



St. Patrick

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Our Lady of the Rosary

26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023

## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat	25th	18:15	Rita Wijetunga Anniversary	St Patrick's
Sun	26th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>		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
Mon	27th	<b>Ferial</b>	No Mass Today	
Tue	28th	<b>Ferial</b>		
		12:00	Cecil Gorman	St Patrick's
		16:00	Reception of Deborah Theodore's body into church	St Patrick's
Wed	29th	<b>Ferial</b>		
		11:00	Funeral Mass for Deborah Theodore	St Patrick's
		12:00	Private Intention	Our Lady's
Thur	30th	<b>Ferial</b>		
		14:00	St Luke's School Mass	Our Lady's
Fri	31st	<b>Ferial</b>		
		12:00	Owen Duffy, RIP	St Patrick's
		18:00	Polish Stations of the Cross	St Patrick's
Sat	1st	<b>Ferial</b>		
		10:30	"Belong and Believe" - Session 6	St Patrick's
Sat	1st	18:15	Fred Rebello, RIP	St Patrick's
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	2nd	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		09:00	Private Intention	Our Lady's
		11:00	Joyce Mary Whittle	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism – Ivy Kingsley	St Patrick's
		15:00	Stations of the Cross – Ecumenical Service	Our Lady's

### CONFESSIONS

Heard by Appointment

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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### FIRST READING *Ezekiel 37: 12-14*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this — it is the Lord God who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 129*

Response: **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

### SECOND READING *Romans 8: 8-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life,  
says the Lord;  
who ever believes in me will never die.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

### THE GOSPEL (*shorter version*) *John 11*

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

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

The sisters, Martha and Mary, sent this message to Jesus, "Lord, the man you love is ill." On receiving the message, Jesus said, "This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified."

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where

he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea."

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you." "Your brother," said Jesus to her "will rise again." Martha said, "I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said:

"I am the resurrection.

If anyone believes in me,  
even though he dies he will live,  
and whoever lives and believes in me  
will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she said, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world."

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, "Where have you put him?" They said, "Lord, come and see." They said, "See how much he loved him!" But there were some who remarked, "He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?" Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, "Take the stone away." Martha said to him, "Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day." Jesus replied, "Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

"Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.  
I know indeed that you always hear me,  
but I speak  
for the sake of all these who stand round  
me, so that they may believe it was you  
who sent me."

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, "Lazarus, here! Come out!" The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, let him go free."

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in 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 **Deborah Theodore** (Funeral on 29 March); **Owen Duffy** (Funeral on 13 April) and **Fred Rebello** (Funeral on 4<sup>th</sup> 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: £ 1,259.50

Our Lady's: £ 399.87

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

This Sunday's Stations of the Cross will be led by members of St Patrick's SVP Conference.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### Palm (Passion) Sunday (1/2 April)

Masses at the normal times.

Palm crosses will be blessed at each Mass.

### Holy Thursday (6 April)

#### Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

*(in English and Polish languages)*

St Patrick's Church at 7.00pm.

Watching until 8:45pm.

### Good Friday (7 April)

*(all in St Patrick's church unless stated otherwise)*

Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's at 12noon

**Solemn Celebration of the Passion** at 3.00pm

Polish Stations of the Cross at 5.30pm

**Polish Solemn Celebration of the Passion**

6.00pm

### Holy Saturday (8 April)

#### The Easter Vigil

*(in English and Polish languages)*

St Patrick's Church at 7.30pm.

### Easter Sunday Morning (9 April)

Masses at the normal times

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**If you wish to help by offering to be a Reader or a Server, etc., please add your name to the list in the church porch.**

## 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](https://stlukesatholicprimary.org.uk/Foundation-Governor-information.pdf)

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

## ALPHA COURSE

There is an opportunity to join an online Alpha Course held this Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the poster in the porch for details.

## DEANERY LMAC

Representatives from around the deanery gather at St Mary's on Thursday this week to look over the deanery review. Many thanks to all who contributed.

## ECUMENICAL SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

### Palm Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April

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

3.00pm meet at *St Peter's Priorslee (TF2 9HQ)*: walk of witness to HTA (1.2 miles)

4.00pm *Holy Trinity Academy (TF2 9SQ)*: Reading of Matthew's Passion

### Monday 3rd April

7.00pm Stations of the cross at *Wombridge Church (TF2 6HT)*

**Tuesday 4th April** 7.00pm Healing service at *St George's Church (TF2 9LT)*

### Wednesday 5th April

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

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

6.30pm: Livestreamed Tenebrae Service from *Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood (TF2 7AH)*

7.00pm Holy Communion Service at *Holy Trinity Oakengates (TF2 6BN)* with foot washing.

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

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, (TF2 7NJ)* (1.4 miles)

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

**Holy Saturday** 4.00pm "Messy" Easter at *Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood*: Families with children especially welcome: arts, crafts, refreshments.

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.

At the Wednesday evening service at OLoR, donated food will be given to SVP Members and the Foodbank at Wrockwardine Wood church. Please bring any donations (of tinned food, non-perishable) to the service. St Luke's school is collecting and donating food too.

The Good Friday Walk of witness will see us carrying a symbolic cross between churches. Anyone not wishing to walk can simply join the services at the appointed venue and time.

Anyone interested in reading at the Palm Sunday service or who would like more information, please contact Pauline Heffernan at OLoR, 07721 785224 or [paulineheffernan60@gmail.com](mailto:paulineheffernan60@gmail.com)

### FATHER ALBAN

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

## 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.



### 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.

### 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 Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Sat 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.

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.

### SVP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to recruit an MSO for the Shrewsbury diocese. Details on the notice board.