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7TH APRIL 2024

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY

Sat	6th	17:30	Bridget Canavan Birthday Remembrance	St Patrick's
	7th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	<b>Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	09:00	Maureen Kinsey, Eileen Ashley & Matthew Heffernan	Our Lady's
		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
		15:00	Divine Mercy Service	St Patrick's
Mon	8th	<i>Holy Communion Lessons</i>		
Tues	9th	12:00	Alan McLaughlin (Intention) Shaju Elias (Health)	St Patrick's
Wed	10th	12:00	Irvin Bould RIP	Our Lady's
Thurs	11th	19:00	John Budworth RIP & Rita (SVP Intention)	St Patrick's
Fri	12th	12:00	Gennaro and Maria Lauriello	St Patrick's
		18:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Sat	13th	17:30	Ann and Lewis Neilson 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	St Patrick's
Sun	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		09:00	Teresa Wall Birthday	Our Lady's
		11:00	Kevin Gallagher RIP	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism – Janet Frimpong	St Patrick's

### SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Masses

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

30 minutes before weekday Masses

### DATA PROTECTION PRIVACY NOTICE

Our two parishes sometimes collect personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary and used by the Parish/Diocese for the benefit of the Parish and for legitimate reasons such as administrative and religious purposes. You can read our full privacy notice at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice)

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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>

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### FIRST READING

*Acts 4: 32-35*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.  
**R/ Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 117*

**Response: 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."

Let the sons of Aaron say:  
"His love has no end."

Let those who fear the Lord say:  
"His love has no end." **R/**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. **R/**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. **R/**

### SECOND READING

*John 5: 1-8*

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.  
We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world?  
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,

not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.  
**R/ Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."**

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL

*John 20: 19-30*

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

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

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." After saying this he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained."

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, "We have seen the Lord", he answered, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe."

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. "Peace be with you" he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, "Put your finger here: look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**R/ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**A NOTICE FROM BISHOP MARK  
TO THE PARISHES OF  
ST PATRICK, WELLINGTON  
AND OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY & ST  
LUKE, TRENCH  
READ OUT AT MASSES ON 30<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup> OF  
MARCH, EASTER 2024**

Since early 2017, the two parish communities of St Patrick - Wellington and Our Lady of the Rosary & St Luke – Trench, have been served by a single priest, resident at St Patrick's but with pastoral care of both communities. I remain grateful to the clergy of the two Parishes, your current parish priest, Fr Ravi Bosco, and to his predecessor Fr Alban Greenwood, for their leadership, commitment and hard work in serving the people of both Parishes and working in the mission of the Gospel. Further, I commend all those parishioners of these two parishes who have generously co-operated with these arrangements and have increasingly worked together in matters such as faith-formation, celebration of the Sacraments and social outreach and in making arrangements, so the two parishes could be served by one priest.

Six years of experience can now be relied upon to assess the situation of the Parishes afresh. Based on that experience, I now wish to propose the two Parishes should be formally merged into one. To do so would be to recognize officially the successful pastoral reality of the past six years and I am assured that the act of merging the two parishes would, in itself, have no negative impact on the current pastoral arrangements within the newly merged parish. To be clear, this proposed formalization of the arrangements which have been in place for the last six years will not affect the use of the two Churches of St Patrick and Our Lady & St Luke and will not change the arrangements for the provision of the Sacraments.

I am told that the proposal should bring benefits to these two parishes. Over the past six years, for example, matters such as administration and financial accounting have had to be carried out separately for each parish, duplicating the time and expense required for these tasks. Thus, in recognizing formally the pastoral reality of the past six years, the proposed merger of the two parish entities into one would, I hope:

1. provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of the Parishes of St Patrick, Wellington and of Our Lady of the Rosary & St Luke, Trench;
2. further strengthen the vitality of parish life in this area of North Telford;
3. provide for a better, unified and more efficient stewardship of resources; and,
4. provide for the optimum use of clergy and lay people in serving the mission

My aim, in making this proposal is to provide for the welfare of these two parishes and to make any adjustments which seem necessary and right in the circumstances. It also includes enabling the mission of the Church and the pastoral care of the faithful to be properly pursued in this part of our Diocese with the resources available to us.

A programme of opportunities to consider these proposals will now take place in the two parishes. These proposals will also be considered by the Diocesan Council of Priests and I will of course discuss them further with your parish priest and the *Vicar Forane* of the local deanery. Though these proposals, if I decide that they should be adopted, will mean a different parochial structure for the people of the two parishes, this does not mean that their contribution to and participation in the mission and life of the Church in these areas will be in any way diminished or less valued; far from it. My hope is that such contribution and participation will fully continue and be better enabled and enhanced by these new arrangements.

If any parishioner of the two parishes of Parish of St Patrick, Wellington and Our Lady & St Luke, Trench has any relevant comments to contribute on these proposals, I should be very happy to consider them. As well as the planned meetings which will take place within the parish, comments may be made in writing by letter from the correspondent's home address within the parish (they should not be sent by email or other means). They should be addressed to me at the Curial Offices, 2 Park Road South, Prenton, Wirral CH43 4UX. They should arrive at the curial offices before the last day of April 2024. I am not able to consider comments arriving after that date.

I shall then make a final decision in the light of all the advice and comments received.

## PARISH MEETINGS

Our Lady's Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm

St Patrick's Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm

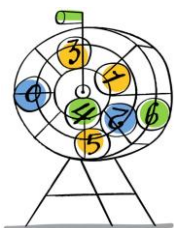
## PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

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, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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



## BINGO EVENING

FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:theresa.stones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**St Patrick's SVP host a Coffee Morning after 11am Mass this Sunday.**

## MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £ 2303.25

Our Lady's: £ 663.75

Holy Places Collection: £193

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

**Please take your new envelopes. They start from this Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April.**

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL would like to thank St Patrick's Maintenance Committee for their recent work in mounting and fixing the commemorative plaque inscribed by Lottie Jekiel's son-in-law next to the Queen Elizabeth rose in front of the church and fixing the recently acquired defibrillator in its permanent position on the side wall of the presbytery. Special thanks are due to Nick Croston's grandson for completing the necessary electrical connection.

## BLESSED EDWARD CAMPION FEDERATION

### ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### GOVERNING BODY

The Governors are delighted to share with Parishioners a report from their recent RE Inspection.

We are pleased to let you know that the school was judged **Outstanding** in the Catholic Life and Mission of the school, and good in Religious Education and Collective Worship, therefore resulting in an overall effectiveness grade for St Patrick's as **Good**. There were many very pleasing comments from the Inspectors in the report.

The behaviour of pupils is exemplary and demonstrates a very mature understanding of love, care and respect. The daily living out of the school's mission statement, and outstanding relationships at all levels, impact on all aspects of school life and ensure the ethos and sense of welcome is tangible.

The Governors thank Mr Hawes and all members of the staff for their commitment to St Patrick's school and congratulate them on this very pleasing report.