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11TH DECEMBER 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat	10th	18:15	Hugh and Bridget Canavan	St Patrick's
Sun	11th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
3rd Sunday of Advent		09:00	Peter Bowyer followed by 10 th Anniversary celebration	Our Lady's
		11:00	For one who is ill (SVP Intention)	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptisms - Kiara Hemand & Rafael Marinakis	St Patrick's
		18:30	Family Carol Service	St Patrick's
Mon	12th	Ferial No Mass today		
Tue	13th	St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr		
		12:00	Kevin Gannon	St Patrick's
		13:45	Funeral Service for Italia Macera	St Patrick's
Wed	14th	St John of the Cross, Pope & Doctor of the Church		
		12:00	In Thanksgiving	Our Lady's
Thur	15th	Ferial		
		19:00	Carol Cooper	St Patrick's
Fri	16th	Ferial		
		12:00	Robert Buckley	St Patrick's
Sat	17 th	Ferial		
		15:00	Christingle Service followed by Christmas crafts party	Our Lady's
Sat	17th	18:15	Rita Freeman	St Patrick's
Sun	18th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
4th Sunday of Advent		09:00	Harlow and Parton Families	Our Lady's
		11:00	Lusiya Malani Fernando	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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35: 1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.
Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
"Courage! Do not be afraid.

"Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God; he is coming to save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 145

Response: Come, Lord, and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R/**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed
down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R/**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R/**

SECOND READING

James 5: 7-10

A reading from the letter of St James

Do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to

be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21: 2-11

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

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

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?" Jesus answered, "Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me".

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet?

Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

Look,
I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way before you.

"I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is."

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, especially **Italia Macera**, (Funeral this Tuesday), **Dorothy Suzan Taras** and **Lorraine Susan Davies** (both Funerals will take place on 20 December) and **Thomas Kane** (Funeral 9 January 2023); all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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.

10TH 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 today's 9.00 Mass. Let us 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 us 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.

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>

CHRISTMAS MASSES Friday 23rd 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

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 1,255.00

Our Lady's: £ 389.37

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.

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) 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 CAROL SERVICE

This Sunday
at St Patrick's at 6:30pm.
Refreshments will be
served afterwards.

All Welcome.



CHRISTMAS MASS SHEETS

We thank all who have volunteered their services as Readers or Eucharistic Ministers for our Christmas Masses. There are still a few gaps for parishioners to fill. Volunteer Stewards are also needed to meet and greet people as they arrive.

CHRISTINGLE AND PARTY

Next Saturday, December 17th, at Our Lady's, from 3pm - 4.30pm the Children's liturgy group will be hosting a Christingle Service for children from both parishes, followed by a party with Christmas crafts. Please use the sheet on the noticeboard to sign up (for catering purposes).

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 also 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.

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, 1st 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.

REPOSITORY STALL

The repository stall has a stock of Advent countdown candles and Christmas cards.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Holy Communion and Confirmation forms are available from the porch in both churches. Completed forms can be returned via the gold box.

Children in Year 3, and older, can enrol for the First Holy Communion Programme; young people in Year 8 and older can enrol for the Confirmation Programme.

THE BIG CLEAN

If you can help to clean the churches and decorate for Christmas, please join us after Midday Mass

At Our Lady's on Wednesday, December 21st
and St Patrick's on Friday, 23rd December

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Founded by Pope St John Paul II in 1985 to bring together young Catholics from around the world. Next year, we'll be travelling on pilgrimage to Lisbon for WYD 2023!

This is an exciting opportunity to meet other young Catholics, share in times of catechesis, explore faith together and attend Mass with Pope Francis. If you would like to apply, email the Youth Service at youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

FLAME 2023

Join us on Saturday, 4th March 2023 at Ovo Arena, Wembley for the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales. The theme of Flame 2023 – which is exactly 150 days before the World Youth Day in Lisbon – takes the WYD Scripture "Mary arose and went with haste" and crystallises it into the theme, "Rise Up!" Rise up after the pandemic, Rise up as young Catholics, Rise up – as Mary did – for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith. The parish will sponsor five young people for this event (Coach & entrance £85.00).

Would you be willing to sponsor a young person?



PARISH DIARY

December
10th/11th

3rd Sunday of Advent

Tenth Anniversary of opening of Our Lady's new Church

Baptisms: Kiara Hemand & Rafael Marinakis

11th

Parish Carol Concert

17th

Christingle and Children's party

17th/18th

4th Sunday of Advent

24th

Christmas Eve

25th

Christmas Day

Groups meeting in the Parish

At St Patrick's

SVP: Alternate Tuesdays at 7pm

Family Mass Singers: Alternate Tuesdays at 7pm

CWL: 3rd 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 (29th Nov)

Choir: Thursdays at 6:30pm.

All groups welcome new members.