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Our Lady of the Rosary

14TH MAY 2023

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thursday is the Feast of The Ascension – a Holyday of Obligation – Do note the times of Masses

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	First Holy Communion Mass	Our Lady's
		11:00	Brendan Regan	St Patrick's
		13:00	Baptism – Lexi-Ann Hopkins	St Patrick's
Mon	15th	Ferial No Mass Today		
Tue	16th	Ferial 12:00 CWL Mass followed by CWL meeting		St Patrick's
Wed	17th	Ferial 12:00 Private Intention		Our Lady's
Wed	17th	18:00	Intentions of Parishioners	Our Lady's
Thur	18th	12:00	Martin Gallagher	St Patrick's
		18:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
The Ascension of the Lord				
Fri	19th	St Milburga, Abbess 12:00 Pat Campbell		St Patrick's
Sat	20th	Ferial		
		10:00	First Holy Communion Mass	St Patrick's
		14:00	First Holy Communion Mass	St Patrick's
Sat	20th	18:15	Thomas Joseph Anniversary	St Patrick's
Sun	21st	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		09:00	Mrs Vince Williams	Our Lady's
		11:00	Dick Mills & Joe Doyle	St Patrick's
		13:00	Baptism – Arleen Sharlet	St Patrick's

CONFESSIONS

Heard by Appointment

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 65

Response: **Cry out with joy to God
all the earth.**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: "How tremendous your
deeds!" **R/**
2. "Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!"
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R/**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R/**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my
prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R/**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3: 15-18

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to

suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him."

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

John 14: 5 -21

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:

"If you love me
you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world
will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day you will understand
that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments
and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me
will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

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

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.

CONFIRMATIONS

The programme has now commenced.

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

HOLY COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to the young people receiving Holy Communion for the First time this week:

At Our Lady's on Sunday:

Flynn Atkin-Brown
Bright Bertrand
Henryk Blat
Janina Blat
Marek Talkowski
Summer Hicklin
Nikita Kinchley
Emma-Louise Roberts
Aleksander Kitlas
Antoni Kitlas

On Saturday at St Patrick's

Brooke Afreh
Carmen Afreh
Julia Badura
Dominik Soldyga
Barbara Gajkowska
Joshua Gilski
Isabella Harris
Gabriel Karunanayaka
Nathan Karszewski
Victoria Krawczyk
Jessica Matusz
Dorian Niemierowski
Sandra Rycombel
Ariana Breeze
Szymon Dudzinski
Isla Grewal
Eliza Gudek
Cheska Tortor
Nicol Latusek
Amelia Lewandowska
Zuzanna Piszczek
Alexander Rotowski
Sophie Sass
Beatrice Booth
Alicia Sewastianowicz
Jan Jacyszyn
Tymon Jacyszyn

MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

St Patricks: £ 1,115.00
Our Lady's: £ 386.25

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

There are a few sets of unclaimed envelopes in the porch. Standing order and Gift Aid forms are available from the information points.

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".

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.

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](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/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. A leaflet outlining the content of all 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 email at barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or you can phone: 07730 526821.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

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

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20s & 30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life

Dates: 26-28 May 2023

Location: Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit their website at www.fcjsisters.org

CHAT AND CRAFT

The Chat and Craft Group at St Patrick's 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.

PARISH DIARY

May

- 14th Our Lady's First Communions
Baptism of Lexi-Ann Hopkins
SVP Conference at OLOR
- 18th The Ascension of the Lord
- 20th Two St Patrick's First Communion Masses
- 21st Baptism of Arleen Sharlet
- 28th Pentecost Sunday
2 Holy Communions at 11am Mass.
- 29th Spring Bank Holiday

June

- 4th Trinity Sunday
Baptism of Matêj 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.

- 18th Baptism
- 25th Baptism
- 29th Feast of SS Peter & Paul – a Holy Day

July

- 19th St Luke's School Leavers Mass
- 21st End of School Year