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26TH NOVEMBER 2023

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sat	25th	15:00	Mass in the Syromalabar Rite	Our Lady's
		18:15	Mariamma 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	Paulina Joves and Maria Bernado Birthday Remembrance	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism – Emmanuel Mathew	St Patrick's
Mon	27th	Ferial		
			No Mass Today	
Tue	28th	Ferial		
		12:00	Peter Walsh RIP	St Patrick's
Wed	29th	Ferial		
		12:00	Noel Huntridge - In Thanksgiving	Our Lady's
Thurs	30th	At Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland		
		19:00	Gabrielle Smith	St Patrick's
Fri	1st	Ferial		
		10:30	Funeral Service for Susan White	St Patrick's
		12:00	David Poole – for recovery from illness	St Patrick's
		18:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Sat	2nd	Ferial		
Sat	2nd	17:30	John Dooney – for recovery from illness	St Patrick's
Sun	3rd	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
The First Sunday of Advent		09:00	For Vocations to the Priesthood	Our Lady's
			Baptism during Mass – Jessimel Kalanga Ndonda	
		11:00	Charlotte and Julio Maya	St Patrick's

SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Masses

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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

CHRIST THE KING

FIRST READING *Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. **R/**

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. **R/**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. R/

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26,28

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when

everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 31-46

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothed you; sick or in prison and go to see you?' And the King will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.' Next he will say to those on his left hand, 'Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.' Then it will be their turn to ask, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?' Then he will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.' And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially Susan White (Funeral on 1st December) and Sandra Field (Funeral 14th December); all who are mourning the death of a loved one; and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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. Mangalathasan, a priest of this Congregation, is with us this weekend of to appeal for our financial support of their mission and formation in Sri Lanka. Your generous contribution would be greatly appreciated.

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 will be available from the porches from next weekend.

SATURDAY EVENING - VIGIL MASS

From next Saturday, 2nd 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.

POLISH MASS

From December, along with the Polish Sunday Mass at 8:45am, there will be a Mass in Polish at 6pm on Fridays and Fr Michal will join with Fr Ravi at 7pm on a Thursday evening for a dual-language Mass..

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**rd.

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 £ 1116.25 Our Lady's £ 349.75

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

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.

Next Sunday there will be refreshments after 11am Mass. Please join us. Donations of cakes and biscuits are always welcome.

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, and £8.50 for under 12s.

Booking forms will be available shortly.

ADVENT YOUTH GATHERING

The Diocesan Youth Service are hosting an Event for Advent this Thursday, 30th November, at St. Mary's, Madeley. Everyone welcome.

CURRY and QUIZ NIGHT

All forms and money for the Curry and Quiz night on 1st December need to be returned this weekend in an envelope.

They can be handed to Gay at 6.15pm Mass, Joyce at 11 am Mass or placed in the gold box.

. APPEAL FOR DOUBLE KNITTING WOOL

A parishioner is crocheting squares for the Princess Royal Hospital Dementia wards and is asking for any left-over double knitting wool. The wool can be any colour but must be double knit. A collecting box can be found in the porch.

CATENIANS

We thank Lewis and Matt for their talk about the work of The Catenians last weekend.

Anyone interested in joining the Catenians is encouraged to call Lewis on 07401 891464. Or speak to Matt after 9am Mass at Our Lady's

NOTICE OF THANKS

Denise Carpenter has returned from her Sahara trek in one piece and has just a few tender toes to show for her efforts. She would like to thank everybody who has donated: the sum raised is c£1,100. Denise will get the photos organised to display on her iPad; she plans to show them at the Quiz and Curry night of 1st December.

She will also bring them to Mass for a few weeks: if you're interested, speak to Denise – she's in the music group at OLoR. You might be surprised at some of the scenery and the nomadic people she came across.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES

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

The List is available readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Stewards and Altar servers for Masses over the Christmas period. Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard if you can assist in any Ministry.

UPCOMING APPEALS

COMBONI SISTERS

We will be joined on the weekend of 9th/10th December by one of the Comboni Missionary Sisters, who are consecrated women called by the Spirit of God to continue the mission of Jesus Christ according to the charism of their Founder, St. Daniel Comboni, who will appeal for your support for their Mission.

CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023

There will be a collection here on 17th December. Thank you for your generosity and support. 100% of your donations will go to those in the most vulnerable situations within the diocese ensuring they receive crisis food vouchers and practical support as quickly as possible when it is most needed. You can also donate online: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk.