



# THE BEACON



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**8TH OCTOBER 2023**

## THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	7th	18:15	Deborah Theodore	St Patrick's
Sun	8th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	09:00	Parishioners	Our Lady's
		11:00	Michael O'Reilly 10yrs Anniversary	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism – Samuel Nunes	
Mon	9th	<b>St John Henry Newman, Priest</b> No Mass Today		
Tue	10th	<b>St Paulinus of York, Bishop</b> 12:00 Vincent Ward Health		St Patrick's
Wed	11th	<b>St John XXIII, Pope</b> 12:00 Our Parish Family		Our Lady's
Thurs	12th	<b>St Wilfred, Bishop</b> 19:00 Eamon Hallmark RIP		St Patrick's
Fri	13th	<b>St Edward the Confessor, King</b> 12:00 Ajith Priyantha		St Patrick's
Sat	14th	<b>Ferial</b>		
Sat	14th	18:15	Fred Rebello	St Patrick's
Sun	15th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	09:00	Joyce Whittle	Our Lady's
		11:00	Moira Shrimpton Thanksgiving	St Patrick's

### CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before Masses

### DATA PROTECTION 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 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 5: 1-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed; integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 79*

**Response: The vineyard of the Lord  
is the House of Israel.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt,  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R/**

Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R/**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **R/**

And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.  
**R/**

### SECOND READING

*Philippians 4: 6-9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

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

### ALLELUIA VERSE

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 21: 33-43*

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, "Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a wine-press in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.' So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They answered, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders  
that became the keystone. This was the  
Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

"I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially Peter Hacon, husband of Margaret who attends Our Lady's, all who are mourning the death of a loved one; and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## PARISH CONVERSATIONS

The first of our Parish Conversations will be held this week. All are invited 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.

## MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

St Patricks: £ 1101.45  
Our Lady's: £ 424.15

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.

## 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.



## FRIENDSHIP GROUP for YOUNG PEOPLE 10+

Join us this Sunday, 8th October 5-7pm in St Patrick's meeting room for games, cake and squash. This week there will be marshmallow toasting!

## 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 training available 12-3.15pm 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.

## HELP NEEDED - COUNTERS

Many thanks to the people who have volunteered to count the collection after Sunday Masses. So far we have one team in each church. We need more. Ideally 4 teams in each church so the work can be shared. If you can assist with counting the offertory collection after Sunday Masses please add your name to the list on the notice board.

## FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH:

### COMMUNION – PARTICIPATION - MISSION

Pope Francis on October 4 officially opened a long-anticipated Vatican summit encouraging the 450 delegates from all over the world to embrace a vision of the church that is open and welcoming to all –

"The blessing and welcoming gaze of Jesus prevents us from falling into some dangerous temptations: of being a rigid church, which arms itself against the world and looks backward; of being a lukewarm church, which surrenders to the fashions of the world; of being a tired church, turned in on itself... This is the primary task of the synod: to refocus our gaze on God, to be a church that looks mercifully at humanity... A church that is united and fraternal, that listens and dialogues; a church that blesses and encourages, that helps those who seek the Lord, that lovingly stirs up the indifferent, that opens paths in order to draw people into the beauty of faith. A church that has God at its centre and, therefore, is not divided internally and is never harsh externally... Come, you who are weary and oppressed, come, you who have lost your way or feel far away, come, you who have closed the doors to hope: the church is here for you! "

## HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY:

### SHARED FAITH AT 4PM: SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER

There is monthly ecumenical service at HTA (Teece Drive, TF2 9SQ) on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The aim is to encourage the school community to become more actively involved in the lives of local churches.

It is a relaxed service, encouraging discussion and worship. October's theme is God's love for all. If you want to find out more, please contact Pauline Heffernan [paulineheffernan60@gmail.com](mailto:paulineheffernan60@gmail.com) or 07721 785224.

## 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 or give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

**St Patrick's:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 6:15pm

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

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.

If you can help, please talk to one of the SVP members or give Jane Clarke a call on 07956 072534.

## SAMARITANS

Adam Eccleston, a former pupil of St Patrick's and Holy Trinity, is running his first marathon on the 9<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.justgiving.com/page/ajeccles240498?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fajeccles240498&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=pfp-email)

## MEMORY WALK FOR ALZHEIMERS

Sarah Bergin would like to thank those who sponsored her recently. She raised £252 for The Alzheimer's Society.

## APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION LAUDATE DEUM:

Pope Francis has released his Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*, 'Praise God', on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4 October, to "clarify and complete" what he started in 2015 with his Encyclical Letter *Laudato si'* on how we care for our common home. He reminds us that we should praise God for all God's creatures and that our care for our common home is intimately connected with our care for each other. *Laudate Deum* argues that humans are a part of nature, but that we are currently abusing this position, exploiting natural resources and minerals. Pope Francis writes: "Humans must be recognised as part of nature. Let us stop thinking, then, of human beings as autonomous, omnipotent and limitless, and begin to think of ourselves differently, in a humbler but more fruitful way." The Pope does recognise that "every little bit helps" and suggests that efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume responsibly, has created a "new culture" and is transformative.

## 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](mailto: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.**

## MONTHLY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

This month's Ecumenical service will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary on Tuesday 31st October at 7pm. The theme will be God's promise of eternal life. Contact Pauline Heffernan on 07721 785224 or [paulineheffernan60@gmail.com](mailto:paulineheffernan60@gmail.com) for further details.

## BON VOYAGE

Fr Joe will be taking a very well-earned rest as he takes to the high seas for a couple of weeks. We thank him for his tremendous support in the last few weeks and months during our parishes' transition period.