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Our Lady of the Rosary

19TH MARCH 2023
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat	18th	18:15	Martin Gaughan	St Patrick's
Sun	19th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
4th Sunday of Lent		09:00	DRF Parton and Harlow Families	Our Lady's
		11:00	Ken Brothwood RIP	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism for Gabriel Lange	St Patrick's
Mon	20th	Ferial	No Mass Today	
Tue	21st	Ferial		
		10:00	Funeral Service for Modwena (Bella) Davies	St Patrick's
		12:00	CWL Mass – followed by meeting	St Patrick's
Wed	22nd	Ferial		
		12:00	Fr John Pascoe (25yrs)	Our Lady's
Thur	23rd	Ferial	No Mass Today	
Fri	24th	Ferial		
		12:00	Kurwan Kuriakose and Corsina Maria Perera	St Patrick's
		18:00	Polish Stations of the Cross	St Patrick's
Sat	25th	Ferial		
		10:30	"Belong and Believe" - Session 5	St Patrick's
		10:00	Syro-Malabar Retreat Day	Our Lady's
Sat	25th	18:15	Rita Wijetunga Anniversary	St Patrick's
Sun	26th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		09:00	Private Intention	Our Lady's
		11:00	Hugh and Bridget Canavan	St Patrick's
		15:00	Stations of the Cross – SVP	St Patrick's

CONFESSIONS

Heard by Appointment

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING *1 Samuel 16: 1.6-7, 10-13*

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, "Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons." When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him," but the Lord said to Samuel, "Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart." Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." He then asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" He answered, "There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, "Come, anoint him, for this is the one." At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 22*

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING *Ephesians 5: 8-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Glory, to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

THE GOSPEL (*shorter version*)

John 9

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

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

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam" (a name that means "sent"). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "Yes, it is the same one." Others said, "No, he only looks like him." The man himself said, "I am the man."

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, "He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see." Then some of the Pharisees said, "This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath." Others said, "How could a sinner produce signs like this?" And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, "What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?" "He is a prophet," replied the man.

"Are you trying to teach us," they replied, "and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!" And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Sir," the man replied, "tell me who he is so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking at him; he is speaking to you." The man said, "Lord, I believe," and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**The

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 **Bella Davies** (Funeral on 21 March); **Deborah Theodore** (Funeral on 29 March); **Owen Duffy** (Funeral on 13 April) and **Fred Rebello** (Funeral on 4th April) 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: £ 1272.50

Our Lady's: £ 356.87

Many thanks for your continued generosity

ENVELOPES FOR REGULAR DONORS

Envelopes are available from the porch, which begin on Easter Sunday.

If you usually give to the collection by envelope and you cannot find your please complete the sheet.

If you would like to begin giving in this way please complete the sheet and a box will be provided for you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be no Stations of the Cross this Sunday.

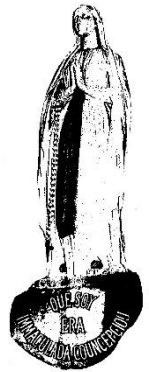
THE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

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.

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

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.

SVP NOTICES

Meeting dates:

The next meetings:

Our Lady's: Tuesday 4th April

St Patrick's: Tuesday 21st 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.

Mobility Scooter:

Needed for a client with limited mobility.

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Envelopes can be added to the collection bags or gold box.

ECUMENICAL SERVICES FOR LENT

Palm Sunday, 2nd April

3.00pm Stations of the Cross at **Our Lady of the Rosary Trench**

3.00pm meet at St Peter's Priorslee: walk of witness to HTA (1.2 miles)

4.00pm **Holy Trinity Academy**: Ecumenical reading of Matthew's Passion

Monday 3rd April

7.00pm Stations of the cross at Anglican Church: venue to be agreed

Tuesday 4th April 7.00pm Healing service at Anglican Church: venue to be agreed

Wednesday 5th April

7.00pm: Service at **Our Lady of the Rosary, Trench**: We remember Judas betrayal: we repent and remember our neighbour

Thursday 6th April

7.00pm: Livestreamed Tenebrae Service from **Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood**

7.00pm Holy Communion Service at **Holy Trinity Oakengates**

Good Friday 12.00pm Stations of the Cross at **Our Lady of the Rosary**

12.00pm Meet at **Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**: Pilate's Meditation

Walk of witness to **Our Lady of the Rosary**, arrive 1.00pm Mary's meditation

Walk of Witness to **St Matthew's Church, Donnington**, (1.4 miles)

2.00pm an hour before the cross at **St Matthew's Church**

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) (stlukesatholicprimary.org.uk)

Alternatively speak to Pauline Heffernan, Dianne Kidd or John Stewart at 9.00 a.m. Sunday Mass at Our Ladies - all serving Foundation Governors.



BRITISH SUMMER TIME

NEXT SUNDAY BST starts – **clocks go forward** one hour overnight next Saturday/Sunday.

Don't forget and be caught out next Sunday when coming to Mass!

FR. JOHN PASCOE

Congratulations to Fr. John Pascoe (Retired priest of Shifnal & Albrighton) who is celebrating his Silver Jubilee of ordination in the Catholic Priesthood. (22nd March 1998)

MIGRATION BILL

Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, Bishop Paul Mc Aleenan, has commented on the government's Illegal Migration Bill:

"Everyone who makes a dangerous journey across the Channel to build a better life here has a name, a face, and a story.

"People are driven from their homes by poverty, conflict, persecution, natural disasters, or other factors that prevent their flourishing. Many have links to the UK or family members already living here. Yet, far too often, there are no safe routes open to them.

"While we all wish to end dangerous Channel crossings, this new legislation treats migrants and refugees as a problem to be solved rather than brothers and sisters towards whom we have responsibilities. Establishing more safe routes, and genuinely understanding people's individual circumstances are essential to meeting these.

"As Christians we call for the human person, made in the image and likeness of God, to be put at the heart of public policy."

CORRECTION TO PARISH REPORT

There was a factual error on the recent Parish Report which Fr Alban corrected at the meeting held on 1st March held at St Patrick's, as part of the Deanery Review. St Luke's school has never requested that the church is not used for church ceremonies during the week or at the weekend. The church was built with the full support of the school: that has not changed. Purely for safeguarding reasons, the school has asked to be informed when the church will be in use. It further asks that the car park always has access/exit available for emergency vehicles. The school site is not in use at the weekend; hence the church is free to use the car park as it sees fit.

ALPHA COURSE

There is an opportunity to join an online Alpha Course. Please see the poster in the porch for details.

FATHER ALBAN

Father Alban thanks everybody who has helped in the Parish whilst he was in hospital and whilst he convalesces.

There are likely to be changes to Mass times in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for updates.