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23RD JULY 2023

THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	22nd	18:15	Fr Joe's Intentions	St Patrick's
Sun	23rd	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	John Craig RIP	Our Lady's
		11:00	Dick Mills and Joe Doyle	St Patrick's
Mon	24th	Ferial No Mass Today		
Tue	25th	St James, Apostle 10:00 Funeral Service for Wasyl Karpenko		St Patrick's
Wed	26th	Ss Joachim & Ann, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:30 Pre-Departure Mass for Youth Lourdes Pilgrimage 12:00 Private Intention		St Patrick's Our Lady's
Thurs	27th	Ferial 10:15 Pre-Departure Mass for Over-land Lourdes Pilgrimage		St Patrick's
Fri	28th	Ferial No Mass today (Deanery Meeting)		
Sat	29th	Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus		
Sat	29th	18:15	Kaitlyn Hope	St Patrick's
Sun	30th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	Antony Mathew 30 th Anniversary	Our Lady's
		11:00	Derick and Victoria	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism - Faolán Ryan	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>

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Items for inclusion in the newsletter should be received by Wednesday afternoon.

THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Wisdom: 12-13, 16-19

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 85

**Response: O Lord,
you are good and forgiving.**

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R/**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R/**
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R/**

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 26-27

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

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 24-43

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servant went to him and said, 'Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?' 'Some enemy has done this,' he answered. And the servant said, 'Do you want us to go and weed it out?' But he said, 'No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

SS – STOP PRESS – STOP PRESS – STOP PRESS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER

SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School, Newport (*St Luke's sister school in the Our Blessed Saints School Federation*) is seeking to appoint a highly motivated, dedicated, and inspirational Deputy Headteacher who can support the Headteacher in leading the school to the next stage on its exciting journey. Governors invite applications from practicing Catholic teachers.

For further information please see the school website:
<https://sspeterandpaulcatholicprimary.org.uk/team/employment-opportunities>

The closing date for completed applications is 4.00pm on Friday, 15th September 2023. Interviews will be held week commencing 18th September.

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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. We pray especially for **Wasył Karpenko** (funeral on Tuesday).

Our prayerful congratulations go to **Steven Beck** and **Karolina Kowalczyk** who were married here yesterday (Saturday).

POLISH MASSES

There will be a Polish Mass this Sunday and next Sunday, but not on 6th and 13th August. We expect the English Masses on those weekends may be busier than usual.

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 extraordinary 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:	£ 1,228.25
Our Lady's:	£ 398.00

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.

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).

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/](https://www.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.

TELFORD IN LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes departs this Thursday. 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.



During their time in Lourdes pilgrims will keep in prayer the following intentions: you may want to keep them as well:

- For Pope Francis and the youth of the world, including our Shrewsbury pilgrims gathered in Lisbon for World Youth Day 2023.
- For all our fellow pilgrims who come to Lourdes, that we may sincerely respond to Our Lady's call to prayer, repentance, service of the frailest and renewed Eucharistic faith and love.
- For the peace of the world which Pope Francis repeatedly invites us to entrust to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- For the New Evangelisation of our country where so many no longer know Christ or the hope of the Gospel.
- For all Christian vocations, especially to marriage, to the priesthood and diaconate and to the consecrated life.

Bishop Mark has been invited to preside at the International Mass on Sunday, July 30th in the Basilica of St. Pius X at 8.30am UK time. The Diocese will also be celebrating Mass at the Grotto of Lourdes on Monday, 31st July at 8.00am UK time. These can both be watched livestream from the Lourdes Shrine website on <https://www.lourdesfrance.org/en/tv-lourdes/> On the same website the Blessed Sacrament Procession is broadcast each day live at 4.00pm (UK time); and the Torchlight Procession at 8.00pm (UK time) each day.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from 8th to 15th 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). See the poster at the back of the church.

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 your able to help.

CLERGY MOVES

Across the diocese various priests will be on the move during the summer.

After eighteen years as parish priest at Wellington (and more recently also as parish priest at Trench) and having reached the age of 75 years, **Fr Alban** is retiring this summer. He will live in Trench, where he can be of help to the local priests and parishes. His place will be taken by **Fr Ravi Bosco**, who is currently the parish priest of The Divine Saviour Parish in Runcorn – a large parish which serves three churches and three primary schools.

Fr Tony Elder, who was parish priest at St Paul's in Dawley some years ago, will also be retiring this summer.

Please keep them, and the other priests who will be moving this summer, in your prayers.

The moves take place at the start of September.

LOURDES PRE-DEPARTURE MASSES

The diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes begins this week. On Wednesday the diocesan Youth Pilgrims embark on their journey. They will be joining the pilgrimage as helpers to the sick and the disabled. Before they leave the diocese, they will stop-off at St Patrick's Church for a pre-Departure Mass on Wednesday at 9.30am.

On Thursday the pilgrims who will be travelling by coach for Lourdes depart. The Shropshire pilgrims will gather at St Patrick's Church from where their coach is scheduled to leave at 11.30am. There will be a special pre-Departure Mass at St Patrick's at 10.15am.

Parishioners are welcome to join in those Masses.

On Friday those who are flying to Lourdes will depart from Liverpool Airport.

I'm sure we all wish them safe journeys, and a truly blessed Pilgrimage. We ask them to pray for all of us, as we will keep them in prayer.

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.

SCHOOL'S OUT!

Having reached the end of the School Year, we thank all pupils and students; teachers and staff; parents and governors for all you have achieved this year.

Have a wonderful summer break and enjoy yourselves. Try and do a thousand-and-one exciting things!

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY NEWS Our Lady's Conference

- 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.
- Teas and Coffees will be served after 11am Mass on Sunday 6th August. Donations of cakes and biscuits are welcome.
- Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 25th July.

Thank you for your continued support.

PARKING AT ST PATRICK'S

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.

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.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The Pope has marked the Third World Day for Grandparents and the elderly with a special message. Copies are available from the church porch or on-line from: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20230531-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

PARISH DIARY

July

- 23rd **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Funeral – Wasyl (Basil) Karpenko
- 25th Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage departs.
Pre-Departure Mass at 9.30am
- 26th Lourdes Pilgrimage departs
Pre-Departure Mass at 10.15am
- 27th **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
- 27th 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 28th Bank Holiday