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12TH NOVEMBER 2023

THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please note changes to Mass times

Sat	11th	18:15	Owen & Preston Family Intention	St Patrick's
Sun	12th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Remembrance Sunday		09:00	Charles Morgan	Our Lady's
		11:15	In Remembrance of the War Dead	St Patrick's
Mon	13th	Ferial	No Mass Today	
Tue	14th	Ferial	12:00 Don Gibson (RIP)	St Patrick's
Wed	15th	Ferial	12:00 Mary and Vincent Ward (Intention)	Our Lady's
Thurs	16th	St Margaret of Scotland, Queen	09:30 Donna Gibson (RIP) 19:00 Parish Memorial Service	St Patrick's St Patrick's
Fri	17th	St Hilda, Abbess	12:00 Jo and Terry Maloney (Thanksgiving)	St Patrick's
Sat	18th	Ferial	11:00 Mass and Blessing of Graves	Wombridge Cemetery
Sat	18th	18:15	In Thanksgiving for Mother Mary & The Blessed Sacrament	St Patrick's
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun	19th	08:45 Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
			09:00 For the Dead in our Parish	Our Lady's
			11:00 Graham Stelmach	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism – Alexander Farrell	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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SAFEGUARDING: Parish: Moira Shrimpton 07540 723614; Diocese: Andrew O'Brien 0151 652 9855.

LIVESTREAM: Our Masses from St Patrick's are available online at <https://churchservices.tv/wellington>

NEWSLETTER: Items for inclusion in the newsletter should be received by Wednesday afternoon

THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Wisdom 6: 12-16

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 62

**Response: For you my soul is thirsting,
O God, my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R/**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R/**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R/**
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R/**

SECOND READING *Thessalonians 4: 15-18*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of

the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.**

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 1-13

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

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

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, 'The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.' At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, 'Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.' But they replied, 'There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.' They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us.' But he replied, I tell you solemnly, I do not know you.' So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

PARISH LUNCH - Save the date

All parishioners are invited to share in a Parish Lunch on 28th January at The Buckatree Hotel. The cost for a 2-course lunch will be £16.95 per person, with under 12s being £8.50.

Further details and booking forms will be available shortly.

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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

LATE START OF 11 O'CLOCK MASS

The 11:00hrs Mass this week will start at approximately 11:15hrs to allow time for attendance at the Remembrance Service at the Lychgate in Wellington.

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 2nd December.

ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING SESSION

There will be a training session for Altar servers at St Patrick's after 6:15pm Mass on Saturday 25th November and at Our Lady's after 9am Mass on Sunday 26th November.

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.

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 3rd**.

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.

CEMETERY BLESSING

November is the month when we remember with gratitude all our departed family and friends and pray for them, by visiting a nearby cemetery. Thanks to those who came to Wellington Cemetery last weekend.

We invite everyone to a a blessing of graves at Wombridge Cemetery at 11am on Saturday 18th November.

MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's £1454.35

Our Lady's £534.75

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.

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

PARISH NOVEMBER LIST

If you would like family members and friends to be included in our Parish November List and Book of Remembrance , please list them on the forms in the porch and return them by posting them in the gold box.

PARISH SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

At 7.00pm in St Patrick's Church this 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.



ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

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

Next meetings:

Our Lady's: Tuesday 28th November at 7pm.

St Patrick's: Tuesday 14th November at 7pm.

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

MYANGA

Thank you to all Parishioners who so generously supported our hampers raffle for Myanga.

We raised a magnificent total of **£751.70** which included two generous anonymous donations.

We are most grateful to you all. The money was banked on Monday morning and now available to the sisters.

There is a letter from Sister Regginah on the notice board, please take time to read.

Gay, Joyce, Maureen and Nicki

CURRY and QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 1st December prompt start 7pm. to be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Trench.

Tickets £10. to include Curry, or Vegetarian Curry, tea/coffee - bring own drink.

There will be a raffle.

Order forms available from church next weekend.

ST LUKE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Please note that Governors of St Luke's school intend to seek academy conversion from 1st 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 by Friday 24th November.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES

Proposed Mass times for Christmas Masses are as follows:

Christmas Eve - 24th December

5:30pm St Patrick's

7:30pm Our Lady's

Midnight St Patrick's

Christmas Day - 25th December

9am Our Lady's

11am St Patrick's

New Year's Eve -31st December

11.45pm St Patrick's

New Year's Day – 1st January

10am Our Lady's

APPEALS:

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund will be held.

On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends.

Cash or cheque:

Add your donation to the collecting baskets at the door as you leave. Cheques should be made out to "Clergy Education & Training Fund" Gift Aiders please use one of the envelopes provided so we can add 25% to your donation.

Online:

www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund.

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available on the Parish website. This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how you can take advantage of Gift Aid on donations made using these methods.

SRI LANKA APPEAL

The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in Sri Lanka, known as the Province of Christ the Bread of Life, is a community of 30 priests and 7 religious who are dedicated to spreading Eucharistic spirituality through different forms of ministries in seven different Catholic dioceses in Sri Lanka. They also have three formation houses where they train seminarians for the future.

The religious of this Congregation come from both the north and south of Sri Lanka, and they witness to peace and unity regardless of their different ethnicities. They are also involved in several peacebuilding projects, promoting peace and unity throughout the country. In the aftermath of the Easter Bomb attacks, many religious of the Congregation joined hands with the victims and participated in many peaceful means to ask for justice and bring the perpetrators to book.

Fr. Mangalathanan, a priest of this Congregation, will be with us for the weekend of 25/26th November to appeal for our financial support of their mission and formation in Sri Lanka. Your generous contribution would be greatly appreciated.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

"World Gifts" catalogues from Cafod are available from the porch. Please take one and consider buying a present to help Cafod help others.

WALKING WITH THE WOUNDED

Many thanks to those parishioners at Our Lady's who sponsored Denise Carpenter in her trek. The sponsor form is still available on the porch table.