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18TH DECEMBER 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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
Mon	19th	Ferial	<i>No Mass today</i>	
Tue	20th	Ferial	12:00 <i>Funeral Service for Dorothy Susan Taras</i> 14:30 <i>Funeral Service for Lorraine Davies</i>	St Patrick's Telford Crematorium
Wed	21st	Ferial	12:00 James O'Neill	Our Lady's
Thur	22nd	Ferial	19:00 Beryl Merrington	St Patrick's
Fri	23rd	Ferial	12:00 Kathleen Hough	St Patrick's
Sat	24th	13:30	Syro-Malabar Rite Mass	Our Lady's
		18:00	Christmas Vigil Mass	St Patrick's
		18:00	Christmas Vigil Mass	Our Lady's
		20:00	Christmas Vigil Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		22:00	Christmas Night-time Mass	St Patrick's
Sun	25th	08:45	Christmas Dawn Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	Christmas Masses	09:00	Christmas Dawn Mass	Our Lady's
		11:00	Christmas Day-time Mass	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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said,

“Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.” “No,” Ahaz answered, “I will not put the Lord to the test.”

Then he said:

“Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means ‘God-is-with-us’.”

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

**Response: Let the Lord enter!
He is the king of glory.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **R/**
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **R/**
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R/**

SECOND READING

Romans 1: 1-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be

saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 1: 18-24

The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.” Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means “God-is-with-us”. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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 **Dorothy Suzan Taras** and **Lorraine Susan Davies** (both Funerals will take place on 20 December) and **Thomas Kane** (Funeral 9 January); 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.

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://churchservices.tv/wellington>

CHRISTMAS CARDS BY SPECIAL DELIVERY

With the last date for posting cards already behind us, and to ensure that your cards for your fellow parishioners have a chance of being received before Christmas, why not use the box at the back of the church for special delivery?

Sort your cards into alphabetical order of addressee and put them into the box accordingly.

Any cards not collected by the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (8th January 2023) will be thrown away – so don't put any money or gift vouchers in the cards – just in case!

Do check the box to see if you have cards awaiting.

CHRISTMAS MASSES Friday 23rd December 12noon

CHRISTMAS EVE

Our Lady's 1:30pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
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: £ 1,145.50
Our Lady's: £ 317.87

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.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS AT ST PATRICK'S

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.

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.

CHRISTINGLE AND PARTY

Unfortunately, because of illness, the Christingle and Party have had to be cancelled this year. This is disappointing because of it is normally quite popular with children and their families. We hope everyone keeps warm and is soon feeling better.

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 still has a stock of 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

OUR MISSION TOGETHER IMPACT REPORT

We thank all those who are still fulfilling pledges as part of the *Our Mission Together* initiative in the diocese. A brochure has been issued outlining some of the projects that have been made possible across the diocese. Please take a copy home with you so that you can see some of the achievements of the initiative.

LAST SUNDAY'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

We thank all those who joined in the special Mass at Our Lady's last Sunday to mark the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the church building.

The organisers would like to thank all those who made our celebration so memorable. It was lovely to see parishioners enjoy refreshments after Mass together - the photographs were a talking point too. Thanks to all those who made cakes and those who bought some too. Special thanks to Rita, Matt & Liz who kept the hot drinks flowing, and did the washing up too!

THE FRIENDS OF MYANGA

The Friends report that this week they have banked £152.80: £108.80 raised from a retiring collection taken at the Primary School's Carol Service; and further donations of £44.00. The group thank you for your continued generosity.

THE DIOCESAN YEARBOOK 2023

Packed full of all sorts of information on the Diocese of Shrewsbury, the New 2023 Diocesan Yearbook is now available from the Piety Stall. Priced at only £6.00 each, you can learn an awful lot.

For instance, do you know that Fr Joe will celebrate a very special milestone as a priest in June of next year?

PARISH DIARY

December

17th/18th
20th

4th Sunday of Advent

Funerals of Susan Taras and
Lorraine Davies

24th

Christmas Eve

25th

Christmas Day

January 2023

1st

Mary, the Mother of God

New Mass arrangements begin

6th

The Feast of the Epiphany

8th

The Baptism of the Lord

9th

Funeral of Thomas Kane

14th

Wedding of Samuel Esione &
Augusta Azike

15th

Baptisms

22nd

Baptism

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

Choir: Thursdays at 6:30pm.

All groups welcome new members.