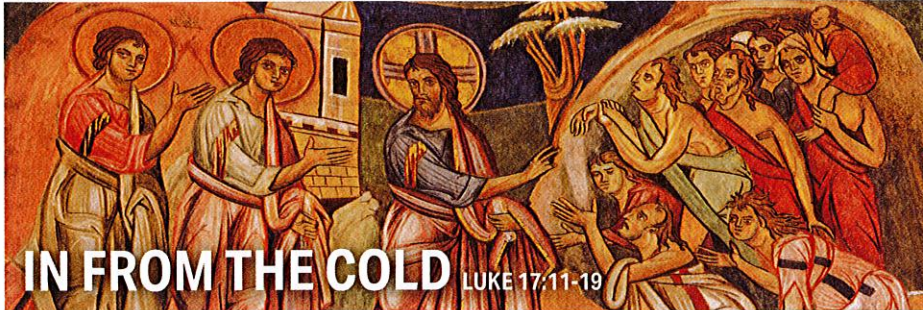


# Sunday Message

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## THE WORD

Year C • 12 October 2025 • Psalter Week 4



### IN FROM THE COLD LUKE 17:11-19

Today's Gospel is the famous story about the cleansing of lepers. Leprosy is the name the Bible gives to many forms of skin disease, and not necessarily to the medical condition known today as leprosy, which is more accurately called Hansen's Disease.

The Bible has detailed rules (especially in the Book of Leviticus) for detecting such skin diseases. It treats them not just as a medical condition but as one that also carries a degree of religious impurity. Ancient medical knowledge was very limited, and sickness usually carried a religious as well as a physical significance. That is why the Bible gives a priest responsibility for assessing the degree of contagion and whether it is a serious case and, finally, certifying that the sufferer is cured.

It's possible that these ten victims are living together in a kind of settlement set aside for people like them, a kind of leprosarium. They observe the rules of avoiding contact with other people, but instead of calling out that they are 'unclean,' as the Law requires, they ask Jesus to take pity on them. He tells them to go to the priests responsible for assessing their skin condition. On the way, they realise that their skin has suddenly improved.

It is here we discover the point of this story. Nine of those who have been cured continue their journey, eager to meet their loved ones and get back into the flow of everyday life. Who would blame them? But one acts differently – the Samaritan who returns to throw himself in gratitude at Jesus' feet. Jesus recognises that it is a foreigner who has returned to give thanks. His final words to the Samaritan – "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well" – are a reminder that the Gospel's message of salvation will eventually come to the Samaritans also. Jesus has demonstrated once more, as he did in the story of the Good Samaritan, how open these people are to receiving the good news of salvation. ■

### SAY

"I thank you, Lord, for all you have given me. Help me always to have a grateful heart."

### DO

Visit a loved one who lives alone or in a nursing home and bring them some of the 'ease' and comfort of the healing presence of Jesus.

### PRAY

When the Samaritan returns to Jesus to say thanks, Jesus tells him that it is his faith that has made him well. Because the Samaritan believed, he was restored to health. Ask the Lord to increase your faith.

### LEARN

Christians are people with grateful hearts.

Thankfulness is actively acknowledging what God and others do for us and articulating it, making sure to let them know.



### REFLECT

**W**e are all very painfully aware now of what it's like to be physically cut off from others. During the Covid pandemic, we all had to practise social distancing to keep ourselves safe and prevent the highly contagious illness from spreading. It was a stressful time, especially for those living alone and older people cut off from their families. Despite the advances in communications technology which enabled people to stay connected and to see each other on FaceTime or Zoom, people felt the pain of isolation. They felt the absence of physical contact – a handshake, hug, kiss, an embrace, a shoulder to cry on, the physical expression of intimacy we need in order to flourish and grow. People experienced what social scientists call 'skin hunger,' touch deprivation. Experts say skin hunger is a major factor in incidents of depression among humans. All of us who were physically cut off from loved ones

during the Covid lockdown know exactly what is meant by skin hunger.

It gives us a good idea of what life was like for the lepers in today's Gospel. If you look at the word 'disease,' you'll notice it is made up of two parts: 'dis-', which usually means that something is out of place, e.g. disorder or dislocated, and 'ease' or comfort. To suffer from 'disease' in this sense is something worse than just being sick.

The lepers had to practise social distancing. They were removed from their families and from the rest of society. They suffered not only from their skin condition but also from skin hunger. No wonder they pleaded with Jesus to help them. No wonder that, after being healed, nine of them were so excited they forgot to thank Jesus for restoring their lives and their families to them.

