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Our Lady of the Rosary

8TH JANUARY 2023

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sat	7th	18:15	Simon O'Connor & Family	St Patrick's	
Sun	8th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's	
The Baptism of The Lord		09:00	Special Intention	Our Lady's	
		11:00	Dr Kai Ming Lui	St Patrick's	
Mon	9th	Ferial 12:30	Funeral of Thomas Kane	Telford Crematorium	
Tue	10th	Ferial 12:00	Margaret Holland	St Patrick's	
Wed	11th	Ferial 12:00	Private Intention	Our Lady's	
Thur	12th	Ferial 19:00	Private Intention (CM)	St Patrick's	
Fri	13th	St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 12:00	Fr Alban's Intentions	St Patrick's	
Sat	14th	Ferial 11:00	Wedding of Samuel Esione & Augusta Azike	St Patrick's	
Sat	14th	18:15	Kaitlin Hope	St Patrick's	
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun	15th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
			09:00	Peter Bowyer – SVP Intention	Our Lady's
			11:00	Rob Adams	St Patrick's
			12:30	Baptisms: Emmeline Silcox & Abigail Lawton	St Patrick's

CONFESSIONS - Heard by Appointment

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you
to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as
covenant of the people and light of nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 28

**Response: The Lord will bless his people
with peace.**

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R/**
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R/**
3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **R/**

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "The truth I have now come to realise," he said, "is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

"It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ — but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil."

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: "This is my Son, the Beloved.

Listen to him."

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

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.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. "It is I who need baptism from you," he said "and yet you come to me!" But Jesus replied, "Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands." At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him."

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 **Thomas Kane** (Funeral 9 January), **Geoffrey Harris** (Funeral 24th 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 JANUARY

During January the Pope asks us to pray:

For Educators: We pray that educators may be creditable witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

CHRISTMAS CARDS BY SPECIAL DELIVERY

Don't forget to check the "special delivery" Christmas cards at the back of the church.

Any cards not collected by the end of Masses today (Feast of the Baptism of the Lord) – will be disposed of – so don't put any money or gift vouchers in the cards – just in case!

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>

MANY THANKS

Fr Alban and Fr Joe are most grateful for the tremendous number of Christmas cards received; presents; and "bottles of milk" that were delivered. Thanks too for your generosity in the Christmas offerings. Many thanks for all that you do for our two parishes in the ministries to the Church and to one another.

CRAFT AND CHAT

The Craft and Chat group is now taking a break and will resume in early February. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for dates.

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. The last date for applications is **January 20th**.

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 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.

POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE RNIB

Mrs Joy Rebello has written: "I received a large amount of stamps last week which I have sent off to the RNIB. If you have received Christmas cards over the last few weeks, please pop the postage stamps in the box close to the Piety Stall. Many thanks for your continued help."

FOOD BANK DONATIONS AT ST PATRICK'S

The Foodbank and Baby bank boxes are now in the small porch by the stairs at St Patrick's and under the porch table at Our Lady's. They are emptied regularly by the SVP.

Thank you for your continued support for local people who are struggling.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is held during the Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Masses during term-time. The children go out into the Meeting Room to pray, hear and reflect on the Gospel and take part in related activities, crafts etc. They rejoin the congregation at the Offertory. Any young children at Mass can come into the sessions (with an accompanying adult, if very young).

A number of older children (post-Confirmation) act as co-leaders. This enables them to help the younger children and to deepen their own faith at the same time.

New adult helpers are always welcome: helpers have occasional planning meetings and are required to undertake a DBS check and provide 2 references.

Contact Moira in the Parish Office on 01952 242423 or email ccntelford@gmail.com

CRIB OFFERINGS

Donations made at the crib will be sent to Caritas, (formerly the Children's Society).

ROTAS FOR THE NEW YEAR

New rotas have been sent out. If you have not received one please let Moira know.

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.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:
St Patrick's: £ 1,122.50
Our Lady's: £ 341.87

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.

POPE BENEDICT XVI



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who served as Supreme Pontiff from April 2005 to February 2013, has died aged 95, on New Year's Eve, the Vatican has confirmed.

A short statement from Matteo Bruni, Director of the Holy See's Press Office, said: "With sorrow I inform you that the Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, passed away today at 9:34am in the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in the Vatican."

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, said: "I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of Pope Benedict. He will be remembered as one of the great theologians of the 20th century.

"I remember with particular affection the remarkable Papal Visit to these lands in 2010. We saw his courtesy, his gentleness, the perceptiveness of his mind and the openness of his welcome to everybody that he met."

"He was through and through a gentleman, through and through a scholar, through and through a pastor, through and through a man of God – close to the Lord and always his humble servant."

"Pope Benedict is very much in my heart and in my prayers. I give thanks to God for his ministry and leadership."

His Funeral Mass was celebrated by Pope Francis in Rome last Thursday. May he rest in peace.

Prayer cards have been distributed to Catholic parishes throughout the two countries.

THE FAMILY MASS SINGERS

The next meeting for the Family Mass singers will take place on Tuesday, 17th January 2023.

GLOBAL CAMINO

Sponsors are requested by Lissie Shepherd as she walks with pilgrims in a 15km virtual Global Camino on 14th/15th January to raise funds to support the activities of Operation Sabre, a Shrewsbury based charity run by retired firefighters, who provide much needed support to some of the 1.6million refugees who have fled to neighbouring Romania. The sponsor form is on the notice board at both St Patrick's and Our Lady's. Donations can also be made direct from their website: <https://www.operationsabre.com>.

CWL NEWS UPDATE

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will take place after the midday Mass on Tuesday, 17th January in the Meeting Room. New members are always made most welcome.

Tickets for the CWL Raffle are still available before Mass. If you are able to contribute prizes for the Raffle, the members selling the tickets would be pleased to hear from you.

PARISH DIARY

January 2023

10th SVP meets at Our Lady's
15th **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Baptisms – *Emmeline Silcox & Abigail Lawton*
17th Family Mass Singers meet
20th Final date to apply for First Sacraments
22nd **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Baptism – *Martha Luk*
29th **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Baptism – Eliana-Jovelyn Nalikem Segbefia

February

2nd The Presentation of the Lord
5th **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Teas and Coffees after 11am Mass.
12th **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
First Communion Enrolment Masses
19th **7th Sunday in ordinary Time**
22nd **Ash Wednesday**
26th **First Sunday of Lent**