: “Peace upon you!”  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. **R/**

### SECOND READING

*Romans 13: 11-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You know “the time” has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.**

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 24: 37-44*

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: “As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Holy Communion and Confirmation forms are available from the porch in both churches.

### 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 POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

During December the Pope asks us to pray:

**For children who suffer:** We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

### MONTHLY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Will be held at St Matthews Donnington Wood on Tuesday, 29th November at 7pm.

The theme is *Advent*. Contact Pauline Heffernan 07721 785224 for further details.

### ECUMENICAL ADVENT SERVICE:

**Sunday 27th November at 4pm  
at Holy Trinity Academy, Priorslee**

Rev. Debbie Loughran, Vicar for the East Telford Benefice, is warmly inviting parishioners to attend an Ecumenical Advent Service at Holy Trinity Academy, Priorslee. This will be an opportunity to meet fellow Christians and celebrate the first Sunday of Advent together: refreshments available. There is ample parking available at the site. If you want to find out more, speak to Pauline Heffernan, 07721 785224.

### 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE OPENING OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY & ST LUKE

We're celebrating the 10th anniversary of our church here at Our Lady of the Rosary. Please join us for tea and cake after the 9.00 Mass on Sunday, 11th December. Let's remember the work of those who made the dream of a new church a reality and get to know all those who have joined us since! Let's rejoice together for our parish community. Please add your name to the list in the porch so we know who to expect. If you feel you can bring or make a cake – great! The more the merrier. The Mass on 11<sup>th</sup> December, before the celebration, will be in memory of Peter Bowyer.

### MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 1,335.50

Our Lady's: £ 224.87

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

If you would like to give regularly by standing order, please take a form from the porch and complete a gift aid form if you are able, so the parish can claim some tax back from your donation.

### ROTAS FOR THE NEW YEAR

If anyone not already included would like to be added to the rotas for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers or Welcomers starting in the new year please let Moira know by phone or email. The current rotas run till Christmas.

Both churches require more volunteers to form teams of cleaners. If you can help, please let Moira know. The more teams we have, the better to spread the workload.

### SVP REQUEST FOR HELP

One of our local Ukrainian families is in need of pots/pans, and a small kitchen table and chairs. If you can help, please contact Jane Clarke on 07956 072 634. Thank you.

The Foodbank and Baby bank boxes are now in the small porch by the stairs. They are emptied regularly by the SVP. Your generous donations are very welcome.

### LIVESTREAMED MASSES

St Patrick's Masses and services are now being livestreamed on the internet for those unable to get to church in person.

Go to: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wellington>

### CHANGE OF YEAR

We start a new liturgical year this week; Sundays of Year A, where mainly St Matthew's Gospel will be our guide. For those using a daily Missal the Readings will be taken from Year 1.

## SUNDAY MORNING MASS AT OUR LADY'S

Following our recent Parish Meeting, Bishop Mark has now consented to the proposal that Fr John Britto of Shifnal and Albrighton Parish will celebrate the 09:00hrs Mass at Our Lady's. The new arrangement will commence on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and will continue until at least September 2023. From time-to-time Fr Alban and Fr Joe will celebrate the Sunday Mass at Our Lady's. The weekday Masses will continue as at present.

## CAROL SERVICE

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at  
St Patrick's at 6:30pm.  
Refreshments will be  
served afterwards.



All Welcome.

## MINI VINNIES COFFEE MORNING

Retired parishioners are invited to a Coffee Morning at St Patrick's Primary School from 09:45 to 11:00 on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December. Parking is available on the top playground.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 12noon

### CHRISTMAS EVE

St Patrick's 6pm

Our Lady's 6pm

St Patrick's 8pm in Polish

St Patrick's 10pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY

St Patrick's 8:45am in Polish

Our Lady's 9am

St Patrick's 11am

### BOXING DAY

St Patrick's 08:45 in Polish

St Patrick's 12noon

## CHRISTINGLE

On the Saturday before Christmas, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at Our Lady's, from 3pm - 4.30pm we will host a Christingle Service followed by a party with Christmas crafts. Please use the sheet on the noticeboard to sign up (for catering purposes).

## REPOSITORY STALL

The repository stall has a stock of Advent countdown candles

## CWL DEFIBRILLATOR FUNDRAISER

The CWL are planning to install a Defibrillator outside church. The CWL are grateful for a very generous, anonymous donation that will enable them to purchase the Defibrillator very soon.

## CHRISTMAS DAY MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS AND VULNERABLE

At Christmas we all reach out to family members and friends, and we try to include them in our celebrations. This is particularly important for the homeless and vulnerable people in our area.

The Telford and Wrekin Interfaith Council (TWIC) will be busy this Christmas supporting the homeless and vulnerable. They plan to manage two phases on Christmas Day from the TWIC Community Hub in Wellington: firstly, from 11am – 12.30pm to make up and deliver boxes to shelters for the homeless across the borough; secondly, from 12.30 to 2.30pm to provide a sit-down meal.

They are asking for all sorts of help and for volunteers in this task. If you would like to help, please pick-up one of the fliers from the porch, to find out how you could help.

Email ([admin@interfaithtelford.org](mailto:admin@interfaithtelford.org)) or call 07306 014722 for further details. If you know of anyone who is in need, please let them know and they would be welcome to join in the sit-in meal.

## PARISH DIARY

### November

26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Ecumenical Advent Service at HTA

Baptism: Cecilia Kelly

Advent Mass for St Luke's School

27<sup>th</sup>

30<sup>th</sup>

### December

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Baptisms: Audrey-Marie Kitt &

Willow Wainwright

St Patrick's Primary School concert

Mini Vinnies' Coffee morning at St  
Patrick's School (09:45 to 11:00)

8<sup>th</sup>

9<sup>th</sup>

10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Tenth Anniversary of opening of Our  
Lady's new Church

Baptisms: Kiara Hemand, Rafael

Marinakis & Emmeline Silcox

Parish Carol Concert

Christingle and Children's party

11<sup>th</sup>

17<sup>th</sup>

17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>

24<sup>th</sup>

25<sup>th</sup>

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve

**Christmas Day**

## Groups meeting in the Parish

### At St Patrick's

SVP: Alternate Tuesdays at 7pm (29th Nov)

Family Mass Singers: Alternate Tuesdays at 7pm  
(6<sup>th</sup> Dec)

CWL: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 12 noon

Choir: Wednesdays 7.00-8.30pm

Craft and Chat: Thursdays 1.15pm – 3.15pm.

### At Our Lady's

SVP: Every third Tuesday at 7pm (29<sup>th</sup> Nov)

Choir: Thursdays at 6:30pm.

All groups welcome new members.