



St. Patrick

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Our Lady of the Rosary

21ST JANUARY 2024

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	20th	17:30	Richard McCarthy	St Patrick's
Sun	21st	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	Our Lady's Parishioners	Our Lady's
		11:00	St Patrick's Parishioners	St Patrick's
Mon	22nd	Ferial No Mass Today		
Tue	23rd	Ferial 12:00 CWL Monthly Mass followed by meeting		St Patrick's
Wed	24th	St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 12:00 David O'Reilly Health 19:00 Christian Unity Ecumenical Service		Our Lady's Our Lady's
Thurs	25th	The Conversion of Paul, Apostle 19:00 Eric Leary RIP		St Patrick's
Fri	26th	Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops 12:00 Shane Edwards RIP		St Patrick's
Sat	27th	Ferial		
Sat	27th	17:30	Rita Sterlini RIP	St Patrick's
Sun	28th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	Sheila Sims RIP	Our Lady's
		11:00	Private Intention (DH)	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

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity (No.234025)

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>

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *Jonah 3: 1-5, 10*

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: "Up!" he said "Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to." Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, "Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed." And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Psalm 24)*

Response: Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R/**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R/**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R/**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 7: 29-31*

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

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in

it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The kingdom of God is close at hand;
believe the Good News.**

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1: 14-20

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come" he said "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News."

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men." And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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 Sims (Lugowski)**; and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

We also pray for those who are ill, especially Canon Phil Moore VG. who continues to be cared for in ITU at Arrowe Park Hospital.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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.

JANUARY MASSES

Fr Ravi will be away in India until 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.

ECUMENICAL SERVICES

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK: JANUARY 18TH TO 25TH JANUARY 2024

This year's theme is The Good Samaritan

Come and join us to celebrate with other Christians:

Sunday 21st January at Holy Trinity Academy, Teece Drive at 4pm,

Tuesday 23rd January at Holy Trinity Church, Wrockwardine Wood: at 7pm

Wednesday 24th January at Our Lady of the Rosary, Trench at 7pm

Thursday 25th January at Donnington Methodist Church, Wrekin Drive at 7pm

FRIENDSHIP GROUP AGED 10+

The next meeting is Sunday 11th February. New members are always very welcome. Helpers will need safeguarding checks.

SICK LIST

When he returns from India Fr Ravi will be setting up a rota for visits to the sick. Those visiting or taking Holy Communion should let the office know the names and addresses of those needing visits. We also need the phone number of the Next of Kin.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



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

Meetings this month are at St Patrick's 23rd and at Our Lady's on 30th January

Our Lady's SVP would like to thank the tea/coffee club for their donations over the past year which amounted to £673. Their support is greatly appreciated.

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

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.

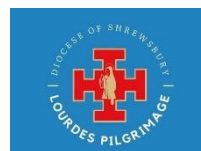
Muslims, Christians and Jews remember and profoundly affirm that they are followers of the same God., children of Abraham, brothers and sisters.

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



SHREWSBURY YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2024

Wednesday 24th July – Friday 2nd August

Age 16 – 22 Cost £725

Information and forms are available from youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Closing date for Applications is 31st March 2024

MONEY MATTERS

St Patrick's £ 1313.75

Our Lady's £ 383.50

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

LEARN TELFORD

There are details on the noticeboard of upcoming **English – Functional Skills** courses starting at Donnington Community Hub next month.

The courses are **FREE** and are run at both Entry and Advanced Level, giving learners the opportunity to progress to gain an accredited English qualification, and to support them to:

- Improve their confidence reading and writing in English.
- Improve their grades to help them find employment or develop their career (many jobs require a good level of English, and employers do ask for Level 1 and Level 2 English in the majority of jobs)
- Help their children with homework.
- Carry out daily activities requiring English skills, such as budgeting/shopping/paperwork.

Further information is available here:

<https://www.learntelford.ac.uk/Search/FullDetails/7932994>

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VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20S & 30S)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life

Dates: 16-18 February 2024

Location: Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org



LOCAL PANTOMIMES

Various groups locally are preparing their Pantomimes.

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

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

www.ticketsource.co.uk/thelittletheatre

26th January - 4th February - Belfrey Theatre, Wellington – **Cinderella**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/telford/belfrey-theatre>

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

JOB VACANCIES

Two vacancies have arisen for a Housekeeper/Cleaner (25 hours per week) and a Cook (for 20 hours per week) at Shrewsbury Cathedral. Rate of pay: £12.50 per hour.

CV's should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date 2 February 2024. Further details can be found via the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

CAFOD

"The Church relies on people getting involved. Our parish, our community, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? Could you give a bit of time to help our parish flourish?"

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for people to give just a little time and join them in their mission.

Could you help in our parish, to build a better world? They also need people to visit our local schools: Training & support is provided. cafod.org.uk/Volunteer or shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk For more information:

Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk "