



St. Patrick

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Our Lady of the Rosary

17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	16th	18:15	Staff and Governors of Blessed Edward Campion Foundation	St Patrick's
Sun	17th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time		09:00	Staff and Governors of Our Blessed Saints Federation	Our Lady's
		11:00	In Thanksgiving for Father Alban	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism - Iwan Berstling	St Patrick's
Mon	18th	Ferial		
		12:00	Marie Kavanagh & Joan Ashcroft and Norah Lynch (90 th Birthday)	St Patrick's
Tue	19th	Ferial		
			<i>No Mass Today (Fr Joe's brother's funeral in Sheffield)</i>	
Wed	20th		Ss Andrew Kim TaegŎn and Paul ChŎng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs	
		12:00	Tony Cooney RIP	Our Lady's
Thurs	21st		St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	
		13:00	Polish Funeral Mass	St Patrick's
		19:00	Francis Raju Xavier and Family – In Thanksgiving	St Patrick's
Fri	22nd	Ferial		
		12:00	Marykuty Augustine Anniversary	St Patrick's
Sat	23rd		St Pius Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest	
Sat	23rd	18:15	Cäcelia and Jack Stanton	St Patrick's
Sun	24th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time		09:00	Padric Donoghue	Our Lady's
		11:00	In Remembrance of Joseph Chirayil	St Patrick's

CONFESSIONS

Heard by Appointment

DATA PROTECTION PRIVACY NOTICE

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LIVESTREAMED MASSSES

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 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28: 7*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 102*

Response: **The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R/**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R/**

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R/**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R/**

SECOND READING *Romans 14: 7-9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18: 21-35

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

"And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. 'Give me time,' he said, 'and I will pay the whole sum.' And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. 'Pay what you owe me,' he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, 'Give me time and I will pay you.' But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he could pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?' And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And this is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart."

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 25th September), **Vincent Donlan** (Fr Joe's brother); all who are mourning the death of a loved one; and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

From Fr Ravi:

I am grateful to our two parishes for the warm welcome I have received since I arrived here and for the amazing experience of love and support that we all shared in the presence of Bishop Mark, as our parishes marked another new chapter in our shared history of faith, hope and love.

Built on the firm and secure foundation of our remarkable past, especially under the pastoral leadership of Fr Alban Greenwood, we allow the Spirit to lead us forward in our life and mission.

In this journey, we carry everyone along, leaving no one behind, fulfilling the Gospel mandate that the last will be first, the lost will be found, the good Samaritans will be recognised and celebrated, as we continue to wash each other's feet. In all these, we listen to one another, learn from each other and serve the common good of the church and humanity.

To help with our mission, there will be a series of parish conversations in the weeks and months ahead.

God bless!

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

or www.rootandbranchsynod.org .

MONTHLY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

This month's Ecumenical service will be held at Holy Trinity Oakengates: 15 Holyhead Road, TF2 6BW at 7pm on Tuesday 26th September.

The theme will be Joy & Hope in the Lord. Contact Pauline Heffernan on 07721 785224 or paulineheffernan60@gmail.com for further details.

MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

St Patricks: £ 1044.05

Our Lady's: £ 419.20

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 26th September at 7pm.

St Patrick's: Tuesday 19th September 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

We will be back next Sunday at 11am Mass.

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

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

FRIENDS OF MYANGA

The Friends of Myanga will be holding a Tombola after St Patrick's Masses this weekend, to raise funds for the Sisters in Kenya.

There are letters from the Sisters on the notice board at St Patrick's

SALE OF CEMETARY PLOT

A burial plot has become available in the Catholic section of Wellington Cemetery. This section is full so this is a rare opportunity for anyone planning their funeral. Please contact Moira in the Parish office for contact details of the seller.

SCHOOL PLACES

We have a limited number of spaces available in our Reception Class at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School. Please contact the school office for more information on 01952 386160. Mrs Price, our Headteacher, can offer a tour of the school and can answer any questions.

All relevant admissions documentation can be collected from the school office.

FAMILY MASS SINGERS

Family Mass singers next meeting will be on Tuesday, 28th September at 7pm at St Patrick's

CWL MASS CHANGE

CWL Mass and meeting is usually held on the third Tuesday of the month but as there is no Mass this Tuesday the CWL Mass will now be held on Tuesday 26th September.

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.

HEALTH & SAFETY AUDIT

This week both churches have been audited by the Diocesan Health and Safety Officer. It is apparent from the audit that we need stewards at our Masses, especially in the event of needing an evacuation. We had a great team during Covid lockdown, many of whom are still helping out. We would like to have a few more so we can have a pool of helpers on a rota and the safe running of Masses doesn't have to fall on the same few people.

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.

If you think you may be able to help, please contact Moira in the Parish office.

GOVERNOR VACANCY AT ST LUKE'S SCHOOL

We are seeking a Foundation Governor to join the Governing Body of Our Blessed Saints – a Federation of St Luke's and St Peter & St Paul: our sister school in Newport.

This is a really interesting and fulfilling opportunity: no previous educational experience is necessary, just a willingness to give time to our school. The vacancy is available to anyone, aged over 18 years of age, who is a regular Mass attender. Our school has pupils drawn from a wide variety of backgrounds: we would very much welcome applications from people who reflect the diversity of our parish and school communities.

Please see St Luke's school website under the Team tab, Governors or click this link:

[Governors | St Luke's Catholic Primary School \(stlukesatholicprimary.org.uk\)](http://stlukesatholicprimary.org.uk)

Alternatively speak to Pauline Heffernan or Dianne Kidd who are both serving Foundation Governors and attend our Sunday Mass here at Our Lady of the Rosary

COMMUNION IN BOTH KINDS

As there has been a local outbreak of Covid and we are entering the winter months we will not be reinstating Communion under both kinds.

New rotas are available for Ministers of the eucharist which reflect these changes. If you have not received an update please let Moira know.

.HELP 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.

GARDENING AT ST PATRICK'S

If you can help with light gardening, jet-washing and preparing St Patrick's grounds for the winter, please let Moira know whether you are available Tuesday or Thursday of this week.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Friday 20th October 7.00pm
at Shrewsbury Cathedral

Tickets £10 each, available now via:

www.buytickets.at/shrewsburycathedral

Limited tickets available.