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8 DECEMBER 2024

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BIBLE SUNDAY				
Sat	7th	17:30	Ness McCabe RIP (SVP Intention)	St Patrick's
	8th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	2nd Sunday of Advent	09:00	George Adaway Anniversary	Our Lady's
		11:00	SVP Benefactors	St Patrick's
Mon	9th	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
		10:00	Graham Stelmach Anniversary (20 th November)	St Patrick's
Tues	10th	Ferial		
		12:00	T.M. Jacob	St Patrick's
Wed	11th	Ferial		
		12:00	Anne Meaney Intention	Our Lady's
Thurs	12th	Our Lady of Guadalupe		
		19:00	Stephen Lahbib RIP	St Patrick's
Fri	13th	St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr		
		11:30	Anita Walters Funeral Service	Telford Crematorium
		12:00	Gabi Smaith Intention	St Patrick's
		18:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Sat	14th	17:30	Valencia Antao and Vinson Rodrigues (Wedding) Intention	St Patrick's
Sun	15th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	3rd Sunday of Advent	09:00	Clare Fitzpatrick & Family Intention	Our Lady's
		11:00	Prisoners being Baptised (SVP Intention)	St Patrick's

SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Masses

RIP: Philomena Bush, (18 Dec), **Ness McCabe** (20 Dec),
Stella McCormick (19 Dec)

Weekly Offerings: Total: £1635.35- Standing Orders £729 (£539.25 Gift Aided)- Envelopes £476 (349 Gift Aided)- Loose Plate £430.35 – We can only add Gift Aid if donations are identifiable. Please consider using envelopes or Standing orders and complete a Gift Aid declaration.

Bank details: St Patrick Wellington
Sort Code: 30-15-52
Account Number: 54546760

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

30 minutes before weekday Masses

BAPTISMS: Izoduwa Ethan Uwadia
8th December - 12.30 at St Patrick's

Our Lady & St Luke Telford
Sort Code: 30-15-52
Account Number: 54582160

ROTAS

Sat 5.30: W: Appurwa & Pansilu, **EM** Sherrel, **C:** Gay & Nicky **Next week: W:** Vince & Veronica, **EM:** Gay **C:** Maggie & Gail

Sun 9: W Laura & Sarah **EM** Terry **C** Laura & Edith **Next Week: W:** Vanessa & Liz, **EM:** Phillip **C:** Matt & Liz

Sun 11: W Mac & Carmen **EM** Moira **C:** Lottie & Krystyna **Next Week: W:** Lucy & Damien **EM:** Stephen **C:** Kate & Geraldine

ADVANCE NOTICE: The Parish Office will be closed from 12noon on 24th December to 9am on 2nd January. Fr Ravi will be away in India from 3rd-28th February. Moira will be away 18th January to 3rd February.

Our Advent Reconciliation Services at 7pm on 18 December (OLOR&SL) and 19 December (SP) led by Father Jonathan Mitchell.

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LIVESTREAM: Our Masses from St Patrick's are available online at <https://churchservices.tv/wellington>

WELCOME

We welcome Fr John Rafferty back to the parish this weekend to share his reflections on our Advent journey.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM Those families planning baptism celebrations will be encouraged to attend a preparation course, which will be organised at **12 noon at St Patrick's on the last Saturday of every month**, starting in January 2025. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Fr Ravi.

RCIA Any adults wishing to be Baptised or received into full communion with the church: Please get in touch with Fr Ravi asap. The dates and times for preparation will be decided in consultation with those interested.

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Enrolment forms are now available from the porch for children in Yr3 and above.

MARRIAGE - A marriage preparation course for couples getting married next year will take place on two Saturdays at **Our Lady of the Rosary Church Road, Trench on 10th & 17th May**. Please email Jane Deegan: jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. to register.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP 10+

The group will meet this **Sunday, 8th December**, from 5-6.30pm. All children 10+ welcome.

RETIRED PARISHIONERS CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY

Friday 13th December at 9.30am – 11am in St Patrick's school hall. Please join us for refreshments and entertainment from the children.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR LUNCH

Organised by CWL but open to everyone, the lunch will take place at The Pheasant Admaston on **Sunday 26th January at 1.00 for 1.30pm**. in the upstairs suite. Reservations will only be accepted with payment (cash or cheque made out to CWL Wellington) on a first come basis and the menu choice form must be completed at the same time. Places are limited.

Menu : 2 courses.

Main. Choice of Roast Beef and all the trimmings or Vegetable Pie (vegetarian).

Pudding. Choice of Apple Crumble Tart and custard or Raspberry and white chocolate Cheesecake.

Cost: Adult £18.50. Child £9.25.

Flat disabled access is from the side leading to the large carpark.

Reservations and raffle tickets will be available after Mass at 5.30pm and 11.00am at St Patrick's on 14th/15th December, 4th/5th and 11th/12th January.

OLD LECTIONARIES

If anybody would like to keep any of our old lectionaries please ask Fr Ravi; otherwise they will be recycled.



CHRISTMAS QUIZ
FRIDAY 13TH
DECEMBER AT 7PM

Tickets are on sale this weekend. only £5 to include hot food, tea and coffee - but feel free to bring your own drink and snacks. Prizes to be won and fun to be had! See you there. Everybody welcome.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Everyone is welcome on **Sunday 22nd December at 3pm at Our Lady's** to this free, relaxed gathering as Christmas draws near. Please come and join us for carols/short reflections with festive refreshments. Church will be set out with tables and chairs and lit with candles. Children will be able to have fun in the meeting room - or remain in church and join in some singing!

