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2ND APRIL 2023

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sat	1st	18:15	Fred Rebello, RIP	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	2nd	08:45	Mass in Polish	<i>St Patrick's</i>
	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	09:00	Private Intention	<i>Our Lady's</i>
		11:00	Joyce Mary Whittle	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		12:30	Baptism – Ivy Kingsley	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		15:00	<i>Ecumenical Stations of the Cross</i>	<i>Our Lady's</i>
Mon	3rd	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i> No Mass today		
Tue	4th	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i> 15:00 Funeral Mass for Fred Rebello		<i>St Patrick's</i>
Wed	5th	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i> 19:00 <i>Ecumenical Service</i> 19:00 Mass of the Chrism in St Anthony's, Wythenshawe, M22 0WR		<i>Our Lady's</i>
	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	19:00	<u>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</u> <i>followed by Watching until 20:45hrs</i>	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		12:00	<i>CT Walk of Witness from Wellington Methodist Church</i>	
		12:00	<i>Ecumenical Stations of the Cross</i>	<i>Our Lady's</i>
	<i>Good Friday</i>	15:00	<u>Solemn Celebration of the Passion</u>	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		17:30	<i>Polish Stations of the Cross</i>	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		18:00	<u>Polish Solemn Celebration of the Passion</u>	<i>St Patrick's</i>
	<i>Holy Saturday</i>	10:00	<i>Polish Blessing of Food</i>	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		19:30	<u>The Easter Vigil</u>	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	9th	08:45	Mass in Polish	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		09:00	Parishioners	<i>Our Lady's</i>
	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	11:00	Parishioners	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		14:30	Syro-Malabar Easter Mass celebration	<i>Our Lady's</i>

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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 **Fred Rebello** (Funeral on 4th April); and **Owen Duffy** (Funeral on 13 April); **Eileen Turner**; 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 APRIL

During April the Pope asks us to pray:

For the Abolition of Torture: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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>

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 1,106.50

Our Lady's: £ 342.87

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Next Sunday, is the traditional collection towards the upkeep of your priest.

ENVELOPES FOR REGULAR DONORS

Envelopes are available from the porch, which begin on 9th April 2023.

If you usually give to the collection by envelope and you cannot find your box, or if you would like to begin giving in this way, please complete the sheet and a box will be provided for you.

If you wish to give by standing order, please make a note on the sheet in the porch.

Gift Aid forms are also available from the porch.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

This week we follow the events of the last few days in the earthly life of Jesus – his suffering and death, and then his glorious resurrection.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY



Today we begin Holy Week with the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem when the people welcomed him as their King and their Messiah – but this king's crown would be thorns, and his throne would be the cross.

Palms are blessed and distributed at each of our Masses. Masses are at the usual Sunday times.

HOLY WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday the Bishop in St Anthony's church, Wythenshawe will celebrate the Mass of the Chrism. He will bless the oils for use this coming year in our parishes – the Oil of Baptism, the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Chrism. Priests renew their priestly promises. It is always a very special Mass.

If you have access to a computer and the internet the Bishop invites you to join him in the Mass. The internet address for your search-engine is <https://www.churchservices.tv/stanthony/swythenshawe>



We will eventually receive our own share of the Oil.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

As the disciples joined Jesus in the Upper Room, so we join together for our fraternal meal – the Mass – when we shall commemorate the Last Supper the night before Jesus died, when the Lord gave us the sacrament of love and unity. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is at 7.00pm in St Patrick's Church. The Mass will be a joint English-Polish celebration, with each of our communities joining together.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday's Liturgy is absolutely unique – there is nothing quite like it throughout the whole year. The subject that occupies the Church today is the death of her Lord – so it is a sense of mourning that pre-dominates.



Yet the texts of the Service show again and again that the death of Christ is not to be separated from his resurrection. It is viewed against Christ's triumph – it is a *celebration*.

We shall be joined by Fr Denis Maher, a retired priest, who will lead us in the Service.

The Polish Community will gather for their own Solemn Celebration at 6.00pm in St Patrick's Church.

HOLY SATURDAY

The Church, as it were, enters the tomb with the Lord, as it awaits the resurrection. No sacraments are celebrated today. The traditional Polish blessing of food will take place in the morning.

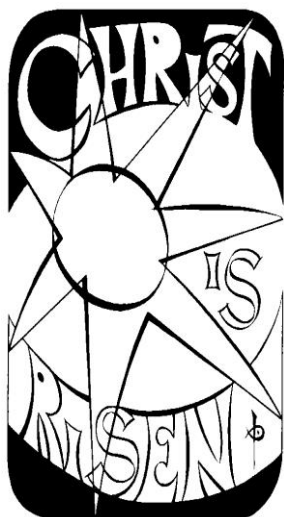
THE EASTER VIGIL

The Lent Services and the Holy Week services prepare us to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, the greatest feast of the Church. In the Vigil we recall how God formed a people to be his own; how he saved that people not only in the past but even now; we celebrate our Baptism – how we form that People today. The Lord will again pass among his People: he will come into our hearts and share with us his new, risen life.

This year's Vigil at 7.30pm, will be in St Patrick's Church. The Vigil will be a joint English-Polish language celebration enabling all our different communities to come together to celebrate the resurrection.



EASTER SUNDAY MASSES



Our parish Easter celebrations continue with the other Masses on Easter morning. We renew our Baptismal Promises, and in doing so align ourselves with the Risen Life of Christ.

The morning Masses are at the usual times of 9.00am in Our Lady's Church and 11.00am in St Patrick's. At the 11am Mass we shall Receive Stephen Tidmarsh into the Church.

