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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat	2nd	17:30	Maria Aguofia 7 th Anniversary	St Patrick's
	3rd	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Third Sunday of Lent		09:00	In Thanksgiving – Joel Sebin	Our Lady's
		11:00	For Our Parishioners	St Patrick's
		15:00	Stations of the Cross	Our Lady's
Mon	4th	Ferial	<i>Holy Communion classes</i>	
Tues	5th	Ferial	12:00 Loretto Tupholme RIP & Nicky Biddulph (Birthday)	St Patrick's
Wed	6th	Ferial	12:00 Vinci Donoghue	Our Lady's
Thurs	7th	Ferial	19:00 Joanna Stelmach (Personal Intention)	St Patrick's
Fri	8th	Ferial	09.30 Mini Vinnies Mass – John Adams 10 th Anniversary	St Patrick's
			18:00 Mass in Polish <i>after Way of the Cross</i>	St Patrick's
Sat	9th	17:30	Fred Rebello RIP	St Patrick's
Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sun	10th	08:45 Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
			09:00 Bernadette Shelvew	Our Lady's
			11:00 Jim and Philomena McPhillips RIP	St Patrick's
		15:00	Stations of the Cross	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>

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

Exodus 20: 1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,

"You shall have no gods except me.

"You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

"Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath and made it sacred.

"Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given you.

"You shall not kill.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

"You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his."

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 18

Response: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1: 22-25

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
whoever believes in me will never die.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

THE GOSPEL

John 2: 13-25

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Gloria to you, O Lord.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me.

The Jews intervened and said, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

LENT

Each Sunday during Lent at 3pm, **except on 17th October at 1pm**, there will be Stations of the Cross.

3rd March – Our Lady's Church - Choir

10th March – St Patrick's Church – Myanga

17th March – Our Lady's Church – Phillip – **at 1pm**

24th March – St Patrick's Church - Youth

LENTEN RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS

All are welcome to our Lenten Reconciliation celebrations to be led by Canon Jonathan Mitchell. **Wednesday, 20 March, 7pm**, Our Lady's Trench: Holy Eucharist with opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness.

Thursday, 21 March, 7pm, St Patrick's, Wellington: Holy Eucharist with opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness.

Fr Ravi is also available, 30 minutes before every mass, for Confessions.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Fr Ravi has started his visits to the sick and housebound. If you are visiting anyone regularly or if you are aware of anyone in need of a pastoral visit, please do let Fr Ravi know after obtaining consent from the person concerned or the next of kin.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer all who have died, all who are mourning the death of a loved one, especially **Bernard Wilcox**, (Funeral Mass 14th March) and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Holy Communion

Communion preparation has started. Fr Ravi meets with parents from 5.30-6.30pm.

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 are held on Thursday evenings after 7pm Mass. If you would like to accompany the candidates on their journey please come along.



ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

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

The next meetings are St Patrick's on

5th March and at Our Lady's on 12th March.

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



SVP are hosting their regular First Sunday Coffee Morning after 11am Mass. They would welcome cakes from parishioners.

MONEY MATTERS

St Patrick's £ 1206.25

Our Lady's £ 392.75

Priests Retirement Fund £463

Cafod £143.50

Please add any late donations to the gold box.

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Envelopes for the new tax year are now available from the porch. The current envelopes (orange) should be used up till Easter Sunday)

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

MEETINGS FOR VOLUNTEERS TOWARDS FORMING MINISTRY TEAMS AT ALL LEVELS: 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. **A summary will be printed once all sessions are complete.**

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.

PARKING

Our Lady's

If there are no parking bays left when you arrive at Mass, please leave by the OUT GATE and park up the hill to the left or drive around to Church Road and park in the bays there.

You must not park behind the cars parked in the bays as this restricts access to the through-flow of traffic and would make emergency vehicle access impossible.

St Patrick's

Do not park in front of the church doors.

If the car park is full, please use the Railway Station parking. If you are fit and can mobilise easily, please leave the church parking for those less able to walk from the station.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024

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

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

Booking Forms are available from the large envelopes in the porch.

Booking forms and payment are sent directly to the Diocese.

SHREWSBURY YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2024

Wednesday 24th July – Friday 2nd August

Information and forms are available from
youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Age 16 – 22 Cost £725.

Closing date for Applications is 31st March 2024



A CELEBRATION FOR FATHER ALBAN

You are invited to Father Alban's Retirement Afternoon Tea Party on Sunday 17th March from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at All Saint's Parish Hall TF1 1DG.

Numbers are limited so please sign up on the register in the porch at both churches.

There will be a box in the porch for cards and donations for those who didn't get a chance previously.

We are also looking for any photos of Father Alban. Please add a short description of the place and occasion where it was taken and your name so that we can return them.

Please put the photos in an envelope in the box or email them to ccntelford@gmail.com

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm (Passion) Sunday 23/24 March

Palm crosses will be blessed at each Mass.

Wednesday 27th March

Mass of the Chrism

Saint Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch at 7pm.

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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT?

Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated.

Interested – jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

MINI VINNIES

Parishioners are invited to join the Mini Vinnies for two Masses.

St Patrick's Church on Friday 8th March at 9.30am and Our Lady of the Rosary on Wednesday 13th March at 12noon.

The proposed soup lunch for Friday 8th March has been cancelled as there will be no 12noon Mass that day.

ROOF REPAIRS

Work will begin this Wednesday on the essential repairs to the roof at St Patrick's. The work is likely to last 2 weeks. Please be patient if at times parts of the grounds are less accessible.