PARISH NEW YEAR LUNCH:

Sunday 12th January at Caseys at Cordingley Hall
ALL WELCOME! £20 for a 2 course meal (£12 for children), full roast dinner with dessert to follow: vegetarian options are available as is Gluten Free. Organiser Pauline Hoyle needs your payment and menu choices a.s.a.p. Talk to her at Mass or contact her on pauline.hoyle@outlook.com or 07954 683359

PARISH PILGRIMAGE/STAY AT WALSINGHAM

. Please see the notice board for details and to sign up.

JUBILEE COMPANION BOOKLET 2025

Alive Publishing have been working closely with the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales's Jubilee Committee on a Jubilee Companion Booklet 2025. This booklet is only available as a print edition and will help pilgrims ponder and pray, focusing on the great themes of the Holy Year. It has numerous articles on the Jubilee, prayers and hymns and highlights the Jubilee Icon. For more information visit: <https://alivepublishing.co.uk/>

MONTHLY ECUMENCIAL GATHERING

The group will meet **Monday 9th December at 1pm at St Matthews Church, Donnington TF2 7NR:** all welcome. This month's theme is advent: contact paulineheffernan60@gmail.com for further details.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES

Christmas Eve - 24th December
5:30pm St Patrick's
7:30pm Our Lady's (*Carols from 7pm*)
Midnight St Patrick's (*Carols from 11.30pm*)

Christmas Day - 25th December
9am Our Lady's
11am St Patrick's

New Year's Eve -31st December
Midnight St Patrick's

New Year's Day – 1st January
10am Our Lady's

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.*

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the Prophet Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness from God;
put on your head the crown of the glory of the Everlasting.
For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
For your name will for ever be called by God:
'Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness'.
Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height
and look towards the east
and see your children gathered from west and east,
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
For they went forth from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
For God has ordered that every high mountain
and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.
For God will lead Israel with joy
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R. 3

*R: What great deeds the LORD worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.*

- When the LORD brought back the exiles of Sion,
we thought we were dreaming.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;
on our tongues, songs of joy. **R.**
- Then they said among the nations,
'What great deeds the LORD worked for them!
What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad. **R.**
- Bring back our exiles, O LORD,
as streams in the Negeb.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**
- They go out, they go out, full of tears,
bearing seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back with a song,
bearing their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters: I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
always in every prayer of mine for you all, making my prayer
with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first
day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good
work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection
of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound
more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you
may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for
the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes
through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Luke 3:4. 6

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate
being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and
his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis,
and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of
Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of
Zechariah in the wilderness.

And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a
baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

'The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,
and, since we have no merits to plead our cause,
come, we pray, to our rescue
with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold firm to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sunday Message

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE WORD

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TO BE A LIGHT

LUKE 3:1-6



John the Baptist is the last of the great prophets of the Bible, and he is the forerunner of Christ. A prophet isn't someone who sees into the future as if into a crystal ball. A prophet is one who reads the signs of the times and speaks with the voice of God.

John preached a message of repentance. He called for an end to division and conflict and for a time of peace and harmony. He pointed to the one who will bring this about - Jesus. Both the first reading and the Gospel speak about the coming of one with integrity who will bring peace to the nations. There is a sense of excitement in the book of Baruch - a time of joy is coming - and in the Gospel we are told to get ready, to prepare, because things are going to change. With the coming of Jesus nothing will ever be the same again. ■

DO

Light a single match or candle. See the difference even one little light makes.



PRAY

Pray that God's light will shine in you, so that all will know that hope has broken into our broken world and that darkness has been overcome.

LEARN

The Christian is one who points towards Jesus.

The Christian is called to be prophetic.

To be people of the light is to let God's light shine in us and through us.

REFLECT

In 1989, newly elected U.S. president George H.W. Bush used an expression in his inaugural address that also describes the Christian calling. He spoke of a 'thousand points of light.' If you've ever been in a pitch-dark church or arena that is illumined by candles, you know the wonderfully soothing, intimate atmosphere that is created. The candlelight cuts through the darkness, smothering its power. The glow from even one candle punctuates the darkness, like a little flicker of defiant hope.

It is no coincidence that this time of year is dank, dreary and dull. We are in deep mid-winter. Darkness envelops us. The nights seem endless; nature and the weather perpetually glum.

When we look at the world around us, it seems that darkness has also taken hold: the catastrophic impact of climate change; war in Ukraine and in the Middle East; more refugees than at any time since the end of the Second World War; the rise in racism and right-wing populism; the pressure on our hospitals and other public services; the many burdened by loneliness, depression, financial worries or physical illness.

On days when the news is filled with grim tidings, it can seem as if we're stuck in deep mid-winter, as if the darkness will engulf us... and then Advent comes along.

Advent is the great season of light. In this dreary mid-winter, Advent reminds us that darkness doesn't have the last word, because into the darkness a light has come - Jesus, God-with-us, light of the world. Advent reminds us that God has heard the cry of God's people and responded by sending his Son as one like us to give us life. Our Christian hope is rooted in the knowledge that God has come among us, is with us now, and will come again at the appointed time. Hope has taken shape in Jesus, our point of light. As his followers, we are people who walk in the light. ■

SAY

"What marvels the Lord has worked for me. Indeed, I am glad."