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1ST OCTOBER 2023

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	30th	18:15	Brian Broderick and Brenda & Dave McDermott Intention	St Patrick's
Sun	1st	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time		09:00	Parishioners (Family Mass)	Our Lady's
		11:00	Felipa da Silva RIP (Family Mass)	St Patrick's
Mon	2nd	Guardian Angels No Mass Today		
Tue	3rd	Ferial 12:00	Paul Butler	St Patrick's
Wed	4th	St Francis of Assisi, Religious Founder 12:00 Private Intention		Our Lady's
Thurs	5th	St Maria Faustina (Helena) Kowalska, Virgin 19:00 Joyce Whittle		St Patrick's
Fri	6th	CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY		
		12:00	Norah Lynch 90 th Birthday	St Patrick's
		18:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Sat	7th	Our Lady of the Rosary		
Sat	7th	18:15	Deborah Theodore	St Patrick's
Sun	8th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		09:00	Parishioners	Our Lady's
		11:00	Michael O'Reilly 10yrs Anniversary	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism – Samuel Nunes	St Patrick's

CONFESSIONS

Heard by Appointment

DATA PROTECTION PRIVACY NOTICE

Our two parishes sometimes collect personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary and used by the Parish/Diocese for the benefit of the Parish and for legitimate reasons such as administrative and religious purposes. You can read our full privacy notice at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice

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Safeguarding: Parish: Moira Shrimpton 07540 723614; Diocese: Andrew O'Brien 0151 652 9855.

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 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings taken from a Children's version of the Liturgy will be used for Sunday morning Masses. (handouts available)

FIRST READING *Ezekiel 18:25-28*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "You object, 'What the Lord does is unjust.' Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die."

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 24*

Response: Remember your mercy, Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R/**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R/**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R/**

SECOND READING *Philippians 2: 1-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself,

so that nobody thinks of his own interest first but everybody thinks of other people's interest instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 21: 28-32*

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, 'My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not go,' but after-wards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, 'Certainly sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?" "The first," they said. Jesus said to them, "I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him."

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.

PARISH CONVERSATIONS

As we accompany the universal church in her synodal journey, we aim to 'walk together' with others in our common journey of faith, hope and love.

All are invited to our parish conversations, to be held next month, to listen to each other, learn from one another, discern God's will for our communities and celebrate the movement of the Spirit amongst us.

Theme: Faith-formation, Faith Celebration and Faith-Action

St Patrick's: Tuesday, 10 October, 12.30pm and 7pm. OLOR & SL: Wednesday, 11 October, 12.30pm and 7pm.

Theme: Maintenance and Administration

St Patrick's: Tuesday, 17 October, 12.30pm and 7pm OLOR & SL: Wednesday, 18 October, 12.30pm and 7pm.

These meetings are scheduled for the daytime and the evenings to enable more people to participate in our conversation. All are welcome.

SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS

Fr Ravi will be available 30 minutes before every mass to celebrate the sacrament (confessions).

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

We thank all those who regularly visit and pray with our sick/ housebound in their homes/care homes. Fr Ravi is available every Thursday to visit parishioners at home or to accompany those who visit. It is important that prior consent is necessary from those being visited and/or their next of kin. Fr Ravi can be contacted directly by phone or Whatsapp to arrange a call.

HEALTH & SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE

St Patrick's also needs a Health and Safety Representative, who could work with Phillip Williams the rep at Our Lady's, so that the approach covers both churches.

There is a training day on 9th November at Shrewsbury Cathedral for anyone interested. If anyone else would like to help as part of a health and safety committee, you will be more than welcome.

Speak to Fr Ravi or Moira if you can help.

HELP NEEDED - COUNTERS

If you can assist with counting the offertory collection after Sunday Masses please add your name to the list on the notice board.

MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

St Patricks: £ 1257.12

Our Lady's: £ 366.80

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

The amounts quoted above include standing order amounts received. If you would like to make a regular contribution via envelopes or standing order, please contact Moira in the Parish Office.

FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL



Envelopes are available in both churches this weekend for this appeal to provide

medical help in the world's poorest countries.

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed.

Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need.

