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13TH AUGUST 2023

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	12th	18:15	Catherine Ebele	St Patrick's
Sun	13th	08:45	No Mass in Polish Today	
	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	Joyce Mary Whittle	Our Lady's
		11:00	Luciano Perera	St Patrick's
Mon	14th	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr		
		19:00	Vigil Mass for the Assumption	St Patrick's
Tue	15th	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holyday of Obligation		
		12:00	Joe Walker RIP	St Patrick's
		12:00		St Mary's, Madeley
		18:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Wed	16th	Ferial		
		12:00	Fr Joe's Intentions	Our Lady's
Thurs	17th	Ferial		
		19:00	Margaret Godbert RIP	St Patrick's
Fri	18th	Ferial		
		12:00	Andrew Henley RIP	St Patrick's
Sat	19th	Ferial		
Sat	19th	18:15	Carol Morgan and Family	St Patrick's
Sun	20th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	In Thanksgiving Francis & Molly	Our Lady's
		11:00	Anne Bizazza	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 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

A reading from the first book of the Kings.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord." Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 84

Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R/**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R/**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R/**

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-19

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

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ — it is the truth — my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." It was Peter who answered. "Lord," he said, "if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water." "Come," said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. "Lord! Save me!" he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. "Man of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, "Truly, you are the Son of God".

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially **Hugh Lowery** (Funeral Service on 29th August); all who are mourning the death of a loved one; and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

POLISH MASSES

There is no Polish Mass today. We expect the English Masses 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 – from Tuesday, 1st 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: £ 1,261.00
Our Lady's: £ 363.00

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).

PARKING AT ST PATRICK'S

Traffic wardens were out in force again last Sunday. 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.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - Holyday

Tuesday of this week is the Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is a Vigil Mass on Monday at 7pm and Masses at Midday in St Patrick's Church, and also at St Mary's, Madeley, as well as a Mass in Polish at 6.00pm.

CHARISMATIC RETREAT

13th-15th October at Loreto Convent, in Llandudno. *"They recognised Him at the breaking of bread"* Luke 24:35. Contact Rita Wilkinson 07803 281971. Cost £164.

CLERGY MOVES

After eighteen years as Parish Priest serving the parishes in north Telford, **Fr Alban Greenwood** 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 one of the parish priests in Runcorn.

Fr. John Britto is taking leave of absence from Shifnal and Albrighton.

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.

WINTER BREAK

Cornwall – Kilbirnie Hotel – Newquay

Twin/double £449 Single £495

November 6th to 10th

*Book directly with Jones Travel.
Quoting "Good Shepherd - Turkey and Tinsel Trip"*

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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.
- Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 22nd August.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: 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.

TEACHING ASSISTANT

The Governors of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School are seeking to appoint a Teaching Assistant for a fixed term period (until 31 August 2024). This will be to enable access to learning for pupils and to assist teachers in the management of pupils and the classroom.

Teaching Assistant – St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
32 hours per week; Required to 31st August 2024

The closing date for completed applications is 2.00pm on Friday, 15th September 2023.

For further details please visit:

<https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/169262/teaching-assistant-st-patrick-s-catholic-primary-school/>

KEEPING THE GRAY CELLS GOING

Fr Alban enjoys doing jigsaws when he gets a chance to watch television in the evenings. He has quite lots of jigsaw puzzles up in the attic. There are a number of boxes in the church porch. If you are a fan – please help yourself. If you wish to make a donation, please give to the SVP. All the puzzle-pieces are in the box. Enjoy your winter evenings!

ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH FAYRE

Saturday, 26th August 2.00pm. All welcome. In the grounds of St. Mary's Church, Shifnal.



CAFOD IS RECRUITING!

Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, by working to overcome poverty and injustice?

Could you work for CAFOD within the Diocese of Shrewsbury and the Archdiocese of Birmingham? Are you good at inspiring and working with volunteers?

Then you might like to become our Community Participation Coordinator.

Use the following link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested: <https://cafod.org.uk/work-with-us>

Closing date 13th August 2023 or contact John Woods via jwoods@cafod.org.uk

LOURDES WATER

Our recently returned Pilgrims from Lourdes have sent us a number of photos displayed in the church porch (others may yet be added). They have also brought back some Lourdes Water which is now available in the church porch. If you don't have your own small bottle, they can be obtained from the piety stall.

A-LEVEL RESULTS

On Thursday of this week many of our young people will be receiving examination results. Do keep them in your prayers, and their parents and family members at this anxious time for them. We pray that their results will reflect the hard work they have done over the two years of study.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from 8th to 15th February 2024. Further details can be obtained from web-site:

<https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/diocesan-pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-2024/>

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES

There are still a few Confirmation Certificates that need to be collected. Please ask Father or call at the office any weekday morning to collect yours.

PARISH DIARY

August

- 13th 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 15th The Assumption of the BVM – Holy Day
- 17th A-Level Results Day
- 20th 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 24th GCSE Results Day
- 25th Wedding – Dean Aldridge & Katie Sixsmith
- 26th Baptism – Aleksander Chlopecki
- 27th 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 28th Bank Holiday