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17TH MARCH 2024

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat	16th	17:30	Martin Gaughan Anniversary	St Patrick's
	17th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Fifth Sunday of Lent		09:00	Brian Ladd RIP	Our Lady's
		11:00	John Caswell (Int)	St Patrick's
		13:00	<i>Stations of the Cross – Phillip Williams leading</i>	Our Lady's
Mon	18th	Ferial	No Mass Today	
Tues	19th	St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
		12:00	Doreen Biddulph RIP	St Patrick's
		18:00	<i>First Forgiveness Service</i>	St Patrick's
Wed	20th	Ferial		
		14:00	St Luke's School Mass	Our Lady's
		19:00	Reconciliation Mass – Aleyamma Mathay RIP	
Thurs	21st	Ferial		
		19:00	Reconciliation Mass - Family of Omojola and Geaga	St Patrick's
Fri	22nd	Ferial		
		12:00	Rev. Sister Emmanuwel	St Patrick's
		18:00	Mass in Polish <i>after Way of the Cross</i>	St Patrick's
Sat	23rd	17:30	John Dooney - Recovery	St Patrick's
Sun	24th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord		09:00	Katie & Sarah Goonan	Our Lady's
		11:00	Thilak de Silva and Mary Corsina Perera	St Patrick's
		15:00	<i>Stations of the Cross – Youth group leading</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>

Saturday's Vigil Mass is recorded

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 31: 31-34*
A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, “Learn to know the Lord!” No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 50*

Response: A pure heart create for me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R/**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R/**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **R/**

SECOND READING *Hebrews 5: 7-9*
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having

been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

THE GOSPEL *John 12: 20-33*

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, “Sir, we should like to see Jesus.” Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: “Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!” A voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, “It was an angel speaking to him.” Jesus answered, “It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.” By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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.

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

Stewards should be at church half an hour before services begin

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer all who have died, all who are mourning the death of a loved one, especially **Brian Ladd** and **Doreen Biddulph**, Nigel's mother, 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 are invited to sit on the sanctuary during Mass.

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.

Holy Communion will be taken to those in the choir. There should be space in the church to avoid standing in the porch.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Holy Communion

The candidates will celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness for the first time this week. There is then a break in lessons till after Easter.

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.

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 £ 1081.75

Our Lady's £ 448.25

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)

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.

COUNTERS

Counters instructions and rotas will be sent by email in the coming week.

BINGO EVENING

FRIDAY 12th APRIL 7 pm

Our Lady of The Rosary Church, Trench
in aid of

Poor Clare Mission in Myanga
and Our Lady of the Rosary SVP.

Tickets will be on sale shortly
Adults £3.00 Primary School children £1.00

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.

THANK YOU FROM ST LUKE'S SCHOOL

Miss Evans, on behalf of St Luke's school, would like to thank Our Lady of the Rosary parishioner Mrs Pauline Hoyle for her work in helping us this year.

Pauline has washed, sorted, and tirelessly labelled, huge amounts of uniform donations to allow us to re-sell them to school parents.

The amount raised is £198.00! These funds will go into 'School Fund', a fund that benefits every child.

A great support of our children, thank you!

NOTICE OF THANKS

Parishioners at Our Lady's wish to thank Natalie of Greenfields Farm Shop, Donnington, for the very kind donation of daffodils for our Mass last weekend. They brightened our day and we thank her most sincerely.

SONGSHEET BOOKLETS

If you have inadvertently removed any of the song booklets from Our Lady's, please return them as soon as possible. It is evident that quite a few have left the building.

FR ALBAN'S PARTY

If you are attending Fr Alban's retirement party please park on the railway car park and walk around to All Saint's Parish Centre.

