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**10TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

**THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sat	9th	18:15	Fred Rebello	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	10th	08:45	Mass in Polish	<i>St Patrick's</i>
	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	09:00	T M Chacko	<i>Our Lady's</i>
		11:00	Good health of Leo Jerome Das	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Mon	11th	<b>Ferial</b>	No Mass Today	
Tue	12th	<b>Ferial</b>	12:00 Ann Gaughan	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Wed	13th	<b>St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> 12:00 Fr Ted Harrington RIP		<i>Our Lady's</i>
Thurs	14th	<b>Exhaultation of the Holy Cross</b> 19:00 Tony Brien		<i>St Patrick's</i>
Fri	15th	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b> 09:30 Welcome Back Mass in St Patrick's Primary School		
Sat	16th	<b>Ss Cornelius, Pope &amp; Martyr and Cyprian Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>		
Sat	16th	18:15	Staff and Governors of Blessed Edward Campion Foundation	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	17th	08:45	Mass in Polish	<i>St Patrick's</i>
	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	09:00	Staff and Governors of Our Blessed Saints Federation	<i>Our Lady's</i>
		11:00	In Thanksgiving for Father Alban	<i>St Patrick's</i>

## 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](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice)

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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 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 33: 7-9*

*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, "Son of Man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life."

The word of the Lord.

*Response:* **Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 94*

**Response:**

**O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R/**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **R/**
3. O that today you would listen to his  
voice!  
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day as Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work." **R/**

### SECOND READING

*Romans 13: 8-10*

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

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up

in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

*Response:* **Thanks be to God**

### ALLELUIA VERSE

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.**

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 16: 21-27*

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 his disciples: "If your brother does some-thing wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between you two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

"I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

"I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Response:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially **Dorothy Lee** (funeral Mass on 25<sup>th</sup> September), **George McGill**, **Vincent Donlan** (Fr Joe's brother), **Fr. Ted Harrington** (Former Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Rosary 1964 – 1970) all who are mourning the death of a loved one; and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## INDUCTION OF OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST

We welcome Bishop Mark Davies to our Sunday Masses. Fr Ravi will be inducted as our Parish Priest in a liturgy during Sunday's Mass. Please take a copy of the Liturgy. You may keep it to take home with you.

## SYNODIAL CONNECTIONS

In these times of synod many voices are exploring ways of 'Being the Church that God is calling us to be'.

Root and Branch, a UK based lay led movement has been active in supporting and promoting a forthcoming week of talks and discussion on Human Rights in the emerging Catholic Church in conjunction with the international movement: Spirit Unbounded.

You can attend the talks in person in Bristol (13-14 October), or online (live or recorded 8-14 October). Speakers include Sr Joan Chittister, Dr Mary McAleese, Steven Newcombe - over 100 more!

For the full story, to find out more and to be part of the journey of being, belonging to and becoming a more synodal community:

[spiritunbounded.org](http://spiritunbounded.org)

or [www.rootandbranchsynod.org](http://www.rootandbranchsynod.org) .

## FAMILY MASS SINGERS

Family Mass singers first meeting of the new season will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at St Patrick's.

Please enter through the meeting room. Everyone is welcome. The group meets on alternate Tuesdays to work on music for Family Masses and also prepares a programme to sing at local nursing homes. If you would like to join them please come along.

## FRIENDS OF MYANGA

The Friends of Myanga will be holding a Tombola after Masses next weekend, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September to raise funds for the Sisters in Kenya.

## 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. Further details can be obtained from web-site:

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

## MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

St Patricks: £ 1150.05

Our Lady's: £ 388.97

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.



## ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

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

Next meetings:

**Our Lady's:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

**St Patrick's:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

## Food Bank:

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

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

If you have some time to spare, and enjoy being with children perhaps you could consider becoming a reading volunteer at St Patricks?

Volunteering is a rewarding role and it can make a real difference to a child's reading ability, confidence and enjoyment.

There are no specific qualifications needed, just an agreement to follow a school code of conduct. A DBS check (Disclosure and Barring Service) is also required for anyone working with children and will be undertaken by the school.

Please contact the school office and ask to speak to Mary Price (Head of School) on 01952 386160 for more information.

## INTERNATIONAL READING GROUP

Hosted by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), a religious group of nuns dedicated to transformative education and faith formation.

All are welcome on Fridays from 4pm - 5pm online starting on 15 Sept. There is a brief focus on the chapter read that week, followed by discussion in small groups. There is no obligation to attend every week - just come along when you are free. The text will be John F Haught: Resting on the Future.

For more info and to receive the link:

[fcJCentreStHughs@gmail.com](mailto:fcJCentreStHughs@gmail.com)

## MASS IN SCHOOL

Parishioners are welcome to attend Friday's Mass at St Patrick's School.

## THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is an annual celebration uniting Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. The idea of celebrating 1 September as a day of prayer for creation began at the wish of the Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios in 1989 and was endorsed by Pope Francis in 2015. The season runs from September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Writing about the season in 2019 Pope Francis said, "this is the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew," a season "to reflect on our lifestyles," and a season "for undertaking prophetic actions ... calling for courageous decisions ... directing the planet towards life, not death."

The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow" and the symbol is "A Mighty River". This year we are called to "join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity".



Sarah Bergin will be taking part in a Memory Walk for the Alzheimer's Society on September 16<sup>th</sup>. If you can sponsor her please add your details to the form in the porch at Our Lady's.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There is no Children's liturgy next week (17<sup>th</sup> September) as the Friends of Myanga are running their Tombola from the meeting room.



## FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship group for children aged 10+ will meet on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September from 5-6.30pm and thereafter on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).

## WANTED - COUNTERS

We are in need of people to count the collection on Sunday mornings after Mass at both churches. We need teams of two and members of the teams should not be related to each other. The more teams we get the less often it will be their turn. Full instructions will be given. Please put your name on the sheet on the noticeboard if you can help or let Moira know.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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/>

## CHARISMATIC RETREAT

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

## CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES:

The diocesan Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) will resume this month, with both an online course or daytime classes in Wythenshawe. Details are at:

[www.educationshrewsbury.org/formation-development/ccrs](http://www.educationshrewsbury.org/formation-development/ccrs)

or enquiries to [ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

## ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

In partnership with Telford Interfaith, St Patrick's are hosting a cultural Celebration on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 1pm to 4pm. Everyone is welcome. Poster on noticeboard for details of stalls and attractions.