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Our Lady of the Rosary

26TH FEBRUARY 2023 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat	25th	18:15	Patrick Gorman RIP	St Patrick's
Sun	26th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
1st Sunday of Lent		09:00	Mary, Thomas & Philip Hughes	Our Lady's
		11:00	John & Teresa Corley	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism: Emmeline Silcox	St Patrick's
		15:00	Stations of the Cross and Benediction – lead by CWL	St Patrick's
Mon	27th	Ferial No Mass Today		
Tue	28th	Ferial 12:00 Garry Richards, RIP		
Wed	1st	St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales 12:00 Slawek Gawlick Family		
Thur	2nd	Ferial 19:00 In Thanksgiving		
Fri	3rd	Ferial 12:00 For the work of CAFOD – with Frugal Lunch afterwards 18:00 Mass in Polish		
Sat	4th	Ferial 10:30 "Belong and Believe" Session 2		
Sat	4th	18:15	Lauriello Family	St Patrick's
2nd Sunday of Lent	Sun	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		09:00	Stash Griffin RIP	Our Lady's
		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	

CONFESSIONS

Heard by Appointment

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, "Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, 'You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death.'" Then the serpent said to the woman: "No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 50

**Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we have sinned.**

SECOND READING

Romans 5: 12. 17-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.**

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

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

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

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves". But he replied,

"Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God".

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. "If you are the Son of God" he said "throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone".

Jesus said to him, "Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test".

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "I will give you all these," he said, "if you fall at my feet and worship me." Then Jesus replied, "Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone."

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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: especially **Mary McCoy** (Funeral on 15th 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>

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.

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 CWL at St Patrick's and next week by the SVP at Our Lady's.

CONFIRMATION

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

MONTHLY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

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

FAMILY MASS – NEXT SUNDAY

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

LENT PASTORAL LETTER

Copies of today's Lent Pastoral Letter from Bishop Mark are available from the porch.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 1,149.00

Our Lady's: £ 333.37

CAFOD Appeal so far: £ 946.91

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.

DEANERY REVIEW

Father Alban has prepared a document in preparation for the deanery Visit on Wednesday

Electronic copies have been sent to all on our email list and there are printed copies in the porch.

The meeting will be held at St Patrick's at 7pm and open to Parishioners of both churches.

This is an important meeting that signposts the future for our two parishes and the Deanery.

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?

CHAT & CRAFT

The Chat & Craft group at St Patrick's returns on Thursday 9th March from 1- 3 pm 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.

LENTEN COURSE AT ST MARY'S

From the Good Shepherd newsletter...

"The Church has asked us to prepare for the Holy Year in 2015 by refreshing our knowledge and vision as found in the documents of the Vatican Council. The two documents that we are concentrating on are to do with Revelation and the nature of the Church. They are always referred to by their Latin names.

So, looking at the Vatican II Documents:

1) *Dei Verbum* (On Revelation)

2) *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.

There will be 5 sessions, 1 hour long, on Thursday evenings 7-8pm. in the Lower room."

The first session is this week (2nd March). All welcome.

SVP NOTICES

First Sunday Coffees and Teas:

There will be a coffee morning after 11am Mass next week. Why not stay behind and have a chat with your fellow parishioners!

Meeting dates:

The next meetings:

Our Lady's: Tuesday 14th March

St Patrick's: Tuesday 7th 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.

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 DIARY

26th **First Sunday in Lent**

Baptism – Emmeline Silcox

28th Ecumenical Service at Our Lady's

March

3rd Cafod Fast Day - Frugal Lunch after Mass

5th **2nd Sunday in Lent** - Family Mass

Teas and Coffees after 11am Mass

Baptism - Imogen Bradburn-Williams

9th Chat and Craft

12th **3rd Sunday in Lent**

Children's Liturgy restarts

14th First Confessions

SVP at Our Lady's

15th Mary McCoy Funeral

LMAC meeting at St Patrick's

16th Clergy Retreat Day

17th **St Patrick's Feast day**

Mass in St Patrick's school

Buffet after evening Mass

19th **4th Sunday of Lent** – Mothering Sunday

Baptism -Gabriel Lange

25th Syro-Malabar Retreat Day at Our Lady's

26th **5th Sunday of Lent**

British Summertime begins