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Our Lady of the Rosary

9TH JULY 2023

THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	8th	18:15	Joyce Mary Whittle	St Patrick's
Sun	9th		No Mass in Polish this Sunday	
	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	Elizabeth Mulroney	Our Lady's
		11:00	Ken Brothwood, RIP	St Patrick's
Mon	10th	Ferial No Mass Today		
Tue	11th	St Benedict, Abbot & Religious Founder 12:00 Geraldine Moruzzi		St Patrick's
Wed	12th	Ferial 12:00 Joseph Chacko 10 th Anniversary 14:30 Funeral Service for David James		Our Lady's Telford Crematorium
Thurs	13th	Ferial 19:00 Intentions of the Perera Family		St Patrick's
Fri	14th	Ferial 12:00 Rose Douglas		St Patrick's
Sat	15th	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church		
Sat	15th	18:15	Deborah Theodore	St Patrick's
Sun	16th		No Mass in Polish this Sunday	
	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	Francis Bayley Anniversary	Our Lady's
		11:00	Jose Pattiyal	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 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9: 9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah.

The Lord says this:

“Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.”

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 144

**Response: I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **R/**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R/**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R/**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **R/**

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you.

In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but

if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

R/ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus exclaimed, “I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children.

Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

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. Pray especially for **Elizabeth Mulroy**, mother of Liz Buttery; **David James** of Wellington (funeral 12 July) and **Wasył Karpenko** (funeral 25 July) who have died.

POLISH MASSES

There will be no Polish Sunday Mass 16th July nor on 6th and 13th August. We expect the English Masses on those weekends will be busier than usual consequently.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM

There will be Children's liturgy sessions during 11am Mass on this Sunday and next, then we take a break for the summer.

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

As restrictions are being lifted the Church now feels that we can return to the practice of receiving communion from the chalice – the precious blood of Christ. In early September ministers will once again assist with communion. Proper hygiene precautions will of course be exercised. Further instruction will follow.

Week-day liturgies will resume the practice in August.

It is assumed that current Ministers will continue in the role. Anyone who would like to become an extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist should add their name to the list on the notice board. Anybody who is Confirmed can be trained for this Ministry. New rotas will be prepared in time for September.

MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

St Patricks: £ 1,186.00
Our Lady's: £ 385.25

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

If you would like to make a regular contribution via envelopes or standing-order please contact Moira in the Parish Office.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP 10+



The newly-formed Friendship Group will meet for pizza and games in the St Patrick's Meeting

Room on Sunday, 16th July from 5-6pm.

If you missed the information meeting, you'll still be very welcome, but it would be good to know that you're planning on coming. Ring or message Carol on 07722 708402.

MASS OFFERINGS

There are special envelopes at both our churches for use when you would like Mass offered for a person or a particular intention. We aim to celebrate the Mass in the church from which they originated. Please give us as much notice as possible (at least two weeks for a Sunday Mass).

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR SEAN HENRY

Fr Sean was Ordained to the priesthood in the Cathedral last Friday.

There are two other ordinations, for the Dominican Order and the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest respectively. We look forward at the end of this summer to having two new candidates beginning their formation.

TELFORD IN LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes departs at the end of July. If you want pilgrims to take your Prayer Intentions to the Grotto, please use one of the white envelopes to enclose your Intentions and pop it into the gold box in the church porch. If you want to contribute towards the cost of the large candle that will be left burning near the Grotto, please place your contribution in one of the small brown envelopes and place it in the gold box. Thank you.



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.

REFLECTIONS ON VATICAN II

We continue our reflections on **Vatican II, in Part III – *On the Church***. This time, we ask the question: **'Why is the Church?'** *Why does she exist...?* The Council's answer is that her mission is to call all people of all times to holiness, which is why she must evangelise. What this means for us is given in ***Lumen Gentium* Chaps 5 and 6**, taken together. The **Podcast No.9** and its **handout** are now available on the diocesan website at dioceseofshrewsbury.org/ in the section on **'News and Events'**.

If you have difficulty accessing this material or have questions and reflections, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara Davies via her email: barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or you can call her on 07730 526821.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

Our Lady's Conference

- Last meeting before the summer break will be Tuesday, 18th July at 7pm.

St Patrick's Conference

- **Household need**
St Patrick's SVP are appealing for an under-counter freezer for a local family. If you can help, please ring 07956 072534 or let one of the SVP members know.
- **Food and Baby Bank**
There are food and baby bank boxes at both churches which are emptied regularly by members of SVP.
- Our next meeting is on 25th July.

Thank you for your continued support.

REFRESHMENTS AT OUR LADY'S

Each Sunday teas, coffee and delicious biscuits are served following 9am Mass at Our Lady's, proceeds go directly to SVP, who serve local needs.

Please stay after Mass, have a cuppa with your church family and help build community.

We are looking for more volunteers to help serve in this worthy ministry. Please speak to Rita/Trish or email ritaw18@hotmail.com if you are able to help.

CALLING ALL THOSE RECENTLY CONFIRMED

Again, we congratulate all those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation a few weeks ago at the Cathedral.

The parish has Confirmation Certificates available for them. If you have not already collected your certificate, please have a word with Fr Alban or with Moira in the Parish Office (01952 242423).

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.

PARKING AT ST PATRICK'S

Last Sunday morning traffic enforcement officers issued fixed penalty notices to cars parked on the pavement outside St Patrick's. If our own car parks are full, please use the Train Station Car Park if you are able to walk that short distance, so that those who are less able can use the church car park.

There is a CCTV camera on the lamp post just before the railway station roundabout. The camera is obviously monitored, even on a Sunday morning! You have been warned!

GREEN ENERGY AND CARBON FOOTPRINT

The electricity which will be supplied from 1st July is from wholly renewable sources, namely wind, wave and solar. This means that we are living out what Pope Francis called us to in '*Laudato Si'*', in minimising our impact on the Earth's resources in how our power is generated, and contributes significantly to lowering the carbon footprint of the Diocese.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

When you enter a church no one expects you to leave your brain at the front door. But today's gospel is a reminder that faith is not something for clever people who can argue the finer points of theology. Jesus's promise is for anyone whose heart is open enough to listen to what God is saying.

SAINT BENEDICT

Benedict is one of the patron saints of Europe. He was born in Nursia, northern Italy, of a noble family. In his earlier years he went off to be a hermit in a cave near Subiaco. He gathered disciples and founded a monastery at Monte Cassino. The monks lived a shared life, everyone working but no one owning possessions. Their motto became "*Ora et Labora*" ("Pray and Work"). Benedict wrote a guide to living as a monk which was called the Rule of Life. After his death in 547 others used his Rule to regulate their own communities, thus earning him the title of "Father of Western Monasticism".

We celebrate his memory and feast-day on Tuesday of this week.

PARISH DIARY

July

- 9th **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
12th Funeral – David James
16th **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Friendship group meets at St Patrick's
St Luke's School Leavers Mass
19th End of School Year
21st Wedding – Stephen Beck
22nd & Karolina Kowalczyk
23rd **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
25th Funeral – Wasyl (Basil) Karpenko
27th Lourdes Pilgrimage departs
30th **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Baptism – Faolán Ryan

August

- 4th Lourdes Pilgrimage returns
6th **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
8th Wedding – Jack Farthing & Lacie Cummings
13th **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
15th **The Assumption of the BVM – Holy Day**
20th **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
25th Wedding – Dean Aldridge & Katie Sixsmith