

THE BEACON

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15TH JANUARY 2023

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	14th	18:15	Kaitlin Hope	St Patrick's
Sun	15th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		09:00	Peter Bowyer – SVP Intention	Our Lady's
	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Jack Pike and Raymond Ashcroft	St Patrick's
Ordinary Time		12:30	Baptisms: Abigail Lawton	St Patrick's
Mon	16th	Ferial		
			No Service today	
Tue	17th	St Anthony, Abbot		
		12:00	CWL Mass - followed by meeting	St Patrick's
Wed	18th	Ferial		
		12:00	Private Intention	Our Lady's
Thur	19th	Ferial		
		19:00	Finlay Douglas	St Patrick's
Fri	20th	Ferial		
		12:00	Rob Adams	St Patrick's
Sat	21st	St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr		
		15:00	Syro-Malabar Service for Children	Our Lady's
Sat	21st	18:15	Dooney Family	St Patrick's
Sun	22nd	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		09:00	Kuttyamma Antony	Our Lady's
		11:00	Margaret Holland	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism: Matilda Bluebell Luk	St Patrick's

CONFESSIONS - Heard by Appointment

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We use e-mail addresses to keep in touch with parishioners and to circulate the Newsletter. If you are not yet receiving parish updates let us know your email address and you too can be included. Send an email to <u>ccntelford@gmail.com</u> and we shall keep you abreast of the latest news and updates in the comfort of your own home.

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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified"; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

"It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

The word of the Lord. *Response:* Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 39

Response: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

- I waited. I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R/**
- You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. R/
- In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. R/
- Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. R/

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord. *Response:* Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **R/ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, "Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water." John also declared, "I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.' Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord. Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



John 1:29-34

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 **Geoffrey Harris** (funeral 31st January); **Margaret Holland** (funeral 2nd February) and **Tom McNulty** (Newport Parish); 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.

LIVESTREAMED MASSSES

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

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.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections: St Patrick's: £ 1,419.50 Our Lady's: £ 361.37

Caritas Shrewsbury: £105.00

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 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.

THE FAMILY MASS SINGERS

The next meeting for the Family Mass singers will take place on Tuesday, 17th January 2023. Theresa wishes all the Singers a Very Happy New Year.

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.

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

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.

The Draw for Prize Winners will be made at the CWL Meeting this Tuesday.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Ecumenical Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18th to 25th January this year. Therefore, the regular 4pm Community service on Sunday 22nd January, at Holy Trinity Academy, led by members of the Anglican churches in North East Telford, will be on the theme of Christian Unity. All are welcome to attend.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priestsfund

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retiredpriests-fund and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

PARKING AT ST PATRICK'S

On Sunday mornings please come early and park on the Railway Car Park if you are able to walk the short distance to church.

This will reduce the risk of accidents and frayed tempers when trying to leave after Mass.

Current parking on Sunday mornings also greatly reduces accessibility for emergency vehicles if they are needed.

Parking wardens operate in the area so please do not park on the pavement as you may incur a fine.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

The SVP will serve teas and coffees after the 11am Mass on 5th February, and on the first Sunday of each month thereafter. Why not stay behind and have a chat with your fellow parishioners!

THE FAMILY MASS SINGERS

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Our prayerful congratulations and best wishes go out to Samuel Esione and Augusta Azike who were married in St Patrick's yesterday (Saturday); and to Abigail Lawton who will be Baptised this Sunday.

PEACE SUNDAY

Peace Sunday follows the international World Day of Peace and is celebrated in the parishes of England and Wales on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. The theme is taken from <u>Pope</u> <u>Francis' message for the World Day of Peace</u>:

"Dialogue between Generations, Education, Work and Dialogue: Tools for Building Lasting Peace."

The National President, of Pax Christi, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon of Liverpool, says:

"This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other.

"The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times."

PARISH DIARY

January 2023

15 th	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Baptism - Abigail Lawton	
17 th	Family Mass Singers meet	
20 th	Final date to apply for Sacraments	
22 nd	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Baptism – Martha Luk	
	Retired Priests Collection	
29 th	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Baptism – Eliana-Jovelyn Nalikem	
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February

2 nd	The Presentation of the Lord
5 th	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Teas and Coffees after 11am Mass.
12 th	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	First Communion Enrolment Masses
19 th	7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
22 nd	Ash Wednesday
26 th	First Sunday in Lent
	Baptism – Emmeline Silcox
March	
3 rd	Cafod Lent Fast Day - Frugal Lunch

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	after Mass
5 th	2 nd Sunday in Lent
	Family Mass
	Teas and Coffees after 11am Mass