



St. Patrick

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Our Lady of the Rosary

11TH FEBRUARY 2024

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

World Day of Prayer for the Sick				
Sat	10th	17:30	Fr Joe's Intentions / Ruth Kyffin RIP	St Patrick's
Sun	11th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	Derek Mullinder 4 th Anniversary	Our Lady's
		11:00	Raymond Dyche / Nongtaah 3 rd Birthday	St Patrick's
Mon	12th	Ferial 12:00	Funeral Mass for Sheila Sims (Lugowski)	Our Lady's
Tue	13th	Ferial 12:00	Matylda Yates Birthday / Ivor Jones Anniversary	St Patrick's
Wed	14th	Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins - A Day of Fasting and Abstinence		
		09:30	John Dooney (Health)	St Patrick's
		12:00	Angela Woodier-Day RIP	Our Lady's
		17:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		19:00	Canon Phil Moor (Health)	St Patrick's
Thurs	15th	Thursday after Ash Wednesday		
		19:00	Brian Brewster RIP	St Patrick's
Fri	16th	Friday after Ash Wednesday		
		11:15	Funeral Mass for Peter Joyce	St Patrick's
		18:00	Mass in Polish <i>after Way of the Cross</i>	St Patrick's
Retiring Collection for Retired Priests Fund				
Sat	17th	17:30	Speedy recovery of Rohina	St Patrick's
Sun	18th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	The First Sunday in Lent	09:00	Annamma Anthony 10 th Anniversary	Our Lady's
		11:00	Preeman Perera	St Patrick's
		15:00	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	Our Lady's

SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Masses

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

30 minutes before weekday 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>

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46*

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head.

"A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, 'Unclean, unclean'. As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp."

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 31*

Response: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes
no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **R/**

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: "I will confess
my offence to the Lord."

And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. **R/**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **R/**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1*

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

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may

be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1: 40-45

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: "If you want to" he said "you can cure me." Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. "Of course I want to!" he said. "Be cured!" And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, "Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery." The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



Four Masses will mark the start on Wednesday of the season of Lent between our two parishes. Ashes will be distributed at each of them.

Each Sunday during Lent at 3pm there will be Stations of the Cross. Sessions will alternate between the two parishes, beginning at Our Lady's, and we need people to lead. Groups and individuals who are willing to lead the Stations of the Cross please add the name of your contact number to the list on the porch.

Various examples of Stations of the Cross are available.

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 **Peter Joyce** and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism

Please give at least 1 month notice for Baptisms.

First Communion

We have **66** candidates for First Forgiveness and First Communion. Preparations begin after half term.

Confirmation

Confirmations will not take place in the Deanery this year as there are insufficient numbers. Those who added their names to the list will be contacted as soon as the next Programme can be planned.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Anybody who is interested in Adult Baptism and Reception into full Communion with the Catholic Church should speak to Fr Ravi as soon as possible. Sessions will be held on Thursday evenings after 7pm Mass.

The Programme begins on Thursday 15th February and there is a service for the **Rite of Initiation** on **18 February, 3pm** at Shrewsbury Cathedral, SY1 1T

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The monthly Ecumenical Service for February will be on Tuesday 27th at Holy Trinity Church, Oakengates starting at 7.00pm with the theme, Lenten Reflection.

For further details please contact Pauline Heffernan paulineheffernan60@gmail.com

FRIENDSHIP GROUP AGED 10+

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

CENSUS RESULTS

Thank you for returning your Census forms.

Fr Ravi has collated the responses from the census and has produced a list of volunteers in the pastoral areas indicated. This list is on the notice board.

From this list a series of meetings will be held in the coming weeks to formulate groups for each area of ministry and to constitute a Parish Pastoral Team for each church and a Parish Pastoral Council. Suggested times for meetings are 10am on Saturdays at Our Lady's and 7pm on Wednesdays at St Patrick's during Lent.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Members of the Health and Safety and Maintenance team from St Patrick's will be giving an update of work done so far in the church and plans for the future at Masses on 17/18th February

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm (Passion) Sunday 23/24 March

Masses at the normal times.

Palm crosses will be blessed at each Mass.

Holy Thursday 28th March

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

St Patrick's Church at 7.00pm.

(in English and Polish languages)

Our Lady's at 7.30pm

Watching until 10pm. (both churches)

Good Friday 29th March

Solemn Celebration of the Passion

In both churches at 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross at 5.30pm *(Polish)*

Solemn Celebration of the Passion *(Polish)*

6.00pm

Holy Saturday 30th March

The Easter Vigil

Our Lady's Church at 7pm

St Patrick's Church at 7.30pm.

(in English and Polish languages)

Easter Sunday Morning 31st March

Masses at the normal times

MONEY MATTERS

St Patrick's £ 1312.25

Our Lady's £ 361.75 (28/1)

£ 430.75 (04/02)

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

A CELEBRATION FOR FR ALBAN

Now that Fr Alban is finally settled into his bungalow, we would like to plan a celebration for him on St Patrick's Day, March 17th. Anyone who would like to help with the organisation and planning please speak to Fr Ravi by 18th February.

ENVELOPES FOR REGULAR DONORS

Envelopes for the next tax year are being prepared. If you would like to begin using envelopes, please add your name to the list in the porch. Please complete a gift aid form if you are a taxpayer and we can claim an extra 25% on your donations at no extra cost to you.

If you are registered for gift aid but your tax status changes, please let the office know.

Standing order forms are always available from the porch.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER

SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School, Newport (part of Our Blessed Saints School Federation) is seeking to appoint a highly motivated, dedicated, and inspirational Deputy Headteacher who can support the Headteacher in leading the school to the next stage on its exciting journey. Governors invite applications from practicing Catholic teachers. For further information please see the school website: [Employment Opportunities | SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School](#). The closing date for completed applications is 12pm on 21st February 2024. Interviews will be held on Monday 4th March 2024.



FAMILY FAST DAY 23RD FEBRUARY.

Envelopes will be given out on 17th/18th for those who wish to bring back

a donation on Sunday 25th. Don't forget to gift aid your donation if you are a taxpayer.

There will be a frugal lunch of soup and bread in the meeting room after 12noon Mass on Friday 23rd with funds raised in aid of CAFOD. If you can provide a pan of soup, please let Moira know.

LENTEN SOUP

We would like to offer soup after each Wednesday Mass at Our Lady's and Friday Mass at St Patrick's. If any parishioners feel they can help to organise either of these events please let Fr Ravi know.



ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

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

The next meetings at both churches are on 20th February.

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

Appeal: boys clothes, ages 11-12 & 13 plus toys/games for the same. please contact Jane on 07956 072 534

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

The CWL would like to thank all members of the congregation who supported the recent Sunday lunch.

The raffle raised £284 to support ongoing church maintenance.

The next meeting will take place after the midday Mass on 20th February in the meeting room. New participants are always welcome.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION

Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at

www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024

Overland: Thursday, 25th July to

Friday, 2nd August

By Air: Friday, 26th July to

Thursday, 1st August

Details of this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes have now been released and are available together with Booking Forms from the large envelopes at the back of church.



We shall form an **East Shropshire in Lourdes Group**, so that all those joining from the parishes of our East Shropshire Deanery can travel and stay together in Lourdes.

Booking forms and payment are made direct to the Diocese.

As in previous years we will sponsor a Parishioner. Forms will be available from next week.



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