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21ST APRIL 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS				
Sat	20th	17:30	Lorraine Lloyd 80 th Birthday	St Patrick's
	21st	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	Fourth Sunday of Easter	09:00	Tony Gernon	Our Lady's
		11:00	Kathleen Anne Coyle RIP / Eugenia Wenzel Anniversary	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism – Adona Jaison	St Patrick's
Mon	22nd	Ferial Holy Communion Lessons		
Tues	23rd	St George, Martyr, Patron of England		
		12:00	Barbara Sandy RIP	St Patrick's
Wed	24th	Ferial		
		12:00	Margaret Mary Shanahan RIP	Our Lady's
Thurs	25th	St Mark, Evangelist		
		19:00	Rose Douglas / NJ Kuriala Nedumgattu RIP	St Patrick's
Fri	26th	Ferial		
		12:00	John Budworth RIP	St Patrick's
		18:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Sat	27th	17:30	John & Irene Dooney / Loretto Tupholme Birthday Remembrance	St Patrick's
Sun	28th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	Fifth Sunday of Easter	09:00	Irvin Bould RIP	Our Lady's
		11:00	Omojola & Oyeaga Families Intention	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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 4: 8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said, "Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved."

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 117

Response: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **R/**

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R/**

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **R/**

SECOND READING

1 John 3: 1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does

not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep

and my own know me.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

John 10: 11-18

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.

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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 **NJ Kuriala Nedumgattu** and **Myrna Fryer** and all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

In 1964, Pope Paul VI, launched Vocations Sunday, which we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called Good Shepherd Sunday. This year marks the 61st Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

As Catholics and people of God we all know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. God calls each of us by name through our Baptism to holiness. God continues to call and cry out to us each day to be disciples, some to the married life, some to the priesthood, some to religious life or to live as kind single people. Everybody is called! What is God calling you to?

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Loving God, you called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy Spirit.

Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy Cross 'I thirst' and respond to the call 'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations'.

Guide us in every step we take in life and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call.

Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son, who was always close to those in need. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,
Amen

BINGO!

Thank you to all Parishioners who supported the Bingo Night. It was a very successful evening, socially and financially. We raised £600 to be divided equally between Myanga and OLoR SVP.

More dates for your diary soon!!

PARISH MEETINGS

Our Lady's Wednesday 1st May at 7pm

St Patrick's Thursday 2nd May at 7.30pm

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.

THE GIFT

The Gift, is a Cafe resource DVD, which helps people reflect a little deeper on their Catholic faith journey. It will be running Wednesday evenings 7pm- 8.30 pm, throughout May and June, at Our Lady's & St Luke, Trench. It's good to come to all the evenings, as it's meant to be a course, but if you can't then try and make as many as possible.

8 May - The Fathers Loving Plan

15 May - The Joy of the Gospel

22 May - the Cross Billy Graham

29 May - The Gift of the Spirit

5 June - Unwrapping Gods Gift

12 June - Encountering Gods Spirit

19 June - Living in the Spirit

We will have a sign-up sheet in both our churches or you can email Rita Wilkinson on ritaw18@hotmail.com. It's really helpful to have an idea of numbers attending. There is no charge but we would ask for a donation at the end just to give a little something to the parish.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £1362

Standing orders £453 (£388 Gift Aided)

Envelopes: £522.10 (£428.06 Gift Aided)

Loose Plate £386.90 (Not gift aided)

Our Lady's: £398.85

Standing Orders £214.75 (£194.75 Gift Aided)

Envelopes £80 (£60 Gift Aided)

Loose Plate £104.10 (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.

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."

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 Moira, who will forward them to the diocese.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

The Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse is observed on 30 April 2024. It is always marked on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter in England and Wales.

PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

God of tenderness and compassion,
You call your people to witness to the power of
your love, to your desire for the truth and
justice, and to your gifts of hope and
transparency.

We pray for those who have come forward to
speak of the abuse they have suffered, and for
those who are not yet able to. May the Spirit
help us to offer a response that is rooted in the
love of Christ and to be a community in which
they can continue to feel believed and safe as
the search for truth and justice unfolds.

We ask this in the name of our Teacher and
Healer, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.

RECEPTION PLACES AT ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY - SEPTEMBER 2024

After National Offer Day, we were delighted to offer places to all the families that chose St Patrick's Catholic Primary for their child to attend in September 2024. However, there are still a small number of places that have not been filled. If you would like to apply for a place at our school, or if you know of anyone else who might be interested in one, please contact our school office on 01952 386160. Prospective parents are actively encouraged to visit our school so that you can see for yourselves what we can offer.