The Polish Easter Mass is at the usual time of 8:45am in St Patrick's.

EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter collection is for the upkeep of your priest. If you give by envelope the first one in your box is marked Easter Offering. If you usually give by standing order or would like to make a one-off donation there are envelopes available in the porch. If you are a gift-aider, please add your name to the envelope so we can claim gift-aid on it.

ECUMENICAL SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

Parishioners at Our Lady's have enjoyed ecumenical Holy Week services for many years. There is a variety of venues – these are the ones where Our Lady's is the host.

Palm Sunday, 2nd April

3.00pm: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, 5th April

7.00pm: Service at Our Lady's: *We remember the betrayal of Judas: we repent and remember our neighbour.*

Good Friday, 7th April

12.00pm: Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's.
Walk of Witness from Our Lady's to St Matthew's Church, Donnington, (TF2 7NJ) (1.4 miles).
2.00pm an hour before the cross at St Matthew's Church.

Parishioners are warmly invited to share Holy Week with our Christian friends in Northeast Telford. Services will be held across the area, as we journey though Holy Week together (*see the noticeboard for full details*).

Anyone interested in reading at the Palm Sunday service or who would like more information, please contact Pauline Heffernan at OLOR, 07721 785224 or email: paulineheffernan60@gmail.com

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

The SVP will be serving refreshments after 11am Mass. Please join them in the meeting room for a cuppa and some cake.

BINGO NIGHT

Bingo at Our Lady of The Rosary on Friday, April 28th 2023, eyes down at 7.00pm. Entrance £3.00 (to include nibbles) in aid of the Myanga Mission in Kenya and OLOR SVP. The Bingo tickets will be on sale at each Mass over the weekends of 15th/16th, and 22nd/23rd April 2023.

CHAT & CRAFT

The Chat & Craft group at St Patrick's meets on Thursdays from 1.00 – 3.00pm in the Meeting Room – entrance is via the Meeting Room.

GOVERNOR VACANCY AT ST LUKE'S SCHOOL

We are seeking a Foundation Governor to join the Governing Body of Our Blessed Saints – a Federation of St Luke's and our sister school St Peter & St Paul, in Newport. This is a really interesting and fulfilling opportunity: no previous educational experience is necessary, just a willingness to give time to our school. The vacancy is available to anyone, aged over 18 years of age, who is a regular Mass attender. Please see St Luke's website, under the Team tab, Governors or click this link: [Foundation-Governor-information.pdf](http://stlukesatholicprimary.org.uk/Foundation-Governor-information.pdf)

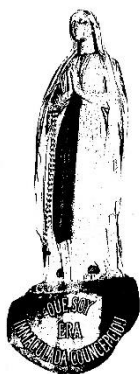
Alternatively speak to Pauline Heffernan, Dianne Kidd or John Stewart after the 9.00am Sunday Mass at Our Lady's – all serving Foundation Governors.

THE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

Overland: Thursday, 27th July to Friday, 4th August
By Air: Friday, 28th July to Thursday, 3rd August

Details of this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes have now been released and are available together with Booking Forms from the large envelopes at the back of church. We shall form a **Shropshire in Lourdes Group**, so that all those joining from the parishes of our East Shropshire Deanery can travel and stay together in Lourdes.

We shall again offer sponsorship for this year's Pilgrimage – more details from the Nomination Form in the church porch.



YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2023

Young pilgrims (aged 16 – 22) who wish to join us in Lourdes and offer their time and energy to assist and serve the sick and elderly pilgrims are asked to contact Sandy Fairley at the Youth Mission Team (youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) for more details.

SVP SUDAN APPEAL

Donation forms are available for the support of the SVP in Sudan.

By supporting our appeal, you will enable us to continue our vital projects in Sudan and South Sudan including: **Baby Feeding Centres, Medical Centre, An SVP Water Tanker and Water Well, Vocational Training** and relief for communities as they face the monumental task of rebuilding after Covid-19 with limited support and resources.

Please take one of the leaflets and consider adding gift aid to your donation.

BELONG AND BELIEVE

The Belong and Believe series has now finished, week 5, the final, being Saturday, 25th March.

Saturday, 1 April at 10.30am will be a morning of reflection on the course and a 'next step' look at the way ahead, all welcome, especially those who were part of the series of meetings.

It's good to take steps towards being a family church community. Please come along.

MESSAGE FROM RITA WILKINSON

If I can't make Mass at Our Lady's at any time would anyone be able to give Patrick Craig a lift in my absence, please? Patrick lives at Highlanders Drive, Muxton?

Thanks, Rita Wilkinson – 07803 281971.

VACANCY – SVP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER

SVP Membership Support Officer (MSO): the St Vincent de Paul Society would like to recruit a MSO for the Shrewsbury Diocese. A part-time role (15 hours per week) working as part of the SVP Membership Team, to support member recruitment and development, provide general support for members and be the link between local Conferences and National Office. The role is home based but requires the ability to travel around the diocese to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Own transport essential and travel expenses are paid. For further information and details of how to apply, contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at lancep@svp.org.uk Closing date for applications is Sunday, 16 April 2023.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY ON PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is in many ways the Church's feast of trust. Our lives consist of high points when all seems to be going well, and low points when nothing will go right. On our own way to Jerusalem we have our cheering crowds and our crucifixions. Throughout all of this we journey with Christ, trusting that the God who remained at his side will stay with us when we are most in need.

WORDS OF WISDOM

"Nobody can love suffering,
but we can love to suffer.
Instinctively we recoil from suffering,
but we can learn to suffer
for a positive and dynamic reason".

(Cardinal Basil Hume)

