



St. Patrick

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Our Lady of the Rosary

16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MASS TIME ON WEDNESDAY

Sat	15th	18:15	Deborah Theodore	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	16th		<b>No Mass in Polish this Sunday</b>	
	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	09:00	Francis Bayley Anniversary	<i>Our Lady's</i>
		11:00	Jose Pattiyal	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Mon	17th	<b>Ferial</b>	<i>No Mass Today</i>	
Tue	18th	<b>Ferial</b>	12:00 Norah and Richard Kavanagh and also CWL Intentions	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Wed	19th	<b>St John Plessington, Priest and Martyr</b>	<b>14:00</b> Leavers' Mass with St Luke's School (parishioners welcome)	<i>Our Lady's</i>
Thurs	20th	<b>Ferial</b>	19:00 In Thanksgiving for our Family	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Fri	21st	<b>Ferial</b>	12:00 Naomi and Josh Daly	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sat	22nd	<b>St Mary Magdalene, Disciple of The Lord</b>	14:00 Wedding of Stephen Beck & Karolina Kowalczyk	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sat	22nd	18:15	Fr Joe's Intentions	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	23rd	08:45	Mass in Polish	<i>St Patrick's</i>
	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	09:00	John Craig RIP	<i>Our Lady's</i>
		11:00	Dick Mills and Joe Doyle	<i>St Patrick's</i>

## 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 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 55: 10-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: "Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do."

The word of the Lord.

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 64*

**Response: Some seed fell into rich soil,  
and produced its crop.**

1. You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain. **R/**
2. And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth. **R/**
3. You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R/**
4. The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R/**

### SECOND READING

*Romans 8: 18-23*

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

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

**R/ Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the message of eternal life.**

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 13: 1-9*

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, "Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R/ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### HAS ANYBODY SEEN ... ?

Summer is a great time for coming and going. People arrive back at British airports with canary yellow shorts, carrying a gigantic pink cuddly toy and wearing a purple sombrero hat. Just to let us all know they've been away for two week's in the sun!

Such festivity is great, but it also disrupts the normal social pattern of life and means that we have to be extra vigilant sometimes about our neighbours.

Are there any single people, perhaps elderly, whom we generally look out for, who might not be missed in all the summer upheavals? The man who passes each morning on his way to buy a newspaper, or the woman you usually see at the chemists. It would be easy not to notice their absence in all the commotion of the holiday period.

Why not keep an eye out on your street or road? You never know, someone might just appreciate your concern.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

With the schools closing this week for the summer, lots of parishioners will take holidays. Whether it is days out; another part of this country; or sunny Spain, or even a staycation in Telford, have a wonderful time.

## 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 **Wasył Karpenko** (funeral 25 July) who has died.

## POLISH MASSES

There is no Polish Sunday Mass this Sunday. There will be a Polish Mass on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July, but again, no Polish Mass on 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August. We expect the English Masses on those weekends may be busier than usual.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM

This Sunday is the last Children's liturgy session before the summer break. We will return on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We thank all involved in the liturgy group for their hard work this year.

## 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: £ 1,175.67  
Our Lady's: £ 338.75

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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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).

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Copies of the itinerary can be found in the church porch; or it can be downloaded from 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](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto:barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or you can call her on 07730 526821.

## ST JOHN PLESSINGTON

Born near Blackburn in 1637, he studied for the priesthood in France and Spain. He served at Holywell in north Wales, but was arrested in the Wirral and was martyred in Chester in 1637 by being hanged, drawn and quartered. He was buried in Burton churchyard in the parish of St Winifride's, Neston. He is venerated as being one of our own diocesan martyrs.

## **ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY NEWS**

### **Our Lady's Conference**

- Last meeting before the summer break will be Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.
- Our Lady's SVP wish to thank all those who are supporting the Summer Raffle. There are still a few tickets left. Please return the completed stubs, money and any unsold tickets to the black SVP box or given to Janet or any SVP member.

### **St Patrick's Conference**

- **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ritaw18@hotmail.com) if your 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

No matter how much of a smoke-screen we might make, we cannot prevent God's word from having its effect. We can pretend not to hear it; we can deliberately ignore what it tells us to do; or we can put off listening until tomorrow. But the word is always present to convict, uphold, confirm or encourage us. How will we hear it today?

### **HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY**

The school has recently had an OFSTED report and has been granted a "good" category.

"There is a culture of care and respect at Holy Trinity Academy where everyone is valued for who they are. In their "prayer and liturgy" worship time, pupils from all year groups come together in an act of collective spirituality that is inclusive of all, whatever their faith or personal beliefs. Pupils talk with respect and understanding about diversity and difference."

Well done to all pupils, staff and governors for this achievement. Special thanks to Mark Anderson, who has come to the end of his term as Chair of Governors and is stepping down as a Governor. Thanks to him for the many years of service that he has given both at BRJ and Holy Trinity.

### **PARISH DIARY**

#### **July**

- 16<sup>th</sup> **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Friendship group meets at St Patrick's  
18<sup>th</sup> CWL Mass with meeting following.  
19<sup>th</sup> St Luke's School Leavers Mass  
21<sup>st</sup> End of School Year  
22<sup>nd</sup> Wedding – Stephen Beck  
& Karolina Kowalczyk  
23<sup>rd</sup> **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
25<sup>th</sup> Funeral – Wasyl (Basil) Karpenko  
27<sup>th</sup> Lourdes Pilgrimage departs  
Pre-Departure Mass at 10.15am  
30<sup>th</sup> **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Baptism – Faolán Ryan

#### **August**

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