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# 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

#### **6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sat	11th	18:15	Frank Heffer – Holy Communion Enrolment Mass	St Patrick's	
Sun	12th	08:45	No Polish Mass Today		
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		09:00	Derek Mullinder – Holy Communion Enrolment Mass	Our Lady's	
		11:00	Thomas KC – Holy Communion Enrolment Mass	St Patrick's	
Mon	13th				
			No Mass Today		
Tue	14th	Ss Cyril	Religious & Methodius, Bishop, Missionaries		
		12:00	Ivor Jones Anniversary	St Patrick's	
Wed	15th	Ferial			
		12:00	Peter Prentice RIP	Our Lady's	
Thur	16th	Ferial			
		19:00	Maryakutty Anniversary	St Patrick's	
Fri	17th	Ferial			
		12:00	Raymond Dyke	St Patrick's	
Sat	18th	Ferial			
Sat	18th	18:15	Annamma Antony Anniversary	St Patrick's	
Sun	19th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's	
7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		09:00	Philip and Sajeeve George	Our Lady's	
		11:00	Moira Kaye Anniversary	St Patrick's	

# **CONFESSIONS - Heard by Appointment**

#### DATA PROTECTION PRIVACY NOTICE

Our two parishes sometimes collect personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary and used by the Parish/Diocese for the benefit of the Parish and for legitimate reasons such as administrative and religious purposes. You can read our full privacy notice at <a href="www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice">www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice</a>

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# **LET US KNOW YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS**

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 <a href="mailto:ccntelford@gmail.com">ccntelford@gmail.com</a> 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.

# **6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# These readings are from a Children's version of today's liturgy

#### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

If you really want to you can faithfully obey the Lord's commands.

The Lord gives you the choice between fire and water. Take the one you want.

You can choose between life and death. The one you want is yours.

The Lord is very wise. He can do anything and he sees everything.

The Lord watches over everyone who respects him, and he knows everything that everyone does.

The Lord did not command us to sin and do wrong.

The word of the Lord

R/ Thanks be to God.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The Response to the Psalm is:

# R/ Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

- 1. Our Lord, you bless everyone who lives right and obeys your Law.
  - You bless all of those who follow your commands from deep in their hearts.
- 2. You have ordered us to obey your teachings;
  - I don't ever want to stray from your laws.
- 3. Point out your rules to me, and I won't disobey even one of them.
  - Help me to understand your Law; I promise to obey it with all my heart.

#### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

**Brothers and Sisters:** 

We use wisdom when speaking to people who are mature in their faith. But it is not the wisdom of this world and its rulers, who will soon disappear.

We speak of God's hidden and mysterious wisdom that God decided to use for our glory long before the world began.

The rulers of the world didn't know anything about this wisdom. If they had known about it, they would not have nailed the glorious Lord to a cross.

But it is just as the scripture say, "What God has planned for people who love him is more than eyes have seen or ears have heard.

It has never even entered our minds!"

God's Spirit has shown you everything. His Spirit finds out everything, even what is deep in the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

# R/ Thanks be to God

#### **ALLELUIA**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth:

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia.

#### **GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you are about to place your gift on the altar and remember that someone is angry with you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. Make peace with that person, then come back and offer your gift to God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ 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, 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 FEBRUARY

During February the Pope asks us to pray:

For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

#### 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: <a href="https://churchservices.tv/wellington">https://churchservices.tv/wellington</a>

# **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.

#### **CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses for this appeal. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <a href="https://cafod.org.uk/give">https://cafod.org.uk/give</a>

#### FRUGAL LUNCH FOR CAFOD

Soup and bread will be served after 12noon Mass on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Soup makers welcome - see Moira.

#### **FAITH SHARING**

#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

At our Masses this weekend, the candidates for **First Communions** will be enrolled as we launch our 2023 Preparation Programme.

Applications from our two parishes for this year's **Confirmation Programme** will close on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Lessons will begin on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at Holy Trinity Academy and Confirmations will take place on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June (Trinity Sunday) at Shrewsbury Cathedral.

#### (CAFE) COURSE BELONG & BELIEVE

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 <a href="https://faithcafe.org/">https://faithcafe.org/</a> 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.

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.

