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Our Lady of the Rosary

19TH NOVEMBER 2023

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	18th	18:15	In Thanksgiving for Mother Mary & The Blessed Sacrament	St Patrick's
Sun	19th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	For the Dead in our Parish	Our Lady's
		11:00	Graham Stelmach and Paulina Joves	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism – Alexander Farrell	St Patrick's
Mon	20th	Ferial	No Mass Today	
Tue	21st	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
		12:00	For the Deceased Members of the CWL	St Patrick's
Wed	22nd	St Cecelia, Virgin & Martyr		
		12:00	For those in Music Ministry in our 2 Parishes	Our Lady's
Thurs	23rd	Ferial		
		19:00	Anne-Marie Willis	St Patrick's
Fri	24th	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs		
		10:30	Funeral Service for Sharron Morris	St Patrick's
		12:00	Debbie Jenkins RIP	St Patrick's
Sat	25th	Ferial		
Sat	25th	18:15	Mariamamma Joseph Anniversary	St Patrick's
Sun	26th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	09:00	Terry Gavin RIP	Our Lady's
		11:00	For Parishioners	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism – Emmanuel Mathew	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 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife — who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hand to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 127

**Response: O blessed are those who
fear the Lord.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R/**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R/**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **R/**

SECOND READING *Thessalonians 5: 1-6*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about "times and seasons" since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, "How quiet and peaceful it is" that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of
life. 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 spoke this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

"The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

"Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. 'Sir', he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.'

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.' Next the man with two talents came forward. 'Sir,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.' Last came forward the man who had the one talent. 'Sir,' said he, 'I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially Sharron Morris (Funeral service 24th November) and Susan White (Funeral on 1st December) all who are mourning the death of a loved one; and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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.

MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's £968.25

Our Lady's £403.30

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.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Many thanks to those who organised and took part in the Memorial service on Thursday evening. It was a very special event.

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 28th November at 7pm.

Food Bank: SVP would like to thank parishioners for their continued generosity to the food bank and the baby bank including some beautiful knitted baby wear. If any other parishioners have time to knit baby clothes to give to the baby bank they would be very much appreciated.

FR RAVI – HOME VISIT

ADVANCE NOTICE - Fr Ravi will be away in India from 8th January to 2nd February 2024.

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.

Booking forms will be available shortly.

MONTHLY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

This month's Ecumenical Service will be held at St Matthews C of E church, St Matthews Road, Donnington, TF2 7NU on Tuesday 28th November at 7pm. There will be an Advent theme.

Contact Pauline Heffernan on 07721 785224 or paulineheffernan60@gmail.com for further details.

ADVENT YOUTH GATHERING

The Diocesan Youth Service are hosting an Event for Advent at 7.30pm on Thursday 30th November at St. Mary's, Madeley.

Further details to follow.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP 10 +

The group will meet this 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.

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 are available from church.

Please return order forms and money in an envelope marked "Curry night"

FOR THOSE IN MUSIC MINISTRY

In appreciation of the gifts and talents they share with our parishes, there will be a Mass on Wednesday, the feast day of St Cecelia, Patron Saint of Musicians, for those who bring the richness of music to our Masses and services.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND -

This 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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CONGREGATION- AN 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. Mangalathan, 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.