All the healing stories of Jesus bring out this point: that he overcomes 'dis-ease' –

the distancing of suffering people from the community where they should be loved and cherished – every bit as much as he overcomes physical illness.

It's a lesson for how we should treat the sick and the isolated. It is not easy to be old or sick today. We live in a youth- and beauty-obsessed culture, the world of 'Instagram-face,' that promotes unrealistic, filtered versions of people. In this world of glamour and the influencer, of diets and workouts, of bronzed bodies and chiselled looks, the old, sick, and disabled can be overlooked, excluded, isolated from public view, forgotten. Some people refuse to visit hospitals or nursing homes because it's too distressing. There is an impulse to dodge the reality of illness, decay and old age.

Jesus excluded nobody from his love and attention. He cared especially for the marginalised and discarded ones. He wants us to do likewise. ■



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.*

## COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,  
at all times go before us and follow after  
and make us always determined  
to carry out good works.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING 2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 98(97):1. 2-3b. 3c-4. R. cf. 2b

**R: The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.**

1. O sing a new song to the LORD,  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **R.**
2. The LORD has made known his salvation,  
has shown his deliverance to the nations.  
He has remembered his merciful love  
and his truth for the house of Israel. **R.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song,  
and sing out your praise. **R.**

## SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he also will deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful –  
for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**R: Alleluia, alleluia.**

In everything give thanks;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**R: Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful  
with the sacrificial offerings,  
that, through these acts of devotedness,  
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.*

Or

*When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,  
that, as you feed us with the nourishment  
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,  
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**





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2 <sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION FOR SVP				4 <sup>th</sup> Count
Sat	11th	17:30	Luciya Malani Fernando 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary	St Patrick's
Sun	12th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		09:00	Pauline Heyes (Health)	Our Lady's
		11:00	Griff & Mary-Jo Renshaw Golden Wedding Anniversary	St Patrick's
		13:00	Baptism – Leo Matthews	Our Lady's
Mon	13th	Ferial		
Tues	14th	Ferial		
		12:00	Wayne Stansfield	St Patrick's
Wed	15th	St Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor of the Church		
		10:00	School Mass (everyone welcome)	Our Lady's
Thurs	16th	Ferial		
		19:00	Daisy Fallon Birthday Intentions	St Patrick's
Fri	17th	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr		
		09:30	Fr Denis Maher 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary	St Patrick's
		18:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Sat	18th	17:30	Lauriello/D'Ambrosio Intentions	St Patrick's
Sun	19th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		09:00	John Bergin (Health)	Our Lady's
		11:00	Finlay Douglas	St Patrick's
		13:00	Baptisms – Elikem, Sefakor, Senyo and Selorm Dzonyrah	Our Lady's

## SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Masses

**RIP: Michael Glasper** (Funeral 22 October at 1pm at St Patrick's) and **Flora Quest**. (Funeral Mass 31<sup>st</sup> October at 12noon at St Patricks) We pray for everyone whose anniversaries are at this time.

**Weekly Offerings:** Total: £1655.40- Standing Orders £737.25 (£560 Gift Aided), Envelopes £365 (£283 Gift Aided), Loose Plate £522.15 (Not Gift Aided). Dona - £31 We can only add Gift Aid if donations are identifiable.

## Bank details:

St Patrick Wellington

Sort Code: 30-15-52

Account Number: 54546760

Our Lady & St Luke Telford

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Account Number: 54582160



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## ROTAS

**Sat 5.30:** W: Appurwa & Pansilu **EM:** Sherrel **C:** Nigel & Bernadette **Next Week:** W: Vince & Veronica **EM:** Gay **C:** Anne & John  
**Sun 9:** W: Laura & Elias **EM:** Phillip **C:** Bruce & Mick **Next Week:** W: Alex & Janet **EM:** Rita **C:** Laura & Edith  
**Sun 11:** W: Oluchi & Adrian **EM:** Stephen **C:** Diane & Collette **Next Week:** W: Shamroon & Carmen **EM:** Ewa **C:** K&G

Refreshments after Mass every Sunday at OLoR. and First Sunday of the month at St Patrick's.

**BIBLE STUDY** after Thursday evening's at 7.30pm.

**FOREIGN COINS:** Please add your foreign coins to the buckets in the porches.

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## 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).

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



**BAPTISM:** Baptisms take place on a Sunday at 12.30pm at St Patrick's or 1pm at Our Lady's. At least One month's notice is required. Forms are available from the porch. Anyone organising a Baptism is strongly encouraged to attend a preparation meeting before the celebration of the sacrament. The meetings are held on the last Saturday of the month at 12noon at St Patrick's. Please book in with the office.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2026:** Holy Communion enrolment forms are available from the porches at church. They need to be completed and returned by the first Sunday in Advent, 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Enrolment will be during Advent, lessons begin in the new year and Holy Communions will take place in May.

