



St. Patrick

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Our Lady of the Rosary

**24TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

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

Sat	23rd	18:15	Cäcelia and Jack Stanton	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	24th	08:45	Mass in Polish	<i>St Patrick's</i>
	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	09:00	Padric Donoghue	<i>Our Lady's</i>
		11:00	In Remembrance of Joseph Chirayil	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Mon	25th	<b>Ferial</b> 13:15	Funeral Mass for Dorothy Lee	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Tue	26th	<b>Ferial</b> 12:00	Private Intention (TM) CWL Monthly Mass <i>followed by meeting</i>	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Wed	27th	<b>St Vincent de Paul, Priest &amp; Religious Founder</b> 12:00	The Work of the SVP	<i>Our Lady's</i>
Thurs	28th	<b>Ferial</b> 19:00	Feliciano Perera RIP	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Fri	29th	<b>Ss Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael, Archangels</b> 12:00	Maria Jose Soares da Silva RIP	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sat	30th	<b>St Jerome, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>		
Sat	30th	18:15	Brian (Bernard) Broderick	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	1st	08:45	Mass in Polish	<i>St Patrick's</i>
	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	09:00	Parishioners (Family Mass)	<i>Our Lady's</i>
		11:00	Felipa da Silva RIP (Family Mass)	<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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**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 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 55: 6-9*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 144*

**Response: The Lord is close to all who call him.**

1. I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **R/**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R/**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **R/**

**SECOND READING**

*Philippians 1: 20-24, 27*

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

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

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

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

**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 20: 1-16*

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: "The kingdom of heaven is like a land-owner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, 'You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.' So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' 'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. He said to them, 'You go into my vineyard too.' In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.' So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the land-owner. 'The men who came last' they said, 'have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat.' He answered one of them and said, 'My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?' Thus the last will be first, and the first, last."

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); 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.

## SYNODAL CONNECTION

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) .

## 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](mailto:paulineheffernan60@gmail.com) for further details.

## MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

St Patricks: £ 1089.35  
Our Lady's: £ 394.50

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.

## FRIENDS OF MYANGA

The Friends of Myanga are pleased to let you know that the Tombola last weekend raised £200 for Myanga. We also received anonymous donations of £200 and £100, a total of £500 banked for the sisters.

Thank you all for your continued support it is very much appreciated. We know the Sisters will be overwhelmed by your continued generosity.

Gay, Joyce and Maureen.

There is a letter from the Sisters on the notice board.

## ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

**We wish our SVPs in both parishes a happy feast of St Vincent de Paul (27/9) and thank them for their enriching presence in our communities.**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

Next week (1<sup>st</sup> October) the SVP will be serving refreshments after the 11am Mass. Please stay and meet with your fellow parishioners if you can.

## HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Friday 20th October 7.00pm  
at Shrewsbury Cathedral

Tickets £10 each, available now via:

[www.buytickets.at/shrewsburycathedral](http://www.buytickets.at/shrewsburycathedral)

Limited tickets available.

**SCHOOLS NOTICES**  
**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, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Interviews will be held 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**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.

**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 \(stlukesatholicprimary.org.uk\)](https://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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's liturgy will be held during 11am Mass this week. Next Sunday is a Family Mass. If your child would like to take part in reading bidding prayers, offertory, welcoming or serving Mass please let Moira know.

**.HELP WANTED - COUNTERS**

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

**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](mailto:barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or call 07450 252 733 for more information.

**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.

This even will be presented by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Joseph and the Mission for Catechesis Team. All catechists from Shrewsbury Diocese are warmly invited to attend. Please see the flyer for further details and to book please follow: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shrewsburydiocese-catechetical-conference-tickets668676157387>

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Next week we will have envelopes available for this collection or you can give online at <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day>

**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.

**HEALTH & SAFETY AUDIT**

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.