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29TH OCTOBER 2023

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	28th	18:15	Margaret Gaughan and Patrick Dooney Anniversaries	St Patrick's
Sun	29th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	Padric Henry	Our Lady's
		11:00	Dominic Ion	St Patrick's
Mon	30th	Ferial	No Mass Today	
Tue	31st	Ferial	12:00 Private Intention	St Patrick's
Wed	1st	ALL SAINTS – Holyday of Obligation	12:00 Maura Calpin (sick)	Our Lady's
			17:30 Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
			19:00 George Compagno RIP	St Patrick's
Thurs	2nd	The Commemoration of all The Faithful Departed	17:00 Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
			19:00 For all the Dead in our Book of Remembrance	St Patrick's
Fri	3rd	St Winefride, Virgin	12:00 Rose Douglas	St Patrick's
Sat	4th	St Charles Borromeo	12:00 For all our Deceased Parishioners	Wellington Cemetery
Sat	4th	18:15	Josef & Helena Swierkosz (RIP)	St Patrick's
Sun	5th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	John Craig (Birthday Remembrance)	Our Lady's
		11:00	James Douglas	St Patrick's

SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Masses

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

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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 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Exodus 22: 20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, 'You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry, my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him; you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 17

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold,
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.
R/
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R/**

SECOND READING

Thessalonians 1: 5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the

great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it; other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 34-40

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, "Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?" Jesus said, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

PARISH CONVERSATIONS

Based on the suggestions from our parish conversations, the following steps are being presented as a way forward for our parishes to become the welcoming and vibrant community we are called to be.

Parish Census and Volunteer Form:

These forms were distributed last weekend and will be available in church porches. We encourage everyone to actively participate in this initiative and return the completed forms by **3 December**.

We depend on the generosity of volunteers for different ministries. We fully understand if, for any reason, you are only able to provide partial or no information. If you are visiting the sick or housebound, please do take a form for them, as well.

Saturday Evening – Vigil Mass:

Starting from Saturday, 2 December (the beginning of Advent and the church's new liturgical year), our masses will be at 5.30pm instead of 6.15pm. If you are able to, we encourage our Sunday 11am mass goers to consider the Vigil Mass on Saturday.

Cemetery Blessing and Mass:

November is the month when we remember with gratitude all our departed family and friends and pray for them, by visiting a nearby cemetery.

We invite everyone to a special mass and a blessing at Wellington Cemetery at 12 noon on Saturday 4 November.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Pope Francis has set the priority for 2024 as a year dedicated to the renewal of the life of prayer as an immediate preparation for the Jubilee 2025 (the Holy Year will begin on 8 December 2024). The Holy Father writes "I greatly desire we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great "symphony" of prayer. Prayer above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him."

Starting in December, we will have prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, 30 minutes before weekday masses.

The time for prayer is ideal to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions), Silent prayer, Rosary, Stations of the Cross in Lent, Divine Mercy devotions, Taize prayer etc.

If interested, please write your name in the 'Adorers' column in the Volunteer form.

Pastoral Care of the Sick:

Fr Ravi visits the sick and housebound on Thursdays. If you know of anyone needing a visit, please do give all the needed information and a rota will be in place soon for these regular visits to those unable to be present in church.

Meeting Rooms: It was suggested that the meeting rooms could be used as reading rooms, during the day, which will also provide access to the church for silent prayer. If interested in helping to organise this, please do indicate in the volunteer form.

Maintenance:

We have a lot of maintenance work – roof, gutters, gardens etc. to be undertaken in our two churches. If you can lend a helping hand or recommend suitable persons, please do get in touch.

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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, you are the source of life and peace.
Praised be your name forever.

We know it is you who turn our minds to
thoughts of peace.

Hear our prayer at this time of war.

Your power changes hearts.
Muslims, Christians and Jews remember and
profoundly affirm
that they are followers of the same God.,
children of Abraham,
brothers and sisters.

Enemies begin to speak to one another;
Those who are estranged join hands in
friendship;

Nations speak the way of peace together.

Strengthen our resolve to give witness to these
truths by the way we live.

Give to us :

Understanding that puts an end to strife;
Mercy that quenches hatred;
and Forgiveness that overcomes vengeance.

Empower all people to live in your law of Love
Amen



ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

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

Next meetings:

Our Lady's: Tuesday 7th November at 7pm.

St Patrick's: Tuesday 31st October at 7pm.

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.

SVP Summer Raffle – Thank you to all those in Our Lady's who supported the raffle. There is a list of winners on the notice board.

We sold £400 worth of tickets and half the proceeds from the sale of the tickets is returned for our use locally.

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTIONS



The accounting year for Missio red boxes ends 31 December. If you have a red box that needs emptying please take it to church or contact

Andrea on 605313 or text/whatsapp 07719288477 or email andykort02@gmail.com.

If anyone would like a red box please let Andrea know.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's liturgy is taking a 2-week break for half Term, returning on 12th November.

MYANGA HAMPER RAFFLE

Myanga Christmas Hampers raffle- Tickets £1. will be sold before Masses on the weekend 28th/29th and November 4th/5th

The draw will take place after 11am Mass on 5th November.

Thank you for your generous support.

STAMPS

The RNIB collecting box is in the church porch for your used stamps. Mrs Rebello thanks all those who continue to contribute to help the Institute.

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.

LIVESTREAM

The Livestream now begins 5minutes before Mass and ends 5 minutes after.

MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

Update available next week

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

If you would like to set up a standing order, or gift Aid please contact Moira in the Parish Office.

DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY

The Diocese is looking to recruit a **Director of Property** due to retirement. The role of the Director of Property within the Diocese is to provide leadership, vision, professional advice and strategic direction, to support the Bishop and Diocesan Trustees in their oversight and management of the Diocesan Property Portfolio.

Further details can be found at <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

Completed applications should be sent to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Closing date **10 November 2023**.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP 10 +

The group will meet on Sunday 19th November, 5-6.30pm, not 12th, as there will be the opportunity to work with the Diocesan Youth Mission Team that evening. There will be games and refreshments and an opportunity to consider if we would like to do the Faith & Action Award.



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SUMMERTIME ENDS

Please remember that the clocks go back an hour this Sunday.