**MARRIAGE – Betrothed:** The marriage preparation course for couples getting married next year is being held on 21st & 28th March in Shrewsbury Cathedral Parish Hall, on town walls. All couples must register at [monika.golembieska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembieska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**RCIA:** For adults wishing to be Baptised or received into full communion with the church: preparation will begin at the beginning of Advent for Reception at Easter 2026.

#### **TOWARDS BUILDING MEANINGFUL PARISH STRUCTURES FOR OUR LIFE AND MISSION TOGETHER:**

If you would like to help in any of the four ministries or to volunteer for a leadership role in them, please let Fr Ravi or Moira know by **Sunday, 19 October 2025**, clearly indicating your preference(s). We look forward to having preliminary meetings in November and to hopefully introduce the Ministry teams and the Pastoral team to the wider community on the first day of the new liturgical year (Advent).

**Faith-Formation (Catechesis):** Sacramental preparation (Baptism, Forgiveness, Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony), Scripture study, RCIA, Foundation Governors, Newsletter updates, Displays etc.

**Faith-Celebration (Liturgy):** Sunday and weekday masses, Altar servers, Readers, EMHC (Eucharistic ministers), Children's liturgy, Music, Choir, Reconciliation Services, Ushers, Funerals etc.

**Faith-Action (Service):** Groups and Associations, Ecumenism (Churches Together), Inter-Faith, Bereavement, Cleaners, Flower arrangers, key holders, Socials, Fundraisers etc.

**Faith-Stewardship:** Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Finance, Maintenance and Parish Office.

**MEN'S TRAINERS AND WARM JACKETS NEEDED.** SVP are looking for men's trainers/casual shoes and warm jackets. This is for refugees arriving in flip flops and without a change of clothing and would be distributed by Telford Together for Refugees.

There is a collection point beside the foodbank collection point at the bottom of the steps to the choir loft at St Patrick's.

#### **HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL**

Any envelopes can be returned to the post boxes in the porches or the collection bags.

**LOURDES HOSPITALITY** There will be a 'Pilgrimage of Hope' for members of Lourdes Hospitality on Sat 18 Oct at Shrewsbury Cathedral. This will take place mid-morning until mid-afternoon. Bring your own Lunch or purchase at the Cathedral. Please contact Siobhan at [Hospitality@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:Hospitality@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) for more information

**CHRISTMAS PARISH LUNCH:** Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at Hadley Park Hotel - 2 courses - starter & main -plus mince pie & coffee. To book please contact Pauline Hoyle 07954 683359. Cost If paying in cash or direct into Our Lady's bank account is £25.95 per person. To pay by card or via Dona online system will be £26.50 per person to cover transaction charges. Payment is due before 1<sup>st</sup> November.

**MONTHLY ECUMENICAL GATHERING:** Monday 13th October at 1pm at Holy Trinity Oakengates. The theme for October gathering is "Our understanding of the Psalms"

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2026. A preparatory meeting will be held on Monday 13th October at 7pm at OLoR.** Please come and find out more and/or contact Pauline Heffernan: [paulineheffernan60@gmail.com](mailto:paulineheffernan60@gmail.com) or 07721 785224.

**BINGO EVENING FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER 2025** at Our Lady of the Rosary & St Luke's Church Trench at 7pm. Bingo tickets 20p a game.

Ticket £5.00 to include Fish Goujons and chips supper. Primary school children £2. Please bring your own soft/wine drinks. Tea/Coffee and squash will be available and included in the ticket.

There will be a raffle. All proceeds to be divided between St Patrick's Poor Clare Mission in Myanga Kenya and Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

**CLEANING AT OLOR:** OLoR relies on a small number of volunteer cleaners: we have 2 teams of 2 people each who try to find 2 hours to clean OLoR once a month. This means there are some weeks when the church will not be cleaned. Therefore, please take any soiled nappies home with you: this will help to keep the church "hygienic": this is the arrangement at St Patrick's. If you can find time to help clean OLoR, please get in touch with Fr Ravi or Moira. Many thanks

**LOST PROPERTY:** Please check the lost property in the porch at St Patrick's. Anything left by 26<sup>th</sup> October will be disposed of.

#### **NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE DEPARTED:**

Mass at Wellington Cemetery by Fr Alban's grave Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 11am.

Mass at Wombridge Cemetery on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 11am.