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10TH MARCH 2024

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat	9th	17:30	Fred Rebello RIP	St Patrick's	
	10th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's	
Fourth Sunday of Lent		09:00	Bernadette Shelvew	Our Lady's	
		11:00	Jim and Philomena McPhillips RIP	St Patrick's	
		15:00	<i>Stations of the Cross – Friends of Myanga</i>	St Patrick's	
	Mon	11th	Ferial <i>Holy Communion classes</i>		
Tues	12th	Ferial 12:00	James McDonnell (RIP)	St Patrick's	
Wed	13th	Ferial 12:00	Mini Vinnies – Maeve Barrett	Our Lady's	
Thurs	14th	Ferial 10:30 19:00	Funeral Mass for Bernard Wilcox Christine Taylor RIP	St Patrick's St Patrick's	
Fri	15th	Ferial 09:30 18:00	<i>Bina Dyche</i> _ Mass in Polish <i>after Way of the Cross</i>	St Patrick's Primary School St Patrick's	
Sat	16th	17:30	Martin Gaughan Anniversary	St Patrick's	
Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sun	17th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		09:00	Brian Ladd RIP	Our Lady's	
		11:00	John Caswell Intention	St Patrick's	
		13:00	<i>Stations of the Cross – Phillip Williams leading</i>	Our Lady's	

SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Masses

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

30 minutes before weekday Masses

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LIVESTREAM: Our Masses from St Patrick's are available online at <https://churchservices.tv/wellington>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING *2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23*

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, "Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation." And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: "Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 136

Response: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps. **R/**

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.
"Sing to us," they said, "one of Zion's songs." **R/**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord
on alien soil?

If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **R/**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R/**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2: 4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

THE GOSPEL

John 3: 14-21

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

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

Jesus said to Nicodemus: The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

10th March at 3pm at St Patrick's Church

17th March at 1pm at Our Lady's Church

24th March at 3pm at St Patrick's Church

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.

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

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 **Brian Ladd**, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

SUNDAY AT ST PATRICK'S

Rising from our Parish conversations, children in Year 5 and below attending 11am Mass will be invited to sit on the sanctuary during Mass from this week. Please follow the directions of the stewards and children's liturgy team. The children will go from the sanctuary to the meeting room for Children's Liturgy and then return to the sanctuary for the rest of Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Holy Communion

Communion preparation has started. Fr Ravi hopes to meet with parents from 5.30-6.30pm on Mondays. **Please order any gifts from the piety stalls before Easter.**

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.

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.



ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

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

The next meetings are at Our Lady's on 12th March and at St Patrick's on 19th March.

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

St Patrick's SVP host a Coffee Morning after 11am Mass every First Sunday.

Our Lady's offer refreshments after each 9am Mass. Cakes from parishioners are always welcome.

MONEY MATTERS

St Patrick's £ 1168.75

Our Lady's £ 451.75

A further £35 was sent to Cafod

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

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

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.

ROOF REPAIRS

Work is in progress 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.

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 is 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

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

HOLY WEEK SEDER

On Wednesday 27th March, at 6.30pm, we are having a prayerful meal, called the Seder. At the Seder, foods of symbolic significance commemorating the Hebrews' liberation are eaten, and prayers and traditional recitations are performed. It is a beautiful tradition and hopefully you would like to join us.

Since it is a cooked meal, we are using lamb casseroles, not lamb shanks, and this will be a joint effort using several slow cookers. If you want to join in, we believe 30 people would be the ideal number, keeping it prayerful and intimate, please let us know.

This will be a parish event and the cooking and preparation will be spread across those attending, with perhaps a small financial contribution. The parishes of Our Lady's & St Patricks will join together for this blessed occasion, a perfect prayer during Holy week.

If you would like to join us, please email either jarmila.camier@sky.com or ritaw18@hotmail.com Blessings.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP 10+

This month's meeting for children 10+ will be held on Sunday 17th March 4:30-6:30pm. Please bring your scrapbooks.

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH TRIP TO IRELAND – last week for booking!

Escape to Mullingar"

with Jones' Travel from 6th-10th May
£589 twin, single supplement £40.

See brochure or website.

Staying at the Bloomfield House Hotel
Book directly on **01352733292**