

THE BEACON

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31ST MARCH 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

Sat	30th	19:00	Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter	Our Lady's
		19:30	Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter	St Patrick's
	31st	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Easter Sunday		09:00	For Parishioners	Our Lady's
		11:00	Christianah Omojola RIP	St Patrick's
Mon	1st	Monday of the Easter Octave		
		08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Tues	2nd	Tuesday of the Easter Octave		
		12:00	Chinnamma Kuriakose RIP	St Patrick's
Wed	3rd	Wednesday of the Easter Octave		
		12:00	Barbara Sandy RIP	Our Lady's
Thurs	4th	Thursday of the Easter Octave		
		19:00	Eileen O'Rourke (Health)	St Patrick's
Fri	5th	Friday of the Easter Octave		
		12:00	Rita RIP	St Patrick's
		13:30	Funeral Service for Brian Ladd at Telford Crematorium	
		18:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Sat	6th	13:00	Baptism – Molly Pease	
		17:30	Bridget Canavan Birthday Remembrance	St Patrick's
Sun	7th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		09:00	Maureen Kinsey RIP	Our Lady's
Second Sunday of Easter- Divine Mercy Sunday		11:00	Colm Nugent and Gabriel Murphy RIP	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism – Myles Davies	St Patrick's
		13:30	Baptism – Brodie Hetherington	St Patrick's
		13:30	Divine Mercy Service	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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**THE READINGS FOR
THE EASTER DAYTIME MASS**

FIRST READING *Acts 10: 34, 37-43*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name."

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 117*

**Response: This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad!**

1. Alleluia,
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
"His love has no end." **R/**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R/**
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R/**

SECOND READING *Colossians 3:1-4*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God but when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.**

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

John 20: 1-9

The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

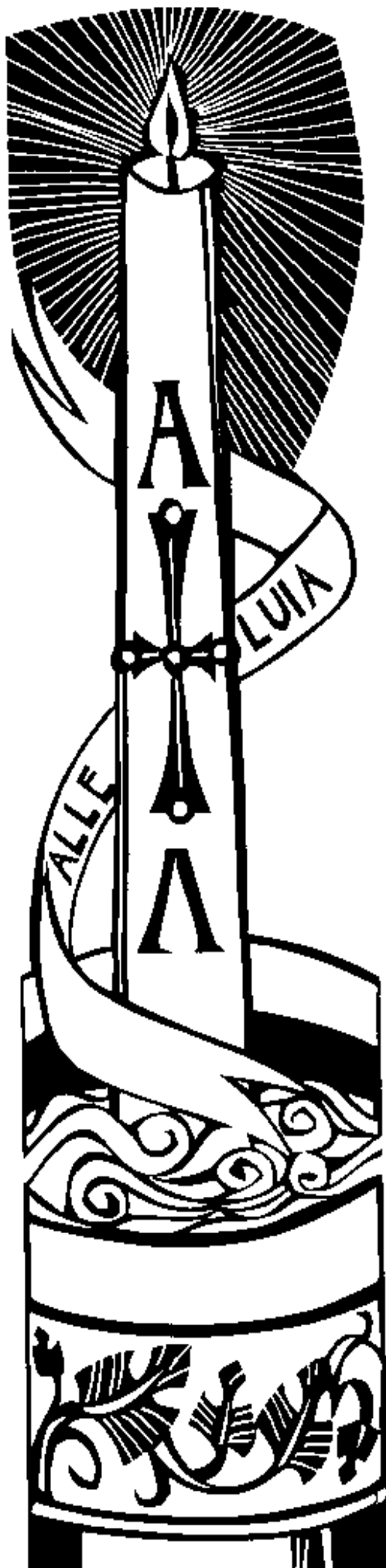
Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb," she said "and we don't know where they have put him."

So Peter set out with the other disciples to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



HAPPY EASTER

The women went to complete the burial ritual, instead they face a birth: the birth of the Risen Christ. They must have gone to the tomb in sadness, with heavy hearts, but arriving at the tomb were told by the angel, "You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he is not in the tomb, he has risen!" It was news that they could not contain within themselves – it had to be shared. The mission of the Church throughout the ages is to spread that same news: Jesus Christ suffered, died, and rose again to reveal God's love for all. He is our Lord and our Saviour for all time.

May we grow in life and love so that we become the people the Lord created us to be: perfect reflections of the Risen Lord in the world today.

Fr Ravi Fr Alban Fr Joe Fr Michal

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, especially **Maureen Kinsey**, sister of Pauline Heffernan, **Baby Benjamin Baige** and **Brian Ladd**: 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.

DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION CATECHIST CONFERENCE ~ 18th May 2024

On the eve of Pentecost, 18th May there will be a diocesan conference with the Dominican Sisters of Saint Joseph for Confirmation Catechists and those seeking to become Confirmation Catechists. The conference will be held at Saint Mary's Parish Centre, 65 Delamere Street, Crewe CW1 2JX. The day will explore the Sacrament of Confirmation, best practice, networking with catechists across the Diocese, and inspiration to take back to your parish. Registration is essential. A flyer is available on the notice Board, registration and contact details.

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 on Divine Mercy Sunday, Sunday 7th April including Exposition and Benediction, at 3pm.

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.

Both groups meet again on 9th April at 7pm.

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 SVP thanks their Coffee Club for their recent donation of £100. Their support is much appreciated.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 1287.25

Our Lady's: £ 465.75

Fr Alban's collection: £1405

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Please take your new envelopes. They start from next Sunday, 7th April.

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

DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE 2024

The annual Marriage Mass will take place on Saturday June 8th, 12 noon at Saint Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA, and will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

Couples who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year: Silver, Pearl, Ruby, Golden, Diamond or Platinum and also newly married couples are invited to attend.

If you wish to receive an invitation, please send details, including your address and anniversary to: theresa.stones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

MASS REQUESTS

Please give us at least 2 weeks' notice if you would like a specific Mass. We try to accommodate all requests but there are already other requests for that Mass your intention will be on the nearest available date.

FR ALBAN

Fr Alban has written following the "Do" two weeks ago to mark his retirement. He was overwhelmed by the generosity shown by you all in the official parish presentations, and the number of messages and cards given by so many.

The celebration in the afternoon at All Saints Hall was very special. Fr Alban thanks all those who had a part in organising and presenting the event. Especially Robert for presenting the photographs of Fr Alban's "yester-years". It was a truly memorable event and was enjoyed by all who came along.

Fr Alban's new address is:

2 Wrekin Close, Trench, Telford, TF2 6QU

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Many thanks to you all.

Fr Alban

PS. *I'm wondering when I can actually retire!*

