

St. Patrick

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Our Lady of the Rosary

9TH APRIL 2023

EASTER SUNDAY

Sat	8th	20:00	The Easter Vigil	St Patrick's
Sun	9th	08:45	Mass in Polish	
	Easter Sunday	09:00	Parishioners	Our Lady's
		11:00	Parishioners	St Patrick's
Mon	10th	Monday of the Easter Octave		
		08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		12:00	Deborah Theodore	St Patrick's
Tue	11th	Tuesday of the Easter Octave		
		12:00	Maria and Gennaro Lauriello	St Patrick's
Wed	12th	Wednesday of the Easter Octave		
		12:00	Private Intention	Our Lady's
		16:00	Reception of Owen Duffy's body into church	St Patrick's
Thur	13th	Thursday of the Easter Octave		
		11:00	Funeral Mass for Owen Duffy	St Patrick's
Fri	14th	Friday of the Easter Octave		
		12:00	Monica Burns	St Patrick's
Sat	15th	Saturday of the Easter Octave		
Sat	15th	18:15	Tom McNulty	St Patrick's
Sun	16th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	2nd Sunday of Easter	09:00	John Mulhern RIP	Our Lady's
		11:00	Rob Adams	St Patrick's
	(Divine Mercy)	15:00	Divine Mercy Service followed by Benediction	St Patrick's

Newsletter items: newsletter@stpatrickstelford.com

Please send items by 5pm on Wednesday

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THE EASTER DAYTIME MASSES

FIRST READING *(Acts 10:34, 37-43)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name."

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Psalm 117)*

**Response: This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad!**

1. Alleluia,
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
"His love has no end." **R/**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R/**
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R/**

SECOND READING *(Colossians 3:1-4)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God but when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL *(John 20:1-9)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

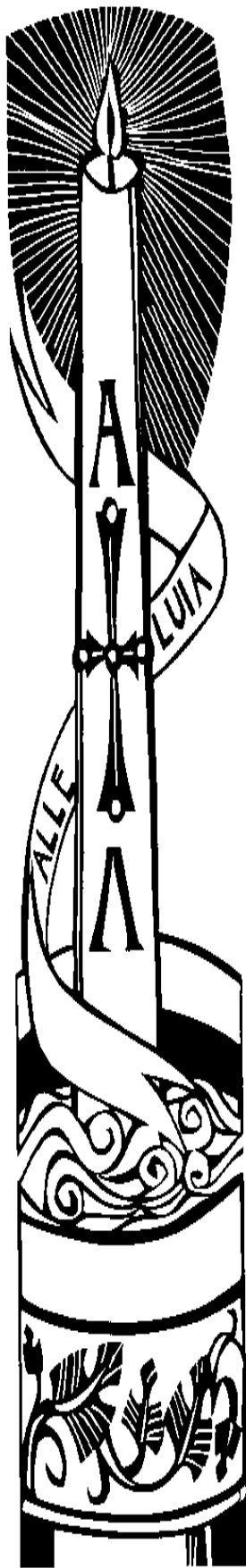
Glory to you, O Lord.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb," she said "and we don't know where they have put him."

So Peter set out with the other disciples to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



To Wish You Easter Joy

The women went to complete the burial ritual, instead they face a birth: the birth of the Risen Christ. They must have gone to the tomb in sadness, with heavy hearts, but arriving at the tomb were told by the angel, "You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he is not in the tomb, he has risen!" It was news that they could not contain within themselves – it had to be shared. The mission of the Church throughout the ages is to spread that same news: Jesus Christ suffered, died, and rose again to reveal God's love for all. He is our Lord and our Saviour for all time.

May we grow in life and love so that we become the people the Lord created us to be: perfect reflections of the Risen Lord in the world today.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially **Owen Duffy** (Funeral on Thursday of this week) and **Eileen Turner** (Funeral to be held at the Crematorium on Wednesday, 19th April); all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS 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 to guarantee support to victims and their families.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 1,366.50

Our Lady's: £ 442.75

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Today's collection is the traditional collection towards the upkeep of your priest.

TELFORD IN LOURDES 2023

Thursday, 27th July to Friday, 4th August (overland)

Friday, 28th July to Thursday, 3rd August (by air)

Travelling with the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, under the leadership of Bishop Mark. Brochures and booking forms are still available from the church porch – look for the large white envelopes showing "East Shropshire in Lourdes 2023".

