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7TH MAY 2023

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat	6th	18:15	Kath Gilbert	St Patrick's
Sun	7th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	5th Sunday of Easter	09:00	HM King Charles III	Our Lady's
		11:00	Owen Duffy – SVP Intention	St Patrick's
Mon	8th	Ferial No Mass Today		
Tue	9th	Day of Special Prayer for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse		
		12:00	Cäcilia and Jack Stanton	St Patrick's
Wed	10th	Ferial		
		12:00	Private Intention	Our Lady's
Thur	11th	Ferial		
		19:00	Thomas KC	St Patrick's
Fri	12th	Ferial		
		12:00	Mary Victoriya Cornina	St Patrick's
Sat	13th	Ferial		
Sat	13th	18:15	Deborah Theodore	St Patrick's
Sun	14th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	6th Sunday of Easter	09:00	Holy Communion Mass	Our Lady's
		11:00	Brendan Regan	St Patrick's
		13:00	Baptism – Lexi-Ann Hopkins	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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 6: 1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, "It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word." The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 32

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2: 4-9

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

John 14: 1-12

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 to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus said:

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied." "Have I been with you all this time, Philip," said Jesus to him "and you still do not know me?"

"To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, 'Let us see the Father'?"

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: It is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

"I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father."

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 MAY

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.

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".

Two names were drawn from the hat last week – Daisy Fallon was first, with Tom Rocky Del Rio drawn as reserve.

MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

St Patricks: £ 1,114.00
Our Lady's: £ 359.25

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

SVP Meetings: Next meeting of both groups are at 7pm on Tuesday 16th May

Coffee morning

Please join us for a coffee morning after 11am Mass

Food and Baby Bank

There are food and baby bank boxes at both churches which are emptied regularly by members of SVP.

Translators needed

St Pat's SVP is in need of help from Romanian and Polish speakers. If you can help, please speak to Jane Clarke.

CHAT AND CRAFT

The Chat and Craft Group at St meet 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.

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 in the porch for you to take home. 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.



BINGO

Thank you to all Parishioners who supported the Bingo evening, it raised £250. The proceeds were divided between the Poor Clare Mission in Myanga and Our Lady of the Rosary SVP.

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 Iryna'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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TELFORD INTERFAITH COUNCIL

Since November 2022 we have been providing a "Warm Space" at the Interfaith Community Hub (in partnership and funded by Telford and Wrekin Council), where anyone from the community have been able to come and have a sit down, keep warm, have a hot/cold drink, play some games, and just be amongst others.

This funding has now ceased, however, due to the success and ongoing need, we are raising funds through Crowdfunder and moving forward we will be providing a "Chit-Chat Café" every Thursday 2pm-4pm, where anyone is invited to come for some company and a hot/cold drink.

If you would like to help us by donating to the Crowdfunder project so we can continue this well needed project, please see the attached link:

[Interfaith Community Hub WARM SPACE \(crowdfunder.co.uk\)](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk)

We are trying to hit our target of £10,000 so we can continue this service, please donate or pass on to others that you know to help us achieve this target.

The Chit-Chat Café will be ongoing throughout the year (or until the funding has been used).

GOOD NEWS FROM ST LUKE'S SCHOOL

Miss Evans, HT at St Luke's, is delighted to say that school recently had a Catholic School Inspection which found St Luke's is a good school overall with the Catholic life and mission of the school being graded as outstanding. We were really pleased the inspectors said that our "Mini Vinnies team is an outstanding example of pupils' commitment to care for the most vulnerable" and "The community at St Luke's lives out its commitment to the gospel values that underpin the Catholic life and mission of the school. There is an overwhelming sense of welcome, witnessed by inspectors, and evidenced by the warmth parents from a diversity of cultures and faiths have experienced when joining the school." Thanks also to Fr Alban and Moira for giving time to meet the Inspectors. The full report is available on the school website.



REFLECTIONS ON VATICAN II

Thank you to the many people who have been in touch to say how helpful they find the reflections on Vatican II. We continue Part III On The Church by asking the question: 'Who is the Church?' The Council's answer is given in *Lumen Gentium* Chaps 1 and 2, taken together.

The relevant podcast and handout are now available in the "News and Events" section of the diocesan website at [dioceseofshrewsbury.org](https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org). A leaflet outlining the content of all of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you have difficulty accessing this material or have questions and reflections, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara via E: barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or T: 07730 526821.

PARISH DIARY

May

- 7th Refreshments after Mass
- 11th LMAC Meeting (*Postponed*)
- 13th Polish First Communion Celebration
- 14th Our Lady's First Communions
Baptism of Lexi-Ann Hopkins
SVP Conference at OLOR
- 18th The Ascension of the Lord
- 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
- 9th Diamond Anniversary (60th) of Fr Joe's Ordination to the Priesthood.