# For Parents:

Would you like to share your faith with your baby or toddler?

Join in an online CELEBRATE Parenting for Faith course for 5 weeks on Thursday evenings, starting from 8pm, 23rd February, with bitesize sessions lasting around 45 minutes.

The goal of the course is to help parents discover that they are perfectly positioned to show their children the reality of a life with God and to empower them to have their own vibrant two-way relationship with Him.

Through the easily accessible and relaxed input you will receive help to introduce faith in simple steps. For more information and to register on the course see www.celebratetrust.org/parentingforfaith

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

There is no Children's Liturgy until 12<sup>th</sup> March as today is Holy Communion enrolment and then we have school holidays. 5<sup>th</sup> March is a Family Mass. Any parent whose child who would like to take an active role in that Mass should speak to or email Moira.

# **WELLINGTON CIVIC SOCIETY**

A Trip has been organised to Chirk Castle on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May by the Civic Society. Details and application forms are available on the notice boards

#### **MONEY MATTERS**

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:
St Patrick's: £ 1,220.00

Our Lady's: £ 353.13

Retired Priests Fund: £ 537.50

Many thanks for your continued generosity

We would like to acknowledge the donation of £285 from the funeral of Geoffrey Harriss.

Fr Alban also thanks the Indian family who gave him the most delicious curry last week.

#### **DEANERY REVIEW**

Wednesday evenings in Lent Fr. Michael and Rev. David Hill will be visiting the parishes around the deanery to listen to their reflections for the future. Most importantly, we need to pray and ask ourselves what God is expecting of us at present and in the future. How best to use our resources and support parish life in the deanery. They will visit us on 1st March.

#### **LOCAL PANTOMIMES**

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

Tickets from: <u>TheCrownPlayers@gmail.com</u> 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February

Lilleshall Panto – Pinocchio At Lilleshall Memorial Hall 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!

# MATERIALS FOR REFLECTION FOLLOWING THE SYNODAL SUBMISSIONS

In submissions to the Synodal Process, many people expressed a desire for formation in e.g. Scripture, spirituality and, specifically, the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. To meet these requests, the Department for Evangelisation is offering an introduction the Council. with a presentation of two of its major Documents: Dei Verbum (on Revelation) and Lumen Gentium (on the Church). The aim is simply to give an overview of both documents, and enough insight into their content and ongoing importance to encourage people to read the texts for themselves, copies of both of which are available at the CTS or on the Vatican website.

This presentation will take the form of a recorded conversation between Miss Barbara Davies (Coordinator for New Evangelisation) and Dr Stephen Yates (Senior Mission Catechist). The mp3 audio file will be available on the diocesan website from the beginning of Lent; the material will not, however, be time-bound. Printable handouts will enable individual and group reflection. For further information, please contact either Barbara (07730 526821) or Stephen (07842 487978).

#### **SVP NOTICES**

#### First Sunday Coffees and Teas:

The SVP thank those who attended the coffee morning last Sunday. £38.50 was raised for SVP funds. A further coffee morning will be held after the 11am Mass on 5<sup>th</sup> March, which is also the next Family Mass. Why not stay behind and have a chat with your fellow parishioners!

#### Meeting dates:

The next meetings:

**Our Lady's**: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February **St Patrick's**: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

#### Home visits:

Would parishioners please let the office know if they are unwell and unable to attend Mass and would like a visit from SVP members or to have Holy communion brought to them. Contact details are on the front of this newsletter.

#### Sewing Machines:

If you have one you can spare please let us know

#### Bicycles:

We have a family in need of bicycles: 2 adult bikes and ones to suit children 8, 10 & 12yrs. If you can help please contact Jane Clark

#### 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.

The Citizens Advice Bureau tell us we are supplying the largest amount of donations each week. Thank you for your continued support for local people who are struggling.

#### **STAMPS**

Thank you for continuing to bring in your used stamps for RNIB.

#### **PARISH DIARY**

# **February**

12<sup>th</sup> **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Communion Enrolment Masses

Retiring collection for Cafod 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19<sup>th</sup> **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary** 14<sup>th</sup> First Confessions

21st SVP meet in both churches

22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday

25<sup>th</sup> "Belong and Believe" 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