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7TH JANUARY 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sat	6th	17:30	Jean Manning 20yrs Anniversary	St Patrick's
Sun	7th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
The Epiphany of the Lord		09:00	Harry Gaughan RIP	Our Lady's
		11:00	Debbie Venezia's Intentons	St Patrick's
Mon	8th	The Ba	aptism of The Lord No Mass Today	
Tue	9th	Ferial 12:00	Jonah Foster-Smith	St Patrick's
Wed	10th	Ferial 12:00	Sheila Lugowski RIP	Our Lady's
Thurs	11th	Ferial 19:00	Beata Zygmunt RIP	St Patrick's
Fri	12th	Ferial 12:00	Betty & Joseph 25 th Wedding Anniversary	St Patrick's
Sat	13th	Ferial		
Sat	13th	17:30	Kaitlin Hope and Patsy & Margaret Garvey	St Patrick's
Sun	14th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		09:00	Mary Bergin	Our Lady's
		11:00	Gina Ciuro RIP	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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60: 1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 71 Response: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R/**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R/**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. R/

SECOND READING Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA VERSE
Alleluia, alleluia!
We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Matthew 2: 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.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. "Where is the infant king of the Jews?" they asked. "We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. "At Bethlehem in Judaea," they told him "for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. "Go and find out all about the child," he said "and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage." Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their they did him Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer all who have died, all who are mourning the death of a loved one, especially **Sheila Lugowski**, **Beata Zygmunt** and **Gina Ciuro**; and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

We also pray for those who are ill and those who are caring for them.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Confirmation: The Deanery will form a Confirmation Group during this year. Those who added their names to the list will be contacted when arrangements are agreed with the Bishop.

Holy Communion: Enrolment forms for First Forgiveness and First Communion are available from the porch in both churches.

Please return the forms by 4th February. The full programme dates are on the enrolment forms.

THANK YOU

Fathers Ravi, Michal, Alban, and Joe thank everyone for the Christmas greetings, prayers and gifts they have received.

They all wish you a Happy New Year.

Thank you to those who joined in with our Advent journey; for your verses on Bible Sunday, your willingness to participate in our Reconciliation Service and for bringing your figures of the baby Jesus on Bambinelli Sunday.

Thank you to all who attended our Christmas Masses in different languages and those who attended our Midnight Masses.

And finally, thank you to our volunteers: altar servers, cleaners, choir, Christmas decorators, flower arrangers, ushers, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Children's Liturgy team and Health and Safety Team.

Thank you for all your help and support

JANUARY MASSES

Fr Ravi will be away in India from 8th January till 2nd February. In his absence Fathers Alban, Joe and Denis Maher will be celebrating Masses.

If a priest is not available for any Mass, then parishioners are encouraged to come together for a Service of Word and Communion.

MONEY MATTERS

24/12

St Patrick's £ 944.25 Our Lady's £ 338.45

Christmas

St Patrick's £1425 Our Lady's £526.70

31/12

St Patrick's £ 1871.75 Our Lady's £ 531.31

Caritas Appeal £ 355

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

FRIENDSHIP GROUP AGED 10+

We will be meeting in St Patrick's meeting room on Sunday 14th January 5-6.30pm for games and refreshments plus talking about Faith and Action.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

On Wednesday 24th January there will be a service at Our Lady's as part of a week of services for Christian Unity.

Everyone is welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL Monthly Mass will be on Tuesday 23rd January. New members are always welcome.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at Masses this weekend and next and the winners drawn at the Parish Lunch.

If anyone has prizes to donate please leave them in the meeting room.

PARISH LUNCH

All parishioners are invited to share in a Parish Lunch on 28th January at The Buckatree Hotel.

Booking forms are available from the porch.

Meals cost £16.95 for adults and £8.50 for under 12s. Payment is by cash or cheques made out to CWL Wellington Section.

Tables seat 10 so if you would like to sit somewhere specific, please indicate that or try to book all together. Meeting at 1pm for 1:30pm meal.

There will be a raffle to support the cost of maintenance needed at St Patrick's.

Please return the form and payment by 14th January 2024 to a member of CWL.



SHREWSBURY YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2024 Wednesday 24th July – Friday 2nd August

Age 16 – 22 Cost £725

Information and an application form are available from

youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Closing date for Applications is 31st March 2024

The brochure and booking forms for the adults pilgrimage will be available in February 2024. The dates for the 2024 pilgrimage are

AIR Friday 26 July to Thursday 01 August COACH Thursday 25 July to Friday 02 August

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



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

Meetings this month are at St Patrick's on 9^{th} and 23^{rd} and at Our Lady's on XXXX

Food and Baby Bank: Collection boxes are in the porch.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS

Do you feel like you're unsure how to pray? Do you ever wonder if your prayers will be heard?

You can learn some of the most powerful Catholic methods of praying, to grow in greater confidence and a relationship with God, at the **Prayer and Life Workshops**.

It is for everyone, whether you are a beginner or more experienced in prayer. Taster sessions will be held on Saturday 13th of January, 2pm-4pm, at Shrewsbury Cathedral Parish Room, Belmont, Shrewsbury, SY1 1TE.

See the poster on the notice board. For further information contact jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

WELCOME TO WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS!

Celebrated on Epiphany (January 6) in Ireland and elsewhere, Women's Christmas offers an opportunity at the end of the holiday season to celebrate with friends and to gather ourselves before diving into the year ahead.

This day invites us to pause, to rest, to reflect. In this spirit, Jan Richardson creates retreats that you are welcome to download and use, at no cost, either by yourself or with others.

https://sanctuaryofwomen.com/womenschristmas.html

Blessings on your Women's Christmas!



LOCAL PANTOMIMES

Various groups locally are preparing their Pantomimes.

All groups need your support (oh yes they do!)

12-14th January -

Lilleshall Memorial Hall – **Snow White** <u>www.ticketsource.co.uk/lilleshall-panto-group</u> or buy on the door.

20-27th January – Little Theatre, Donnington – **Robinson Crusoe**

www.ticketsource.co.uk/thelittletheatre

 26^{th} January -3^{rd} February - Belfrey Theatre, Wellington - **Cinderella**

www.ticketsource.co.uk/belfreytheatreticket

12th-17th February – Crown Players at Charlton School – **Sleeping Beauty**. For tickets email thecrownplayers@gmail.com or buy on the door