



St. Patrick

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Our Lady of the Rosary

## 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat	4th	18:15	Lauriello Family	St Patrick's	
Sun	5th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's	
		09:00	Stash Griffin RIP	Our Lady's	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>		11:00	Loretto Tupholme Anniversary	St Patrick's	
		12:30	Baptism – Imogen Bradburn-Williams	St Patrick's	
		15:00	Stations of the Cross and Benediction -lead by Our Lady's SVP	Our Lady's	
Mon	6th	<b>Ferial</b> No Mass Today			
Tue	7th	<b>Ferial</b> 12:00 John Adams			St Patrick's
Wed	8th	<b>Ferial</b> 12:00 Alice Woods RIP			Our Lady's
Thur	9th	<b>Ferial</b> 19:00 In Thanksgiving for Christine			St Patrick's
Fri	10th	<b>Ferial</b> 12:00 Wedding of Michael Goulty and Kathryn Green			St Patrick's
		18:00 Mass in Polish – Mission Mass			St Patrick's
Sat	11th	<b>Ferial</b> 10:30 "Belong and Believe" Session 3			St Patrick's
		16:00 Mass in Polish – Mission Mass			St Patrick's
Sat	11th	18:15	Tudor de Silva	St Patrick's	
Sun	12th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's	
		09:00	For the Supporters and Benefactors of the SVP	Our Lady's	
		11:00	Mary Shaw	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](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice)

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*(Readings taken from a lectionary for Children)*

### FIRST READING

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

The Lord said to Abraham,  
Leave your country, your family, and your relatives  
and go to the land that I will show you.

I will bless you and make you into a great nation.  
You will become famous and be a blessing to others.

I will bless the people who say good things about  
you, but I will put a curse on anyone who says evil  
things about you.

Everyone on earth will be blessed because of you.

The word of the Lord

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Response to the Psalm is:*

**R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place  
our trust in you.**

The Lord is truthful; he can be trusted.  
He loves justice and fairness,  
And he is kind to everyone everywhere on earth

**R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place  
our trust in you.**

We depend on you Lord to help and protect us.  
Be kind and bless us!  
We depend on you.

**R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place  
our trust in you.**

### SECOND READING

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the  
Good News, relying on the power of God who saved  
us and called us to be holy — not because of  
anything we ourselves have done but for his own  
purpose and by his own grace. This grace had  
already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before  
the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed  
by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He  
abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and  
immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

**R/ Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is  
heard: This is my beloved son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### 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 took Peter and the brothers James and John  
with him. They went up on a very high mountain  
where they could be alone. There in front of the  
disciples Jesus was completely changed. His face  
was shining like the sun and his clothes became  
white as light.

All at once Moses and Elijah were there talking with  
Jesus. So Peter said to him, "Lord, it is good for us  
to be here! Let us make three shelters, one for you,  
one for Moses and one for Elijah.

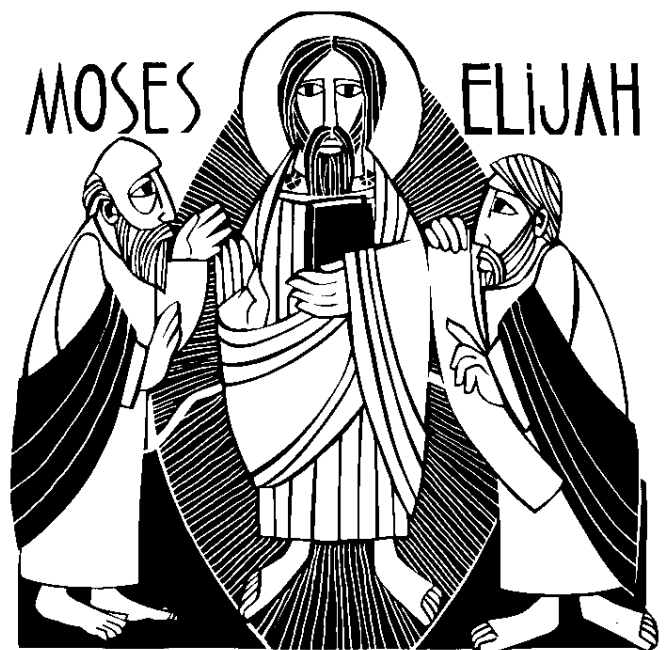
While Peter was still speaking, the shadow of a  
bright cloud passed over them. From the cloud a  
voice said, "This is my own dear Son, and I am  
pleased with him. Listen to what he says!"

When the disciples heard the voice, they were so  
afraid that they fell flat on the ground. But Jesus  
came over and touched them. He said, "Get up and  
don't be afraid!" When they opened their eyes, they  
saw only Jesus.

On their way down from the mountain, Jesus warned  
his disciples not to tell anyone what they had seen  
until after the Son of Man had been raised from  
death.

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: especially **Mary McCoy** (Funeral on 15<sup>th</sup> March) 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 MARCH

During March the Pope asks us to pray:

**For Victims of Abuse:** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

## 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: £ 1,322.70

Our Lady's: £ 420.37

CAFOD Appeal so far: £ 1,011.91

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.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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.

This week will be lead by members of the SVP at Our Lady's. If you would like to lead the session on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> at St Patrick's please add your name to the list or speak to Father Alban.

## SVP NOTICES

### **First Sunday Coffees and Teas:**

Everyone is welcome to stay behind after 11am Mass for light refreshments. Donations are used locally by the St Patrick's SVP Conference.

### **Meeting dates:**

The next meetings:

**Our Lady's:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

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

### **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.

### **Bedding:**

If you have bedding (sheets and blankets) you can spare please let us know.

### **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.

## 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?

## THE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

Overland: Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July to Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August  
By Air: Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## LOURDES 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](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)) for more details.

## CHAT & CRAFT

The Chat & Craft group at St Patrick's returns on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March from 1.00 - 3.00pm in the Meeting Room and will meet every Thursday thereafter – entrance is via the Meeting Room

Why not come along and join us for a chat and bring along your knitting, sewing, papercrafts or even just come for a bit of company and a coffee or tea.

Everyone is welcome.

## ST PATRICK'S DAY

There will be a buffet after Mass on the evening of St Patrick's Day.

Everyone is welcome to attend to celebrate our Patronal Feast Day.

There will be no Friday midday Mass as St Patrick's Primary School has a Mass that morning.

## PARISH MEETING

We thank all those who came to Wednesday evening's Parish Meeting to begin to review at the Bishop's request the future plans not only for our two parishes but also for the future of our East Shropshire Deanery.

With the pandemic intervening, and the consequential lockdown, we have not been able to have an election for the membership of the Parish Pastoral Council. Between now and Easter the Council will be reformed with representatives of the Parishes; representatives of the three schools in our parishes; and representatives of the rich cultural mix in our parishes.

It is hoped that next week's Newsletter will be able to include the Minutes and outline of some of the range of views expressed at the meeting.

The Parish Meeting may set an agenda for our parishes over the coming months and years.

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Last Friday was the first of this year's CAFOD Family Fast Days. Special Envelopes are available from the church porch enabling you to help the work of CAFOD in feeding the poor, especially those who are living in areas of the world where climate change has brought huge destruction to the crops of people, and flooding to their homes and villages.

If you pay income tax, your giving can be Gift Aided to increase the value by allowing CAFOD to claim the income tax that you have paid on your donation.

The envelopes can be returned via the gold box or the offertory collecting bags.

## PARISH DIARY

### March

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cafod 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
- 9<sup>th</sup> Chat and Craft
- 10<sup>th</sup> Polish Mission begins
- 12<sup>th</sup> **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
Children's Liturgy restarts
- 14<sup>th</sup> First Confessions  
SVP at Our Lady's
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mary McCoy Funeral  
LMAC meeting at St Patrick's
- 16<sup>th</sup> Clergy Retreat Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> **St Patrick's Feast day**  
Mass in St Patrick's school  
Buffet after evening Mass
- 19<sup>th</sup> **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent** – Mothering Sunday  
Baptism -Gabriel Lange
- 25<sup>th</sup> Syro-Malabar Retreat Day at Our Lady's
- 26<sup>th</sup> **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
British Summertime begins
- 30<sup>th</sup> St Luke's School Mass at Our Lady's  
St Patrick's Primary School Easter  
Production in St Patrick's Church

### April

- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Palm Sunday**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Service at Our Lady's  
Chrism Mass in Wythenshaw
- 6<sup>th</sup> **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
- 7<sup>th</sup> **Good Friday**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass
- 9<sup>th</sup> **Easter Sunday**