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Our Lady of the Rosary

15TH OCTOBER 2023

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	14th	18:15	Fred Rebello	St Patrick's
Sun	15th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time		09:00	Joyce Mary Whittle	Our Lady's
		11:00	Moira Shrimpton Thanksgiving	St Patrick's
Mon	16th	Ferial No Mass Today		
Tue	17th	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr 12:00 Ian Martindale Birthday Remembrance		St Patrick's
Wed	18th	St Luke, Evangelist 14:00 School Mass for St Luke's School Including Harvest Food Bank Collection		Our Lady's
Thurs	19th	St Peter of Alcantra, Priest, Secondary Patron of the Cathedral 19:00 Katarin Fernando & Isidor Comester		St Patrick's
Fri	20th	Ferial 12:00 Geraldine and Peter Inman		St Patrick's
Sat	21st	Ferial		
Sat	21st	18:15	Jose Soare Da Silva	St Patrick's
Sun	22nd	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time WORLD MISSION SUNDAY		09:00	Breege Cooney	Our Lady's
		11:00	Roshane	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism – AshleyAnn Justine	St Patrick's

SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Masses

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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 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25: 6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22

Response: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R/**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R/**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R/**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R/**

SECOND READING *Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God

will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him

he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 1-14

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 elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. 'Tell those who have been invited,' he said, 'that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.' But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.' So these servants went out on the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, 'How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?' And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where, there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Many thanks to the 57 parishioners who joined together for the first of our Parish Conversations.

The second 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: Maintenance and Administration
St Patrick's: Tuesday, 17 October, 12.30pm (after 12noon Mass) and 7pm OLOR & SL: Wednesday, 18 October, 12.30pm (before Mass at 2pm) and 7pm.

These meetings are scheduled for the daytime and the evenings to enable more people to participate in our conversation. Although they are on a theme we can discuss any topic that you feel needs to be addressed. All are welcome.

Next week's newsletter will contain a discernment of the meetings.

ST LUKE'S FEAST DAY

On The Feast Day of St Luke on Wednesday there will be a Mass at 2pm led by St Luke's School. There will also be a collection for the Food Bank to celebrate the Harvest.

Parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass after the Parish Conversation session. There will be no Mass at 12noon.

MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

St Patricks: £ 1187.95

Our Lady's: £ 396.60

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.

FR TERENCE COYNE

Fr Ravi is away this weekend and we thank Fr Terence for celebrating Masses in his absence.

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 for further details.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Fr Ravi thanks the SVP conference at Our Lady's for the comprehensive list of visits they have put together. Anybody who would like a visit should make Fr Ravi aware so he can formulate a rota.

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday 22 October 2023



Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people.

Envelopes will be available for donations next week.

FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL



£253 was raised by last donations to the Family Fast Appeal.

Envelopes are still available in both churches which can be returned via the gold box or the offertory bags. You can also 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 17th October at 6:15pm

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

If you have white goods to donate, please talk to one of the SVP members or give Jane Clarke a call on 07956 072534.

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.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Are you currently in Lower Sixth/Year 12?
Are you considering a public-facing career? Do you want to help build a Christian society?

The Christian Leadership Formation programme uniquely offers a stimulating and high-quality intellectual content, spiritual nourishment, personal development, interpersonal skills, team-building and socials in a tightly-knit community experience, with expert academics and professionals. Open to students who are motivated by their faith, bursaries available. Please contact:

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PLOUGH ROAD CAR PARK

During a survey this week the roof on the Plough Road side of the church was found to be a problem, with a possibility of debris falling onto the car park that side. To this end there are bollards in place to prevent parking in specific spaces on that side. Please do not move the bollards.

Please park on the Railway Station Car Park if you are able to walk and save the car parks for those who have difficulty with mobility.

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

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!"

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Today we are invited to a feast, just like the wedding guests in today's Gospel. We have received the invitation simply because the host numbers us among his friends. If we eat and drink the body and blood of Christ at Eucharist, then we are pledging ourselves to follow him in our daily lives. One day the host hopes to offer us a celebration which will never end.