



St. Patrick

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Our Lady of the Rosary

24TH MARCH 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – HOLY WEEK

Sat	23rd	18:15	John Dooney – Recovery & Declan Ashiegbu B/day	St Patrick's
Sun	24th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	Palm Sunday	09:00	Katie & Sarah Goonan	Our Lady's
	of the Passion	11:00	Thilak de Silva and Mary Corsina Perera	St Patrick's
	of the Lord	15:00	Stations of the Cross – Youth Group	St Patrick's
Mon	25th	Monday of Holy Week		
Tue	26th	Tuesday of Holy Week		
		12:00	Kurian Kurian	St Patrick's
Wed	27th	Wednesday of Holy Week		
		12:00	Thomas Goonan	Our Lady's
		19:00	Mass of the Chrism in St Michael's Church, Woodchurch	
		Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - followed by Watching until 10hrs		
	Maundy Thursday	19:00	Parishioners – Alive and Deceased	St Patrick's
		19:30	Parishioners – Alive and Deceased	Our Lady's
		15:00	Solemn Celebration of the Passion	Our Lady's
	Good Friday	15:00	Solemn Celebration of the Passion	St Patrick's
		18:00	Solemn Celebration of the Passion in Polish	St Patrick's
	Holy Saturday	10:00	<i>Blessing of Food- Polish Community</i>	St Patrick's
		19:00	The Easter Vigil	Our Lady's
		19:30	The Easter Vigil	St Patrick's
Sun	31st	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	Easter Sunday	09:00	Parishioners	Our Lady's
		11:00	Parishioners	St Patrick's

SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION) - 30 minutes before Masses

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - 30 minutes before weekday Masses

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity (No.234025)

VIGIL MASS PARKING

There will be no parking available on the Main car park if you are coming to the Vigil Mass at St Patricks as it will be used for the Mass.

There is plenty of parking available on the Railway Car Park.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:
 St Patrick's: £ 1188.75
 Our Lady's: £ 401.76

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Please take your new envelopes.

PARISH CONVERSATIONS

The first set of conversations in our two parishes was held in October 2023. We thanked God for the pastoral ministry of Fr Alban Greenwood and continued to build on the great history of our communities.

As a result of these discussions, Census/Volunteer forms were distributed and their results were shared on the notice board. New initiatives for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, pastoral care of the sick, change of Saturday Vigil mass time and Sacrament of Forgiveness were introduced. A dynamic team of Administration and Maintenance have dealt with many safety issues at St Patrick's.

The second set of conversations was held in February and March 2024. The aim was to utilise the results of the Census/volunteer forms and to establish effective teams at all levels to share in the mission of the Church: faith-formation, faith-celebration, faith-action, groups & pious associations and administration & maintenance. It was agreed that two members from each of these ministries will form the Pastoral Team for each church (5x2=10) and one member from each of the ministries in our two churches will come together to form a Pastoral Council (5+5=10).

There will be a finance team for each church and a combined parish finance committee. Many have volunteered and some names have been proposed to be on these pastoral teams. It was strongly suggested that these teams truly reflect our Sunday worshipping communities. Fr Ravi is working to form teams based on the suggestions given and after obtaining their consent the teams will be introduced to our people.

We are also blessed with many volunteers, who have agreed to be Catechists (for various sacraments and other faith formation activities) and a counters rota would come into effect from April 2024 – the new financial year. Stewarding at liturgical celebrations and in the car park, seating children in the sanctuary area at 11am mass to accommodate more people in church and possibly an extra Sunday mass, were among the other issues discussed.

Fr Ravi then invited everyone present at these meetings to share their views on the future vision for our two parishes and the need for amalgamation. The conversation reflected the hopes and fears, opportunities and challenges that the communities encounter. There was a generous acceptance of the need to work together, to collaborate at all levels and to function as one parish community to promote evangelisation and to facilitate efficient and effective administration. The need to celebrate our unity, without losing the

identity of each of our communities, was almost unanimously expressed and emphasised.

The members also approved Fr Ravi's request to initiate further conversations with Bishop Mark and the diocese, regarding the realisation of this pastoral arrangement for our communities in North Telford.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

Your prayers are asked for the sick and the housebound and all those who are in hospital, the Hospice or local nursing and care homes. We remember especially the doctors, nurses and all medical staff at our hospitals; also all the staff at our local nursing and care homes.

We remember in prayer all who have died: and all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Prayerful Congratulations to **Martin Lewis** and **Benjamin Downward** who will be received into full communion with the church at the Vigil Mass at St Patrick's.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Saint Maria Faustina described the image of the Merciful Jesus.

Our blessed Lord also requested from Sister Faustina a novena. He especially wished that it be made beginning Good Friday in preparation for the Feast of His Mercy. The novena consists of the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

There will be a Service Divine Mercy Sunday, Sunday 7th April including Exposition and Benediction, at 3pm.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

We can now confirm that all the work on the roof of the Church and Presbytery has now been completed. We thank you for your patience while this work was being carried out.

A new light in the sacristy and new light outside at the rear door of the presbytery have been installed, The new pump is working well in the cellar and First Aid boxes have been fixed to the walls in the porch, the meeting room and in the Parish office.

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 are on sale now
Adults £3.00 Primary School children £1.00