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Our Lady of the Rosary

20TH AUGUST 2023

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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
Mon	21st	St Pius X, Pope No Mass Today		
Tue	22nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12:00 DRF Mosé D'Ambrosio		St Patrick's
Wed	23rd	Ferial 12:00 T M Chacko Anniversary		Our Lady's
Thurs	24th	St Bartholomew, Apostle 19:00 Fred Rebello		St Patrick's
Fri	25th	St Thomas of Hereford, Bishop 12:30 Wedding Mass for Dean Aldridge and Katie Sixsmith		St Patrick's
Sat	26th	Ferial 13:00 <i>Baptism - Aleksander Chlopecki</i>		St Patrick's
Sat	26th	18:15	Jones Leitan Anniversary	St Patrick's
Sun	27th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time		09:00	Alphonsa Joseph Anniversary	Our Lady's
		11:00	Thanks to St Jude	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 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants — all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant — these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66

**Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R/**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R/**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R/**

SECOND READING *Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32*

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

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now — and only because of the mercy shown to you — will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 15: 21-28

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 Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, "Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil." But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. "Give her what she wants," they said, "because she is shouting after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel." But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. "Lord," she said, "help me." He replied, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs." She retorted, "Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted." And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Woman, you have great faith

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.

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.

Week-day liturgies have resumed the practice.

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.

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.

MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

St Patricks: £ 1,084.35
Our Lady's: £ 356.50

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).

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.

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.

PARKING AT ST PATRICK'S

Traffic Wardens patrol regularly around Wellington.

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.

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/>

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.

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"

01352 733292

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 by next weekend.

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

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.

KEYHOLDERS

Moira is looking at who has access to our buildings. If you have a key or keys to access either church, can you please let Moira know on 242423. Or email ccntelford@gmail.com

**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/>

HOUSEKEEPER

A vacancy has arisen for a Housekeeper/Cleaner at Shrewsbury Cathedral to work for 25 hours per week. Rate of pay: £11 to £12.50 per hour depending on experience. CV's should be sent to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Closing date 8 September 2023. Further details can be found via the Diocesan website

<https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

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.

GCSE 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 last few years of study.

ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH FAYRE

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

YOUNG PEOPLE

The Friendship group for children aged 10-14 will meet on Sunday, 10th September and thereafter on 2nd Sunday of each month. Please contact any of the leaders if your child would like to join in (Carol can be contacted on 07722 708402).

Children's Liturgy sessions will resume again from 10th September during 11am Mass.

THANKS TO OUR SRI-LANKAN COMMUNITY

After last Thursday's evening Mass, the Meeting Room was transformed as the members of the Sri-Lankan community in our parishes laid out a splendid feast. Families young and old gathered to mark the retirement of Fr Alban – there was lots of chat and laughter – and all the food was eaten!

Fr Alban thanked them for all that the community does for the work of the parish. Thank-you cards were presented, as was a very generous presentation to Fr Alban.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The playful and witty banter between Jesus and the Canaanite woman in today's gospel shows her to be a woman not only of faith but of shrewdness. Although she pretends to "know her place", she succeeds nicely in appealing to Jesus's sensitivities, and is rewarded not for her clever words but for her persistent faith. Jesus then holds her up as an example to follow.

PARISH DIARY

August

- 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**
Fr Alban's last weekend.
Tea & Coffee after 11am Mass
- 28th Bank Holiday
- 29th Service of Committal for Hugh Lowery

September

- 3rd **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Father Ravi's first weekend.
Tea & Coffee after 11am Mass.
- 10th **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Children's Liturgy resumes
Tombola for Myanga after St Pat's Masses
Friendship group meets
- 15th St Patrick's School Mass
- 17th **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 24th **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**