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Our Lady of the Rosary

19TH FEBRUARY 2023 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	18th	18:15	Annamma Antony Anniversary	St Patrick's
Sun	19th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	Philip and Sajeeve George	Our Lady's
		11:00	Moira Kaye Anniversary	St Patrick's
Mon	20th	Ferial	<i>No Mass Today</i>	
Tue	21st	Ferial 12:00	CWL Mass	St Patrick's
Wed	22nd	Ash Wednesday	A Day of Fasting and Abstinence	
		09:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		12:00	Kelvin Romero RIP	Our Lady's
		19:00	Rissi Visi	St Patrick's
Thur	23rd	St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr 19:00	Alphonsus Abazir	St Patrick's
Fri	24th	Friday after Ash Wednesday 12:00	In Thanksgiving	St Patrick's
Sat	25th	Saturday after Ash Wednesday 10:30	"Belong and Believe" Session 1	St Patrick's
Sat	25th	18:15	In Thanksgiving - 25 th Wedding Anniversary	St Patrick's
Sun	26th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		09:00	Mary, Thomas & Philip Hughes	Our Lady's
	1st Sunday of Lent	11:00	John & Teresa Corley	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism: Emmeline Silcox	St Patrick's
		15:00	Stations of the Cross and Benediction	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 www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice

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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 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.

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18*

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: "Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.'

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence: this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 102*

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R/**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with
love and compassion. **R/**
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R/**
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R/**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 3: 16-23*

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

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you think of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast

about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.**

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 5: 38-48*

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

"You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just your heavenly Father is perfect."

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: **Linda Reeves** and **Mary McCoy**, and 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 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.

CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

The first of our donations has been forwarded to
Cafod. **The collection at all Masses for this
appeal will continue for a few weeks.** To pay
online and add gift aid visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey
Emergency Appeal online
at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

FRUGAL LUNCH FOR CAFOD

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



*Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.*

ASH WEDNESDAY

Three Masses will mark the start on Wednesday of
the season of Lent between our two parishes (see
page 1 for details). Ashes will be distributed at each
of them.

Each Sunday during Lent at 3pm there will be
Stations of the Cross, followed by Exposition and
then Benediction. Alternating between our
churches, the first Stations will be in St Patrick's
church.

Could groups who are willing to lead the Stations of
the Cross please add the name of your group and a
contact number to the list on the porch.

Various examples of Stations of the Cross are
available. Please speak to Fr Alban who will assist
the group to prepare if needed.

CONFIRMATION

Applications from our two parishes for this year's
Confirmation Programme will close next Sunday,
26th February.

(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.

**The course comes with a book, cost £10 one off
fee, (if this cost is an issue, please don't let it
stop you coming, the book would still be
provided.)**

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.

MONTHLY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

This month's Ecumenical service will be held at Our
Lady of the Rosary at 7pm on Tuesday 28th
February. There will be a Lenten theme: all
welcome.

FAMILY MASS - 5TH MARCH

Any parent whose child who would like to take an
active role in that Mass should speak to or email
Moira.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:
St Patrick's: £ 1,324.00
Our Lady's: £ 342.37

CAFOD Appeal so far: £ 586.50

Many thanks for your continued generosity

PLANNED GIVING AND GIFT AID

Envelopes for the new tax year are being prepared for circulation. If you would like to begin giving to the offertory via weekly envelopes please add your name to the list in the porch. If you currently give by envelope but would like to change to a monthly standing order or begin a new standing order, forms are available in the porch.

If you pay tax we may be able to claim Gift Aid on your donations whether you give through envelopes, standing orders or by cheque. We cannot claim gift aid on loose plate donations as we cannot know who the giver is.

Please contact Moira at the office if you have any queries about this.

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE?

We know there will be people who don't feel comfortable coming back to Mass yet for good reasons. If that is you, is there anything we can do? Would you like a phone call or a visit? Or to receive Holy Communion? Or is there any other help needed?

Call the Parish office on (01952) 242423, ideally in office hours to leave your number.

Parishioners?

Do you know of anyone who doesn't have email who would like a copy of the newsletter? Maybe you could drop one off or let us know so someone else can do it?

LOCAL PANTOMIMES

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

Tickets from: TheCrownPlayers@gmail.com
20th – 25th February

Lilleshall Panto – Pinocchio

At Lilleshall Memorial Hall
ticketsource.co.uk/lilleshall-panto-group
10th -12th March

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

Go on – treat yourself and the family!

WELLINGTON CIVIC SOCIETY

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

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, in St Patrick's Church at 7.00pm.

SVP NOTICES

First Sunday Coffees and Teas:

The next coffee morning will be held after the 11am Mass on 5th 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 21st February

St Patrick's: Tuesday 21st 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.

PARISH DIARY

- 19th **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 21st SVP meet in both churches
- 22nd **Ash Wednesday**
- 25th "Belong and Believe" CaFE course begins
- 26th **First Sunday in Lent**
Baptism – Emmeline Silcox
- 28th Ecumenical Service at Our Lady's
- March**
- 3rd Cafod Lent Fast Day - Frugal Lunch after Mass
- 5th **2nd Sunday in Lent**
Family Mass
Teas and Coffees after 11am Mass
Baptism - Imogen Bradburn-Williams
- 14th First Confessions