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Our Lady of the Rosary

23RD APRIL 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

NOTE: Help for Heroes Day will cause parking disruption next Sunday morning at St Patrick's.

Sat	22nd	18:15	Violet McCann	St Patrick's	
Sun	23rd	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's	
	3rd Sunday of Easter	09:00	Eileen Turner	Our Lady's	
		11:00	Moira Kaye Birthday Remembrance	St Patrick's	
Mon	24th	Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England No Mass Today			
Tue	25th	Feast of St Mark, Evangelist 12:00 James Douglas			St Patrick's
Wed	26th	Ferial 12:00 Private Intention			Our Lady's
Thur	27th	Ferial 19:00 Loretto Tupholme			St Patrick's
Fri	28th	Ferial 12:00 Irene and John Dooney			St Patrick's
Sat	29th	Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church			
Sat	29th	18:15	Fred Rebello	St Patrick's	
Sun	30th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's	
	4th Sunday of Easter	09:00	Michael and Christopher O'Reilly	Our Lady's	
		11:00	Rob Adams	St Patrick's	

CONFESSIONS

Heard by Appointment

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 2: 14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: "Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand
nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy;
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one
to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness
through your presence."

"Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit."

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 15

Response: Show us, Lord the path of life.

SECOND READING

Peter 1: 17-22

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges every one according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason — so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us

as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24: 13-35

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, "What matters are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them called Cleopas, answered him, "You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days." "What things?" he asked. "All about Jesus of Nazareth," they answered, "who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing."

Then he said to them, "You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?" Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. "It is nearly evening," they said, "and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?"

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, "Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially Teresa Sosnowska (Funeral at Telford Crematorium on Wednesday 26th), all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Communion: 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.

Confirmation: The programme starts 26th April for 5 weeks at Holy Trinity Academy at 6.00pm.

The Celebration will be on 4th June at 4pm in the Cathedral in Shrewsbury.

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.

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

There are a few sets of unclaimed envelopes in the porch.

Please use the new orange ones and discard any of the previous year's envelopes.

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.

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

Our Masses from St Patrick's are available online at <https://churchservices.tv/wellington>

MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

St Patricks: £ 1,060.50

Our Lady's: £ 405.25

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

BINGO EVENING

A Bingo Evening has been arranged for Friday of this week 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 this weekend. All welcome.

NOTICE OF THANKS.

It has been a wonderful Holy Week in East Telford as we joined with our Ecumenical friends at Our Lady's and the Parishes of Wombridge and St Georges to walk this most Holy of weeks together. We worshipped in various buildings in a variety of ways all to the Glory of God. We walked and we talked, we ate and we drank, friendships were rekindled or made for the very first time and we hope that we can do it all again very soon - what are YOU doing for Advent? Worshipping with us we hope and pray.

In Christ, Rev Debbie.

MONTHLY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

This month's Ecumenical service will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Wrockwardine Wood: on Tuesday of this week, starting at 7.00pm.. The theme will be the Easter Season.

If you enjoyed the recent Ecumenical Holy Week services, please feel free to come and join us. Contact Pauline Heffernan on 07721 785224 or paulineheffernan60@gmail.com for further details.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

SVP Meetings: Next meeting, at 7pm on Tuesday of this week at Our Lady's.

COFFEE MORNING

Donations for the coffee morning at St Patrick's on Palm Sunday came to £9.30. Cakes would be very welcome for the next event on 7th May. We quickly ran out despite a mountain of sponge cakes.

CHAT AND CRAFT

The Chat and Craft Group at St Patrick's resumes this Thursday afternoon, 1-3pm, in the Meeting Room.

HOW TO MAKE EUCHARIST

Eucharist is not just a thing; it is not simply what we eat and drink, but is something we do. Eucharist is the act of giving thanks to God.

What the two Emmaus travellers saw Jesus do in today's gospel, is exactly what the Church has continued to do for two thousand years. It is the action of making eucharist.

The story has echoes of the feeding of the 5,000; of the events at the Last Supper; and several other scripture accounts. In all of these Jesus does four basic actions which become the ingredients of all eucharist.

First, he TAKES bread (and wine). He sets it aside for special use. Secondly, he BLESSES. This is a blessing of God for all his gifts and particularly the bread and wine which is about to take on a new significance. Thirdly, he BREAKS the bread and finally he GIVES the food to the disciples to eat and drink.

These four actions, TAKE, Bless, BREAK and GIVE are the ingredients of every eucharist and are seen in the celebration of Mass today. We take bread and wine (Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts); we bless God (Eucharistic Prayer); we break the bread (the Fraction Rite during the "Lamb of God"; and we give the bread and wine (Communion) to be consumed as the body and blood of Christ.

It is worth pointing out that we only do this after we have listened to the word of God at Mass. So today's gospel brings us full circle: Jesus explains the scriptures to the disciples on the road and then the four actions at table. The perfect ingredients for making eucharist!

HELP FOR HEROES

After the absence caused by the pandemic, the Plough Inn will be holding its annual *Help for Heroes* extravaganza next Sunday, 30th April (the weekend of the Spring Bank Holiday).

This means that there will be no access to St Patrick's church via Plough Road (which will be closed for the day) nor parking on the church car park at the top of Plough Road.

The car park in front of the presbytery will still be able to be used, plus the lay-by, and the station car park. Do not park on the pavement in front of the church.

The *Help for Heroes Day* normally raises tens of thousands of pounds for the charity.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy resumes this Sunday, but then takes another break for Bank Holidays. There will be sessions at St Patrick's on 14th and 21st May; and on 11th June though to 16th July.

THE CORONATION WEEKEND

It is almost seventy years to the day (2nd June 1953) when Queen Elizabeth was crowned. On Saturday, 6th May 2023 King Charles III will be crowned. Some of us may remember the celebrations in 1953; for others this year's celebration may be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Lots of us may be huddled around our televisions watching the events in London on the Saturday.

It is now too late to arrange a large-scale parish event to mark the occasion, but as a parish we can surely still celebrate the coronation. Both our churches will have refreshments following that weekends Sunday Masses – we could also lay on refreshments after the Saturday evening Mass.

How can we make the refreshments "*fit for a King and a Queen*"? Any ideas? Do let Fr Alban, Moira or Fr Joe know! You can always jot down any ideas and post them in the gold box. Let's see what we can come up with!

FRED REBELLO

Fred's family wish to thank all the parishioners, friends and relatives who attended the Funeral Mass on 4 April.

It was a glorious celebration of Fred's life and thanks to all who participated to bring this about.

Donations of £700 gratefully received will go to CAFOD and the Severn Hospice.

PARISH DIARY

April

- 26th Confirmation Classes begin at HTA
- 28th Bingo Night at OLOR
- 30th "Help for Heroes" at St Patrick's car park.

May

- 1st May Day Bank Holiday
- 6th Coronation Day of King and Queen
- 7th Refreshments after Mass - SVP
- 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
2 Holy Communions 11am Mass.
- 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