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18TH FEBRUARY 2024

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 of Lent - Bishop Mark Pastoral Letter		09:00	Annamma Anthony 10 th Anniversary	Our Lady's	
		11:00	Preeman Perera	St Patrick's	
		15:00	Stations of the Cross	Our Lady's	
Mon	19th	Ferial No Mass Today			
Tue	20th	Ferial 12:00 CWL MASS -Nicholas Head (Health)			St Patrick's
Wed	21st	Ferial 12:00 Sheila Sims (SVP Intention)			Our Lady's
Thurs	22nd	The Chair of St Peter, Apostle 19:00 Pearl Healy RIP			St Patrick's
Fri	23rd	St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr 12:00 Eileen Head (Health)			St Patrick's
Family Fast Day		18:00	Mass in Polish <i>after Way of the Cross</i>	St Patrick's	
CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection					
Sat	24th	17:30	FHC Enrolment Mass - Steven Holding (Health)	St Patrick's	
Sun	25th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's	
The Second Sunday of Lent		09:00	FHC Enrolment Mass - Tom Sellers Anniversary	Our Lady's	
		11:00	FHC Enrolment Mass – Tudor De Silva	St Patrick's	
		12:30	<i>Baptisms – Karolina & Michal Franczak & Dawid Orlik</i>	St Patrick's	
		15:00	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	St Patrick's	

SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Masses

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

30 minutes before weekday 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>

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

Genesis 9: 8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

God spoke to Noah and his sons, "See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again."

God said, "Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh."

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 24

Response: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

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 Peter 3: 18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the

spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people "by water", and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1: 12-15

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

LENT

Each Sunday during Lent at 3pm there will be Stations of the Cross.

18th February – Our Lady's Church
25th February – St Patrick's Church
3rd March – Our Lady's Church
10th March – St Patrick's Church
17th March – Our Lady's Church
24th March – St Patrick's Church

We thank those that have already signed up to lead at Our Lady's. There are still opportunities to sign up for St Patrick's.

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 **Pearl Healy** (Funeral 29th February), and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Holy Communion

The course begins with a meeting for parents on Monday 19th February at 6pm at St Patrick's.

Enrolment Masses will be held on 24/25th February. These Masses are likely to be very busy.

Lessons begin on Monday 26th in St Patrick's Church, Our Lady's Church and St Patrick's School.

Holy Communion Masses will be in May.

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 and began last week. If you would like to accompany the candidates on their journey please come along.

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

MEETINGS FOR VOLUNTEERS TOWARDS FORMING MINISTRY TEAMS AT ALL LEVELS:

Wednesday, 28 February, 7pm at St Patrick's and Saturday, 2 March, 10am at Our Lady's:

Agenda - Faith Formation and Faith Celebration

Volunteers already involved in any of the following ministries or would like to be involved, are welcome to attend:

Catechists for Sacramental preparation, Sunday Liturgy with children, Foundation Governors, Newsletter, Bible Study, RCIA, Altar Servers, Choir, EMHC, Readers, Offertory Collectors, Ushers, Welcoming Team, Christmas/Holy Week

Wednesday, 6 March, 7pm at St Patrick's and Saturday, 9 March, 10am at Our Lady's:

Agenda – Faith Action, Administration and Maintenance, Groups and Pious Associations
Volunteers already involved in any of the following ministries or would like to be involved, are welcome to attend:

CAFOD, Churches Together, Inter-Faith, Flower arrangers, Local Missionary Area, Meeting room, Hall, Offertory counting, Pastoral Care of the sick, Piety stall, Rota organisers, Sacristans, Safeguarding, Socials/event managers, Accounts, Car Park, Cleaners, Gardens, Health & Safety, Offertory Banking, Office, Sound System, Property Maintenance, Website, Social media, Adorers, Bereavement, Book club, Catenians, CWL, Justice & Peace, Myanga, SVP, Wednesday Word, Youth Mission: Representatives from these different areas of parish life and ministries will eventually form the Parish Pastoral Team (PPT) for each parish and the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) for St Patrick's and Our Lady's together.

MONEY MATTERS

St Patrick's £ 1142.75

Our Lady's £ 342.75

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Envelopes for the new tax year will be available soon. Standing order and gift aid forms are always available from the porch.

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

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION

This 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 the same address which 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.



FAMILY FAST DAY 23RD FEBRUARY.

Envelopes will be given out on this

weekend 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.



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

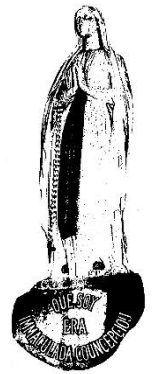
WREKIN MALE VOICE CHOIR

On Saturday 23rd March at 7pm at The Memorial Hall, Wrekin College, The Wrekin Male Voice Choir is presenting a Concert in aid of The Air Ambulance. Tickets are £10 each and are available from Lewis Neilson on 07401 892464.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024

Overland: Thursday, 25th July to Friday, 2nd August

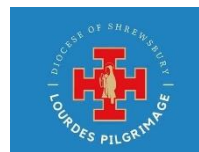
By Air: Friday, 26th July to Thursday, 1st August



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.



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

STEWARDS NEEDED

It is vital that our parishioners and visitors are kept safe and that we have enough people to steward, especially when we have large numbers in attendance.

A meeting has been arranged for all those volunteers who wish to help to steward masses during Holy Week at St Patrick's. The meeting will take place following 7.00pm Mass at approximately 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 14th March in St Patrick's meeting room.

If more details are required, please contact Michael Day on 07770 460646 or Fr Ravi.

A CELEBRATION FOR FR ALBAN

All Saint's Parish Hall has been tentatively booked for the afternoon of 17th March for the celebration.

There will be a meeting in St Patrick's meeting room at 12.30pm, after 11am Mass this Sunday, 18th February for anyone who can help with organisation.