



St. Patrick

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30TH APRIL 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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

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 & Christopher O'Reilly	Our Lady's	
		11:00	Rob Adams	St Patrick's	
Mon	1st	Ferial No Mass Today			
Tue	2nd	St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 12:00 Avelyn Smith			St Patrick's
Wed	3rd	Ss Philip & James, Apostles 12:00 Private Intention			Our Lady's
Thur	4th	The English Martyrs 19:00 Rev. Sister Emmanuwel			St Patrick's
Fri	5th	Ferial 12:00 Finlay Douglas			St Patrick's
		18:00 Mass in Polish			St Patrick's
Sat	6th	Ferial			
Sat	6th	18:15	Kath Gilbert	St Patrick's	
5th Sunday of Easter	7th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's	
		09:00	HM King Charles III	Our Lady's	
		11:00	Owen Duffy – SVP Intention	St Patrick's	

CONFESSIONS

Heard by Appointment

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LIVESTREAMED MASSES

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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 2: 14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: "The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ."

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, "What must we do, brothers?" "You must repent," Peter answered, "and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself." He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, "Save yourselves from this perverse generation." They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22

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

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R/**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R/**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R/**
4. Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R/**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2: 20-25

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

John 10: 1-10

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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

Jesus said: "I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gate-keeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers."

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

"I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer all who have died; 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 has now commenced.

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

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

During May the Pope asks us to pray:

For Church Movements and Groups: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

In 1964, Pope Paul VI, launched Vocations Sunday, which since then we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called Good Shepherd Sunday.

Traditionally known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday as, in the gospel reading, Jesus says, 'I am the Good Shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep'.

PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT

Blessed St Joseph,

You listened in the depth of your heart to the call of God for you to participate in his plan for the salvation of the world, and you responded with faith to that invitation.

Help me listen for the call of God in my life, help me understand what the Holy Spirit is asking of me, and help me be open to follow that invitation, with courage and a trusting heart.

May your fatherly hand guide me and keep me safe.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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 today's 11am Mass.**

MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

St Patricks: £ 1,196.00
Our Lady's: £ 348.75

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

SVP Meetings: Next meeting, at 7pm on Tuesday of this week at St Patrick's

The final amounts for the SVP's Sudan Appeal are as follows:

OLOR - £407.10
St Patrick's - £970.38

Thank you so much to all who contributed, particularly in light of the awful situation there.

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.

AFTERNOON TEA

Holy Trinity Church in Oakengates is hosting an Afternoon Tea on Sunday 21st May at 2.30pm, with entertainment being supplied by The Ronnies.

Tickets are £7.50 and available from Gill Hardman on 613798.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be sessions at St Patrick's on 14th and 21st May; and on 11th June through to 16th July.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from 8th to 15th February 2024. A copy of the itinerary, etc. can be found on the diocesan website: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/diocesan-pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-2024/> Any questions regarding the pilgrimage should be directed to Fr David Long: (longdv1@aol.com). See the poster at the back of the church.

HELP FOR HEROES

After the absence caused by the pandemic, the Plough Inn will be holding its annual *Help for Heroes* extravaganza this Sunday, 30th April).

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.

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 weekend's 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!

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW KING AND QUEEN

The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to pray for King Charles and Queen Camilla. There are some prayer cards to be used from next Wednesday to Friday. We are asked to add the prayers to our own personal prayers, praying that our Heavenly Father may sustain them in their duties all the days of their lives.



A MESSAGE FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Can you please pray for and ask your congregations if they might have the space and willingness to host some people from Ukraine? We have two situations that have recently arisen where some Ukrainians are desperately searching for new hosts.

One is a mum with a 17-year-old son. The son will only need accommodation for a few months as he plans to move to Poland this Summer to begin university. The mum speaks fluent English (she is actually our English teacher for our Thursday evening Ukrainian group) and works as a translator for the NHS.

The other Ukrainians are a mum named Iryana with an 8-year-old son. They also speak English and Iryana's sister Kate is currently staying with hosts in Wellington.

If you could please put these requests to your congregations. I am currently hosting a mum and child from Ukraine and would be more than happy to share my experience and try to answer any questions about being a host if anyone should have any. Please feel free to pass my contact details along to anyone who might be interested.

Thanks,
Nick Brooke

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PARISH DIARY

April

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