The parish will again sponsor a parishioner to join the pilgrimage. Use one of the green forms to nominate a parishioner (the parishioner must have agreed to you putting their name forward) and then post your completed form in the gold box. The draw will be made after the 11am Mass on Sunday, 30th April.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new supply of offertory envelopes for Gift Aid and Non-Gift Aid contributions towards the up-keep of our churches begin to be used from today, Easter Sunday.

If you have not already done so, please take your new envelopes from the porch. It is important to ensure you only pick up the envelopes with your name on it.

If you would like more information about Gift Aid, or wish to join or leave the scheme because your tax status has changed, or if you would like to make a regular donation via standing order, please make a note of this on the list in the church porch.

A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL

Assuming the Easter Vigil is celebrated without a hitch, all our Triduum Services went well. Hopefully parishioners found them prayerful and especially celebrations of the events of Holy Week.

On behalf of all of us Fr Alban wants to thank Fr Michał for leading us on Maundy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil; to Fr Denis Maher for coming to lead us on Good Friday; and to Fr Joe for joining in our liturgies.

Thanks also to our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers; our altar servers; our musicians and choirs; and all who led our Lenten Stations of the Cross.

We must thank as well those who undertake those ministries that are often unseen: our church cleaners and flower arrangers; not forgetting those who spend hours preparing things in readiness for our services.

But, as Leonard Sachs would say, "*Chiefly yourselves*" for taking part in our services so well.

PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST COMMUNIONS

Please continue to keep all the First Communion children in your prayers, as well as their parents and the catechists in these weeks before we join in celebrating First Communions.

BINGO EVENING

A Bingo Evening has been arranged for Friday, 28th April at Our Lady's Church. "Eyes Down" is timed to take place at 7.00pm.

Tickets cost £3.00 each (to include nibbles). In aid of the Myanga Mission in Kenya and the OLOR SVP.

Bingo tickets will be on sale at each Mass over the weekends of 15th/16th, and 22nd/23rd April.

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

Over the last few days, our internet provider tells us that they have suffered a nation-wide outage. This means that we have not been able to send or receive any emails, nor to livestream from the church. As soon as we are back on-line "normal service" will be restored including live-stream for those unable to get to church in person.

Go to: <https://churchservices.tv/wellington>

CHAT AND CRAFT

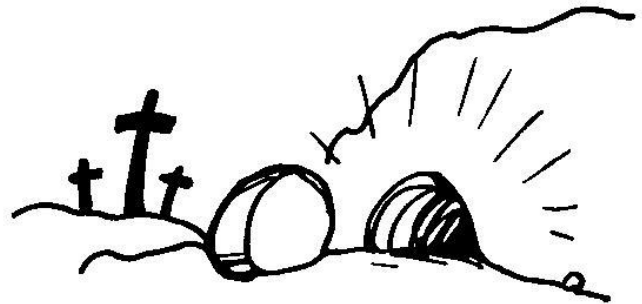
The Chat and Craft Group at St Patrick's will not meet this week.

DIVINE MERCY SERVICE

The service next Sunday will include the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany and will conclude with Benediction.

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 next Sunday, 16 April 2023.



PARISH DIARY

April

- 9th Easter Sunday
- 10th Bank Holiday
- 12th Owen Duffy's body received into church
- 13th Owen Duffy Funeral Mass
- 19th Eileen Turner Service of Committal
- 22nd Wedding Stuart Weston & Meesha Magee
- 26th Confirmation Classes begin at HTA
- 28th Bingo Night at OLOR

May

- 6th Coronation Day of King and Queen
- 8th Bank Holiday
- 11th LMAC Meeting
- 13th Polish First Communion Celebration
- 14th Our Lady's First Communions
Baptism of Lexi-Ann Hopkins
SVP Conference at OLOR
- 18th The Ascension
- 20th St Patrick's First Communions
- 21st Baptism of Arleen Sharlet
- 28th Pentecost Sunday
- 29th Spring Bank Holiday

June

- 4th Trinity Sunday
Baptism of Matěj Edel
Celebration of Confirmation at Cathedral
- 8th Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ
- 18th Baptism
- 29th Feast of Ss Peter & Paul