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**28TH APRIL 2024**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat	27th	17:30	John & Irene Dooney / Loretto Tupholme Birthday Remembrance	St Patrick's
	28th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	09:00	Irvin Bould	Our Lady's
		11:00	Omojola & Oyeaga Families Intention	St Patrick's
Mon	29th	<b>St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b> <i>Holy Communion Lessons</i>		
Tues	30th	<b>Day of Special Prayer for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse</b>		
		11:30	Funeral Service for Myrna Fryer	Telford Crematorium
		12:00	John and Leonard Gorman	St Patrick's
Wed	1st	<b>Ferial</b>		
		12:00	Finlay Douglas	Our Lady's
Thurs	2nd	<b>St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>		
		19:00	Nugent Family Intentions	St Patrick's
Fri	3rd	<b>Ss Philip &amp; James, Apostles</b>		
		12:00	Ray and Gemma Long USA (Health)	St Patrick's
		18:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Sat	4th	10:00	First Communion Mass	St Patrick's
		17:30	John Ryall RIP	St Patrick's
Sun	5th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	09:00	Veronica Anyichie and Family In Thanksgiving	Our Lady's
		11:00	Brendan Regan	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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**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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### FIRST READING

*Acts 9: 26-31*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord has appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.  
The word of the Lord.

**R/ Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 21*

**Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever! R/

All the earth shall remember  
and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him,  
all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow  
all who go down to the dust. R/

And my soul shall live for him,  
my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord  
to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness  
to peoples yet unborn:  
"These things the Lord has done." R/

### SECOND READING *1 John 3: 18-24*

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our

conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

**R/ Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.  
Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL

*John 15: 1-8*

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 to his disciples:

"I am the true vine,

and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R/ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 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, especially **Myrna Fryer**: and all who are mourning the death of a loved one, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## 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.

## MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's Offertory Collections:

St Patrick's: £1182.50

Standing orders £453 (£388 Gift Aided)

Envelopes: £372.50 (£284.50 Gift Aided)

Loose Plate £357 (Not gift aided)

Our Lady's: £ 396.55

Standing Orders £214.75 (£194.75 Gift Aided)

Envelopes £60 (£40 Gift Aided)

Loose Plate £121.80 (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.**

## 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 Father's 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## 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.



### URGENT CAFOD COLLECTION

The people of Sudan need our help urgently.

Cafod have launched an [emergency appeal](#) for donations to get aid to them on

the biggest scale they can muster.

There will be a retiring collection next week (4/5<sup>th</sup> May) but the quickest way to support this appeal is to use the QR code above to go direct to Cafod's donation page.

### NOTICE OF THANKS FROM ST LUKE'S SCHOOL

Mrs Rovizzi, our Deputy Headteacher, would like to thank parishioners of OLoR & St Luke for the very generous donation of £55 towards school fund. This was in thanks for the refreshments served by our Mini Vinnies, following Wednesday's midday Mass.

The donation will be used to enhance the children's learning experience in school. Special thanks as always to Mrs Pauline Hoyle for her wonderful support of our school.

### 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.

## PARISH DIARY

### APRIL

28 <sup>th</sup>	Friendship Group 10+ meets	SP
29 <sup>th</sup>	First Communion Practice	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Myrna Fryer Funeral at Crematorium	
30 <sup>th</sup>	SVP meets – both Churches	OL

### MAY

1 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Meeting	OL
1 <sup>st</sup>	Family Mass Singers practice	SP
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parish Meeting	SP
4 <sup>th</sup>	First Communions Group 1	SP
4/5 <sup>th</sup>	Cafod Emergency Appeal Retiring Collection	
5 <sup>th</sup>	SVP Coffee morning – No Children's Liturgy	SP
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday – Office closed	
7 <sup>th</sup>	SVP meets	SP
8 <sup>th</sup>	The Gift session 1	OL
9 <sup>th</sup>	Ascension – Holyday of Obligation	
11 <sup>th</sup>	First Communions Group 2	OL
11/12 <sup>th</sup>	World Communications Day Retiring collection	
15 <sup>th</sup>	The Gift session 2	OL
18 <sup>th</sup>	First Communions Group 3	SP
18/19 <sup>th</sup>	Pentecost	
21 <sup>st</sup>	SVP meets	OL
22 <sup>nd</sup>	St Luke's School Mass – 2pm	OL
22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Gift session 3	OL
25 <sup>th</sup>	Phelps/Stelmach Wedding	SP
25/26 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Trinity – No Children's Liturgy at St Patrick's	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday – Office closed	
28 <sup>th</sup>	SVP meets	SP
29 <sup>th</sup>	The Gift session 4	OL

### JUNE

1/2 <sup>nd</sup>	Corpus Christi	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	SVP Coffee morning – no Children's Liturgy	SP
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Gift session 5	OL
11 <sup>th</sup>	SVP meets	OL
12 <sup>th</sup>	The Gift session 6	OL
14 <sup>th</sup>	SVP meets	SP
19 <sup>th</sup>	The Gift session 7	OL

### PRAYER GROUP

Anybody who is interested in coming together to form a prayer group in the Holyhead Road area please contact Judy on 416729.

### DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator, purchased, commissioned and registered by the members of the CWL, is now available for use.

There will be familiarisation training for user groups in the coming weeks, but the machine will direct the user on what to do.