



St. Patrick

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29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

|                                               |      |                                                           |                                                 |              |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Sat                                           | 28th | 18:15                                                     | Rita Sterlini                                   | St Patrick's |
| Sun                                           | 29th | 08:45                                                     | Mass in Polish                                  | St Patrick's |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> |      | 09:00                                                     | Owen Sonny Sweeney                              | Our Lady's   |
|                                               |      | 11:00                                                     | SVP Intentions                                  | St Patrick's |
|                                               |      | 12:30                                                     | Baptism: <i>Eliana-Jovelyn Nalidem Segbefia</i> | St Patrick's |
| Mon                                           | 30th | <b>Ferial</b>                                             | No Service today                                |              |
| Tue                                           | 31st | <b>St John Bosco, Priest, Religious Founder, Educator</b> |                                                 |              |
|                                               |      | 11:00                                                     | Funeral Service for Geoffrey Harriss            | St Patrick's |
| Wed                                           | 1st  | <b>Ferial</b>                                             |                                                 |              |
|                                               |      | 12:00                                                     | For Alex – for healing in Body, Mind and Spirit | Our Lady's   |
| Thur                                          | 2nd  | <b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>                       |                                                 |              |
|                                               |      | 13.30                                                     | Funeral Service for Margaret Holland            | St Patrick's |
|                                               |      | 19:00                                                     | Venezia Family                                  | St Patrick's |
| Fri                                           | 3rd  | <b>St Werburgh, Virgin</b>                                |                                                 |              |
|                                               |      | 12:00                                                     | Monica Burns                                    | St Patrick's |
|                                               |      | 18:00                                                     | Mass in Polish                                  | St Patrick's |
| Sat                                           | 4th  | <b>Ferial</b>                                             | No Mass Today                                   |              |
| Sat                                           | 4th  | 18:15                                                     | K K Mathai                                      | St Patrick's |
| Sun                                           | 5th  | 08:45                                                     | Mass in Polish                                  | St Patrick's |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> |      | 09:00                                                     | Thomas McGuire                                  | Our Lady's   |
|                                               |      | 11:00                                                     | Trevor Hatcliffe                                | 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 [ccntelford@gmail.com](mailto:ccntelford@gmail.com) 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.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING *(Zephaniah 2: 3. 3. 12-13)*

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord  
all you, the humble of the earth,  
who obey his commands.  
Seek integrity,  
seek humility:  
you may perhaps find shelter  
on the day of the anger of the Lord.  
In your midst I will leave  
a humble and lowly people,  
and those who are left in Israel  
will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.  
They will do no wrong, will tell no lies;  
and the perjured tongue will no longer  
be found in their mouths.  
But they will be able to graze and rest  
with no one to disturb them

The word of the Lord.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 145*

**Response: How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

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 *1 Corinthians 1: 26-31)*

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

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen — those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to

boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

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

### ALLELUIA VERSE

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.  
Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL *(Matthew 5: 1-12)*

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.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

“How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst  
for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted  
in the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

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 **Geoffrey Harriss** (funeral 31<sup>st</sup> January); **Margaret Holland** (funeral 2<sup>nd</sup> February) and **Gilbert Griffiths**, (father of Fr Iain Griffiths of Bridgnorth 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 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>

## 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.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

If your child will be taking part in the Children's liturgy session, please put your details and the children's first names on our attendance list in the porch. If we should need to evacuate the building we need to know who to return the children to at the assembly point.

## MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 1,211.50

Our Lady's: £ 356.37

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.

## SVP NOTICES

### **First Sunday coffees:**

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

### **Meeting dates:**

The next meetings:

**Our Lady's:** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

**St Patrick's:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Looking for sewing Machines**

Do you have an unwanted sewing machine or know someone that does? If so, we would love to have the sewing machine to hand over to the people and families that we support.

What are we looking for, any working and serviceable sewing machine that would be suitable for making clothes, alterations, etc.

### **Food bank:**

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.

## RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

You can still give the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund. 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-priests-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund)

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-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.

There are marked envelopes available for your donations.

## THE FAMILY MASS SINGERS

The next meeting for the Family Mass singers will take place on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023. They are practicing for the First Holy Communion enrolment Mass on 12<sup>th</sup> February.

## CAFOD

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission.

Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or help by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese?

Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low?

Training and support is provided. See [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](http://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more information or get in touch with [shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk](mailto:shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk) or 07920 232936”

## CWL NEWS UPDATE

The list of Prize winners in the CWL Raffle is on the notice board. See a member of the CWL to collect your prize.

Thank you to all the supporters of our raffle especially the anonymous donation of £2,000. In total we have raised £2,178:50.



## LOCAL PANTOMIMES

A number of local groups are putting on Pantos in the coming weeks.

All of these groups include cast members from our parishes and have tickets available now.

**Belfrey Theatre** – Beauty & The Beast  
At Princes Street, Wellington

[belfreytheatre.com/ticket-booking-and-box-office/](http://belfreytheatre.com/ticket-booking-and-box-office/)  
27<sup>th</sup> Jan -5<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Crown Players** – Jack and the Beanstalk  
At Charlton School – Raising funds for Air Ambulance.

Tickets from: [TheCrownPlayers@gmail.com](mailto:TheCrownPlayers@gmail.com)  
20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Lilleshall Panto** – Pinocchio  
At Lilleshall Memorial Hall

[ticketsource.co.uk/lilleshall-panto-group](http://ticketsource.co.uk/lilleshall-panto-group)  
10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> March

**Posters are on the notice board and each group has facebook pages.**

**Go on – treat yourself and the family!**

## FAITH SHARING

### CONFIRMATION

Bishop Mark has set aside Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June (Trinity Sunday) for the celebration of our Deanery Confirmation. The venue will be Shrewsbury Cathedral. So far, twenty-three people from our two parishes have registered their wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Some adults may also wish to be Confirmed. If you have not yet registered your interest in being Confirmed, do please fill in and return the special form. We can then begin to plan the preparation programme. The other deanery parishes are also collecting names at this time.

### (CAFE) COURSE BELIEVE AND BELONG

To be held on over 6 weeks during Lent.

**Dates:** Saturdays: Feb 25, Mar 4, 11, 18 & 25th, Apr 2. Starting promptly at **10.30 - 12 noon**. In St Patrick's Meeting Room.

Each week we will run a DVD clip on various topics, and then break out into groups to share the content.

Check out the link <https://faithcafe.org/> and see what the program is about. It would help the team to know who is going to come along, could you please sign up on sheets at the back of church or email [ritaw18@hotmail.com](mailto:ritaw18@hotmail.com).

This is a faith building exercise and an opportunity to build community. If you need more information speak to Jane Clarke, Rita Wilkinson, Carol Kavanagh and Jarmilla.

## PARISH DIARY

### January 2023

29<sup>th</sup> **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Baptism – Eliana-Jovelyn Nalikem Segbefia

### February

2<sup>nd</sup> The Presentation of the Lord  
5<sup>th</sup> **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Teas and Coffees after 11am Mass.  
12<sup>th</sup> **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
First Communion Enrolment Masses  
19<sup>th</sup> **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
22<sup>nd</sup> **Ash Wednesday**  
25<sup>th</sup> “Believe and Belong” CaFE course begins  
26<sup>th</sup> **First Sunday in Lent**  
Baptism – Emmeline Silcox

### March

3<sup>rd</sup> Cafod Lent Fast Day - Frugal Lunch after Mass  
5<sup>th</sup> **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
Family Mass  
Teas and Coffees after 11am Mass  
Baptism - Imogen Bradburn-Williams