



St. Patrick

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Our Lady of the Rosary

5TH NOVEMBER 2023

## THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	4th	18:15	Josef & Helena Swierkosz (RIP) and Antony Raj - Death anniversary	St Patrick's
Sun	5th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		09:00	John Craig (Birthday Remembrance)	Our Lady's
		11:00	James Douglas	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism – Axel Mosupye-Tedros	St Patrick's
Mon	6th	<b>Ferial</b>	No Mass Today	
Tue	7th	<b>Ferial</b>	12:00 Doran Family Intention	St Patrick's
Wed	8th	<b>Ferial</b>	12:00 Marianne Pons RIP	Our Lady's
Thurs	9th	<b>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer</b>		
		19:00	Deceased Members of our Parish	St Patrick's
Fri	10th	<b>St Leo the Great, Pope &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>		
		12:00	Joan and Derek Finnigan (50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)	St Patrick's
Sat	11th	<b>St Martin de Tours, Bishop</b>		
Sat	11th	18:15	Owen & Preston Family Intention	St Patrick's
Sun	12th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>		09:00	Charles Morgan	Our Lady's
		11:00	In Remembrance of the War Dead	St Patrick's

## SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION)

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 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING *Malachi 1: 14, 2: 8-10*

A reading from the prophet Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

*Response: Thanks be to God*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 130*

**Response: Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.**

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.  
I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **R/**
2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.  
A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **R/**
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **R/**

### SECOND READING *Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13*

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

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

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 23: 1-12*

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

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

Then addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, "The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

"You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES

Proposed Mass times for Christmas Masses are as follows:

Christmas Eve - 24<sup>th</sup> December

5:30pm St Patrick's

7:30pm Our Lady's

Midnight St Patrick's

Christmas Day - 25<sup>th</sup> December

9am Our Lady's

11am St Patrick's

New Year's Eve - 31<sup>st</sup> December

11.45pm St Patrick's

New Year's Day - 1<sup>st</sup> January

10am Our Lady's

## 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.

Prayerful Congratulations to Ruhannah Palermo and George Bacon who were married at the Cathedral last weekend. Ruhannah and George attend Mass at St Patrick's with her family and used to read at 6:15 Mass. Father Alban concelebrated the service.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**Confirmation:** If you are in Yr 8 or above please add your name to the list on the noticeboard if you are interested in being Confirmed in 2024. We need to see what numbers are involved as we prepare the course.

**Holy Communion:** Forms for next year's Holy Communion Preparation will be available from the porches from 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## PARISH NOVEMBER LIST

During the month of November Masses will be offered for those whose names are included in our Parish November List and Book of Remembrance. If you would like family members and friends to be included, please list them on the forms in the porch and return them by posting them in the gold box.

All names will be inscribed into the Book of Remembrance. For family members only: if you are able to give their full date of death then their names will be inscribed in the dated section of the Book and will be remembered in prayer at Mass on their Anniversary date.

All other names will be inscribed in the "Unknown Anniversaries" section or in the "Families" section of the Remembrance Book.

## PARISH SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

At 7.00pm in St Patrick's Church on Thursday, 16th November we shall remember all parishioners who have died over the last twelve months, and your deceased family and friends. All parishioners are welcome to come and join in this very special annual Service and to remember their family members and friends in prayer and light a candle in remembrance of them.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP 10 +

The group will meet on Sunday 19th November, 5-6.30pm, 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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## 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

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## ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



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

Next meetings:

**Our Lady's:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

**St Patrick's:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

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

As it is the first Sunday of the month, **Refreshments will be served after 11am Mass.** Please stay or meet your fellow parishioners.

## MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's	
22/10	£1171.50
29/10	£1067.75
Our Lady's	
22/10	£388.25
29/10	£363.85

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

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

## REPOSITORY

There are new stocks of Christmas cards and goods at the Repository in both churches.

## **SYNOD REPORT PROPOSES REFORMED ROLES FOR LAITY**

(Excerpts from The Tablet)

The document, the synthesis of the assembly's work over 4–29 October, proposes a “synodal Church” that implements synodality throughout governance, theology, mission, and discernment of pastoral issues. It is divided into three main sections on the elements of a synodal Church, participation in mission, and processes that enable dialogue with the world.

The 42-page text covers 20 topics from “the dignity of women” to “the bishop of Rome in the College of Bishops”. For each topic, “convergences”, “matters for consideration”, and “proposals” are outlined.

More than 80 proposals were approved in the synod vote, including establishing a new “baptismal ministry of listening and accompaniment”, initiating discernment processes regarding the decentralisation of the Church, and strengthening the Council of Cardinals into a “synodal council at the service of the Petrine ministry”.

Other proposals include giving lectors a preaching ministry “in appropriate contexts”, implementing structures and processes to increase the accountability of bishops in matters of economic administration, supporting “digital missionaries” and promoting “initiatives that enable shared discernment of controversial, doctrinal, pastoral, and ethical issues in the light of the word of God, Church teaching, theological reflection, and valuing synodal experience.”

The document also encourages churches to experiment with “conversation in the spirit” – the listening-and-reflection method the synod's delegates have used in their deliberations this month – and forms of discernment in the life of the Church. It calls for the implementation of “the exercise of synodality at regional, national, and continental levels.”

Throughout the document, areas of disagreement among the synod participants are listed as “matters of consideration”. Among them are women's access to diaconal ministry, priestly celibacy, “Eucharistic hospitality” for interfaith couples, and assigning the handling of abuse cases to another body instead of the bishops.

### **MYANGA HAMPER RAFFLE**

Myanga Christmas Hampers raffle- Tickets £1. will be sold before Masses this weekend.

The draw will take place after Sunday's 11am Mass.

Thank you for your generous support.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's liturgy will be back next week during 11am Mass St Patrick's.

## **WALKING WITH THE WOUNDED**

Denise Carpenter, who is a member of the choir at OLoR (she sang the psalm on Sunday 29th October), was an army nurse for many years. She has decided to fundraise for Walking With The Wounded: this is a wonderful charity which supports people suffering from conditions such as PTSD.

She's walking more than 60 miles across the Sahara desert, from Monday 6th to 10th November - camping out..... with camels for company. If you can spare anything - please follow this link - or search on the JustGiving Platform. [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/denise-carpenter2?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=undraising&utm\\_content=denise-carpenter2&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=3369d9b8947e4964ab3448bf11ad695e](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/denise-carpenter2?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=undraising&utm_content=denise-carpenter2&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=3369d9b8947e4964ab3448bf11ad695e) Alternatively - please feel free to give to choir members at OLoR.

### **PARISH CENSUS AND VOLUNTEER FORM**

These forms are still available in church porches. We encourage everyone to actively participate in this initiative and return the completed forms by **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

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.

### **WARDROBE**

We need a small wardrobe for Parish use. If you have one to spare, please let Fr Ravi or Moira know.

### **MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTIONS**

If you have a red box that needs emptying or would like to begin collecting and need a red box, please contact Andrea on 605313 or text/whatsapp 07719288477 or email [andykort02@gmail.com](mailto:andykort02@gmail.com)

### **ST LUKE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Please note that Governors of St Luke's school intend to seek academy conversion from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024; we plan to join Our Lady Help of Christians Multi Academy Trust.

If you have any questions or comments, please either write to the school : (Church Road, Trench, TF2 7HG) or email [a3359@telford.gov.uk](mailto:a3359@telford.gov.uk) by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.