Use the envelope in church, use the QR Code above or give online at cafod.org.uk



ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



Both churches have active SVP groups and always welcome new members.

Next meetings:

Our Lady's: Tuesday 17th October at 7pm.

St Patrick's: Tuesday 3rd October at 7pm.

Food Bank: The SVP regularly empties the Food Bank boxes at both churches. Thank you for your kind donations.

Appeal for help

The SVP are looking for a microwave, wardrobe & small upright freezer for a disabled person in need. If you can help, please talk to one of the SVP members or give Jane Clarke a call on 07956 072534.

Please keep us in mind if you are upgrading any white goods, as we can now store items in readiness for requests for help. Thank you.

Refreshments after 11am Mass

The SVP will be serving refreshments after the 11am Mass. Please stay and meet with your fellow parishioners if you can.

SAMARITANS



Adam Eccleston, a former pupil of St Patrick's and Holy Trinity, is running his first marathon on the 9th October

to raise money for the Samaritans, and would very much appreciate your support.

For everyone making a donation he is offering the opportunity to pick a song for his marathon playlist to help him get through the 26 miles. Details of Just giving page below :

https://www.justgiving.com/page/ajeccles240498?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fajeccles240498&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=pfp-email

DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER

SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School, Newport (part of 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 12pm on Friday, 6th October 2023. Interviews will be held 16th October 2023.

SHREWSBURY DIOCESE CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE

On Saturday 21st October beginning at 10am, The Shrewsbury Diocese Catechetical Conference - 'A Witness of Faith and a Keeper of the Memory of God' (Directory of Catechesis, 139) will be held at Saint Columba's Church Hall, Chester.

Please see the flyer for further details <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shrewsburydiocese-catechetical-conference-tickets668676157387>

SYCAMORE WEBINAR

A webinar about the Sycamore, a tool for evangelisation in parishes, will take place on Thursday 5th October at 7pm. Clare Dancaster and Natalie Orefice will provide the story of Sycamore, introducing the pathways, how to get started, a walkthrough of resources and support and training. This is an opportunity to discover how to use Sycamore in your parish. For more information or if you have any questions, please Telephone: 07730 526826 or email

natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org . To

register go to :

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/sycamore-webinar-tickets-676609335737>

PARKING AT ST PATRICK'S

Following discussion with the council and traffic enforcement teams anybody who has received a parking ticket in the past 8 weeks from the front of church can claim back any money paid in fines by emailing Paul.Fenn@telford.gov.uk.

Many thanks to the parishioner who contacted the council to discuss the patrols concentrating around the times of services here and at the Mosques and Temples in the area. There appeared to be a particular effort to issue more fines at these times.

Parking is always an issue where there are large numbers. Please use the railway station car park whilst at Mass as the car parking is becoming hazardous. Also, please make sure your children are accompanied when crossing the car park as there have been some near-misses and we do not want children hurt.

The area between the front doors and the road must be kept clear at all times in case emergency vehicles need access.

CHURCHES TOGETHER COAT DRIVE

Churches Together is aiming to collect 200+ new or like-new men's coats. Hats, gloves, jumpers and new warm socks to help keep those who are awaiting asylum warm this winter. They are unable to take women or children's clothing. See the noticeboard for drop off locations.

FR ALBAN

Fr Alban has written with an update.

Having come out of the PRH, and also having spent some time recuperating in a care home in Shrewsbury, he is now "a refugee".

The bungalow in Trench needs some work doing on it and so he is "homeless" until it is all completed. He is grateful to local parishes in offering him accommodation.

He is also most grateful for your prayers over the last few weeks and for all the cards and messages that he has received. He also thanks those who have visited him.

Once he is in a position to move into his bungalow in Trench, he will let you all know.

A RETREAT

Please see the noticeboard for details of a retreat entitled "Mary in Scripture" with Father Neill Robb and Barbara Davies to be held at Holywell from 27th to 29th October 2023. Contact Barbara Davies: Tel - email barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or call 07450 252 733 for more information.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Friday 20th October 7.00pm at Shrewsbury Cathedral. Tickets £10 each, available now via:

www.buytickets.at/shrewsburycathedral

