



St. Patrick

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Our Lady of the Rosary

14TH APRIL 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat	13th	17:30	Kevin Gallagher RIP	St Patrick's
	14th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Third Sunday of Easter		09:00	Teresa Wall and Margaret Adaway Birthday Intention	Our Lady's
		11:00	Ann and Lewis Neilson 50 th Wedding Anniversary	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism – Janet Frimpong	St Patrick's
Mon	15th	Ferial	<i>Holy Communion Lessons</i>	
Tues	16th	Ferial	12:00 CWL Monthly Mass	St Patrick's
Wed	17th	Ferial	12:00 Alex – Exam Success for Summer '24	Our Lady's
Thurs	18th	Ferial	19:00 Teresa Awang Intention	St Patrick's
Fri	19th	Ferial	12:00 Tom Walsh	St Patrick's
			18:00 Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
DAY OF PRAYER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR VOCATIONS				
Sat	20th	17:30	Lorraine Lloyd 80 th Birthday	St Patrick's
Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sun	21st	08:45 Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
			09:00 Tony Gernon	Our Lady's
			11:00 Kathleen Anne Coyle RIP	St Patrick's
			12:30 Baptism – Adona Jaison	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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LIVESTREAM: Our Masses from St Patrick's are available online at <https://churchservices.tv/wellington>

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING *Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Peter said to the people: "You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

"Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 4*

Response: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me! **R/**

It is the Lord who grants favours
to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R/**

"What can bring us happiness?" many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R/**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at
once for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in
safety. **R/**

SECOND READING *1 John 2: 1-5*

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, "I know him", and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the

truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us

as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24: 35-48

The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you!" In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, "Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, "This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled." He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH MEETINGS

Our Lady's Wednesday 1st May at 7pm

St Patrick's Thursday 2nd 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, especially **Myrna Fryer**: and all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Stewards, Carpark Attendants, Altar servers, Choir, Cleaners, Liturgical sheet preparers, Sacristans, Flower arrangers, Health and safety and maintenance teams, and all those who participated in great numbers to our Holy Week and Triduum services.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £1267.34

Standing orders £473.75 (£399.25 Gift Aided)

Envelopes: £410.76 (£266.26 Gift Aided)

Loose Plate £382.83 (Not gift aided)

Our Lady's: £409.75

Standing Orders £214.75 (£194.75 Gift Aided)

Envelopes £64.20 (£44.20 Gift Aided)

Loose Plate £130.80 (Not Gift Aided)

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

If you are a regular donor and pay tax the parish could claim 25% extra on your donation back from HMRC on the tax you have already paid, at no further cost to you. Please consider giving by Standing Order or envelope and completing a Gift Aid form.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

This month's meeting will be held in the St Patrick's meeting room following the noon Mass on Tuesday 16th April. All new members are always welcome.

NEW VICAR GENERAL

Congratulations to Canon Jonathan Brandon, who will serve alongside Canon Michael Gannon VG. We keep him in prayer as he takes on this new responsibility.

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. There is a flyer on the noticeboard. Please give your name to Moira as soon as possible if you would like to attend. It is hoped that people who drive can carpool with those who don't.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship group (age 10+) are next meeting in St Patrick's meeting room on Sunday 28th April 4.30-6.30. Please bring your books along with you.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



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

Next meetings are at St Patrick's on 23rd April and at Our Lady's on 30th April.

New members are always welcome

Refreshments will be served after 11am Mass each first Sunday in the meeting room at St Patrick's and after every Sunday Mass at Our Lady's. Donations received will go towards the work of the SVP.

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

MAINTENANCE TEAM MEETING

St Patrick's Health and Safety and Maintenance Teams are meeting on Thursday 18th April at 7.30pm. If you have an interest or any experience in looking after the fabric of our buildings you are very welcome to join them.

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

THE CATHOLIC NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA OF OUR LADY AT WALSINGHAM

The National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady in Walsingham has an online feature, encouraging pilgrims to visit as part of the Jubilee Year 2025. Follow this link: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/shrine-home/>

MARY'S MEALS ~ PRAY IN MAY

A message from Anna Houghton from Mary's Meals:

We would like to invite parishes from across the Diocese of Shrewsbury to join us to 'Pray in May' with parishes across the country to celebrate the work of Mary's Meals and give thanks that we are now reaching more than 2 million children with a nutritious meal in 18 countries every school day. Your parish could offer your prayerful support in a number of ways – more information and resources here: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/getinvolved/churches-and-prayers/pray-in-may> .

We ask for prayers at this time particularly for families facing extreme food insecurity and hunger in Ethiopia. We are hosting a special online session which priests and parishioners are welcome to join, where our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow will share more about this under-reported crisis.

This takes place on Tuesday 16th May at 7.000 pm. You can find out more about how to join this session at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/getinvolved/charity-events>

Please contact anna.houghton@marysmeals.org if you have any questions

APRIL – MONTH OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN

Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention this April is for "the role of women."

The Pope invites the Church to pray for this intention in this month's *The Pope Video*, <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/popes-april-prayer-intention-for-the-role-of-women/>

Pope Francis' denunciation

The Pope in his video illustrates the huge gap that exists between declared principles and actual practice.

"In theory, we all agree that men and women have the same dignity as persons. But this does not play out in practice," he noted.

The Pope provides concrete examples, citing "discriminatory laws" currently in force: mandatory dress codes, impediments to ongoing education, denial of assistance for job opportunities. And he recalls that "in many countries, genital mutilation is still practiced." Thus, he said, "governments need to commit to eliminate" this discrimination and "work toward guaranteeing women's human rights."

He asks us all to respect women, who unfortunately continue to be treated "like something to get rid of," and who are often victims of violence and abuse in many parts of the world, even in countries claiming to be more advanced. "And if we don't [respect women]," the Pope adds, "our society will not progress."

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Pope Francis has released his message for Vocations Sunday in which he focuses on the theme: "Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace".

In his message, Pope Francis calls on everyone to: "Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions; let him challenge you by his presence; More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom."

Vocations Sunday 21 April 2024, is dedicated in a particular way to imploring from the Father the gift of holy vocations for the building up of his Kingdom: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2).

ROTAS

Rotas are being drawn up for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Children's Liturgy for the next quarter. If you can add your name please contact Moira.