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21ST MAY 2023

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat	20th	18:15	Thomas Joseph Anniversary	St Patrick's
Sun	21st	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
7th Sunday of Easter		09:00	Mrs Vince Williams	Our Lady's
		11:00	Dick Mills & Joe Doyle	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism – Arleen Sharlet	St Patrick's
Mon	22nd	The Dedication of the Cathedral No Mass Today		
Tue	23rd	Ferial 12:00	Patrick Carolan RIP	St Patrick's
Wed	24th	Our Lady Help of Christians, Principal Patron of the Diocese 12:00 Donie and Mary Bergin		Our Lady's
Thurs	25th	St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Religious & Doctor of the Church 14:00 St Luke's School Mass		Our Lady's
Fri	26th	St Phillip Neri, Presbyter 12:00 Graham Stelmach		St Patrick's
Sat	27th	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop & Religious Missionary		
Sat	27th	18:15	Maria Sterlini Anniversary	St Patrick's
Sun	28th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Pentecost Sunday		09:00	Thanksgiving to Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady's
		11:00	Eileen Mary Gorman	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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 1: 12-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

After Jesus was taken up into heaven, the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 26

**Response: I am sure I shall see the Lord's
goodness in the land of
the living.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R/**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **R/**
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
"Seek his face". **R/**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 4: 13-16

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

John 17: 1-11

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

"Father, the hour has come:

glorify your Son

so that your Son may glorify you;

and, through the power over all mankind that you

have given him,

let him give eternal life to all those you have

entrusted to him.

And eternal life is this:

to know you,

the only true God,

and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I have glorified you on earth

and finished the work

that you gave me to do.

Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me

with that glory I had with you

before ever the world was.

I have made your name known

to the men you took from the world to give me.

They were yours and you gave them to me,

and they have kept your word.

Now at last they know

that all you have given me comes indeed from

you;

for I have given them

the teaching you gave to me,

and they have truly accepted this,

that I came from you,

and have believed that it was you who sent me.

I pray for them;

I am not praying for the world

but for those you have given me,

because they belong to you:

all I have is yours

and all you have is mine,

and in them I am glorified.

I am not in the world any longer,

but they are in the world,

and I am coming to you."

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.

CONFIRMATIONS

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

MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

St Patricks: £ 1129.00

Our Lady's: £ 411.25

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.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

SVP Meetings: Next meetings are at St Patrick's on May 30th and Our Lady's on June 6th.

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.

FAMILY MASS

There is a Family Mass on July 2nd.

Please let Moira or Mrs Alcock know if you would like to take an active part in the Mass. (Welcoming, Reading, serving, offertory)

FAITH AT 4PM at HTA

The 4pm Service at Holy Trinity Academy, Teece Drive, Priorslee on Sunday 28th May will celebrate Pentecost. As this is their Community Service, Rev'd Debbie extends a warm welcome to all who wish to attend.

MONTHLY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

This month's Ecumenical service will be held at Holy Trinity Oakengates at 7pm on Tuesday 30th May. The theme will be The Spirit of God.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM ST LUKE'S SCHOOL

Our children had a wonderful celebration of their First Holy Communion last Sunday. All were made very welcome by parishioners, and we wanted to thank Fr Alban for leading our service.

However, we also wanted to say a big thank you to our Parish Catechist, Moira, who has supported and guided our children through their preparation for this most important sacrament.

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).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

CHAT AND CRAFT

Unfortunately, due to lack of support, the Chat and Craft group at St Patrick's has had to discontinue. We thank the organisers for their efforts.

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.

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

CLEANING TEAMS

Both churches need volunteer cleaners. If you can spare an hour or two less than once a month please put your name on the list in the porch.

If you have a preferred day to clean please indicate that on the list and we can make up teams to make the task easier for all.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

This Sunday is a strange day in the Church's calendar. We have already celebrated on Thursday the Ascension of Christ to heaven and now we are left in a limbo, waiting patiently for the promise of the Holy Spirit. It is a "calm before the storm" Sunday. As we await the coming of Pentecost we are invited to centre our lives once more on Christ and to remove from our hearts anything that will prevent the Spirit from showing us God's glory.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST BEDE Most of Bede's life was spent in the north-east of England at the monastery of Jarrow. Even during his lifetime Bede was honoured with the title "The Venerable" and when he died his tombstone, on view today in Durham Cathedral, bore a latin rhyming verse which proclaims "In this grave lie the bones of Bede the Venerable". He had an encyclopaedic knowledge and when he died in the mid-eighth century he had produced his most famous work on the history of the English Church and people.

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Did you know that there are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit? You can see them here, but they are hidden among other words. Can you circle the real gifts?

WISDOM	WILD	WORMS
UMBRELLA	UNCLE	UNDERSTANDING
JOINER	JUDGEMENT	JUSTICE
REVERENCE	REFEREE	REPLICA
COFFEE	COBWEB	COURAGE
KNEECAP	KNOWLEDGE	KNIGHT
FRESCO	FRIENDSHIP	FEAR OF THE LORD

PARISH DIARY

May
21st **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Baptism of Arleen Sharlet

28th **Pentecost Sunday**
2 Holy Communions at 11am Mass.
Spring Bank Holiday

29th

June
4th **Trinity Sunday**
Coffees after 11am Mass
Baptism of Matěj Edel
Celebration of Confirmation at Cathedral

9th **Diamond Anniversary (60th) of Fr Joe's Ordination to the Priesthood.**

11th **Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ**

18th **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

25th **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Baptism – Lilly Plutake

29th **Feast of SS Peter & Paul – a Holy Day**

July
2nd **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Family Masses
Teas & Coffees after 11am Mass

9th **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

16th **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

19th **St Luke's School Leavers Mass**

21st **End of School Year**

22nd **Wedding – Stephen Beck & Karolina Kowalczyk**

23rd **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

27th **Lourdes Pilgrimage departs**

30th **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

August
4th **Lourdes Pilgrimage returns**