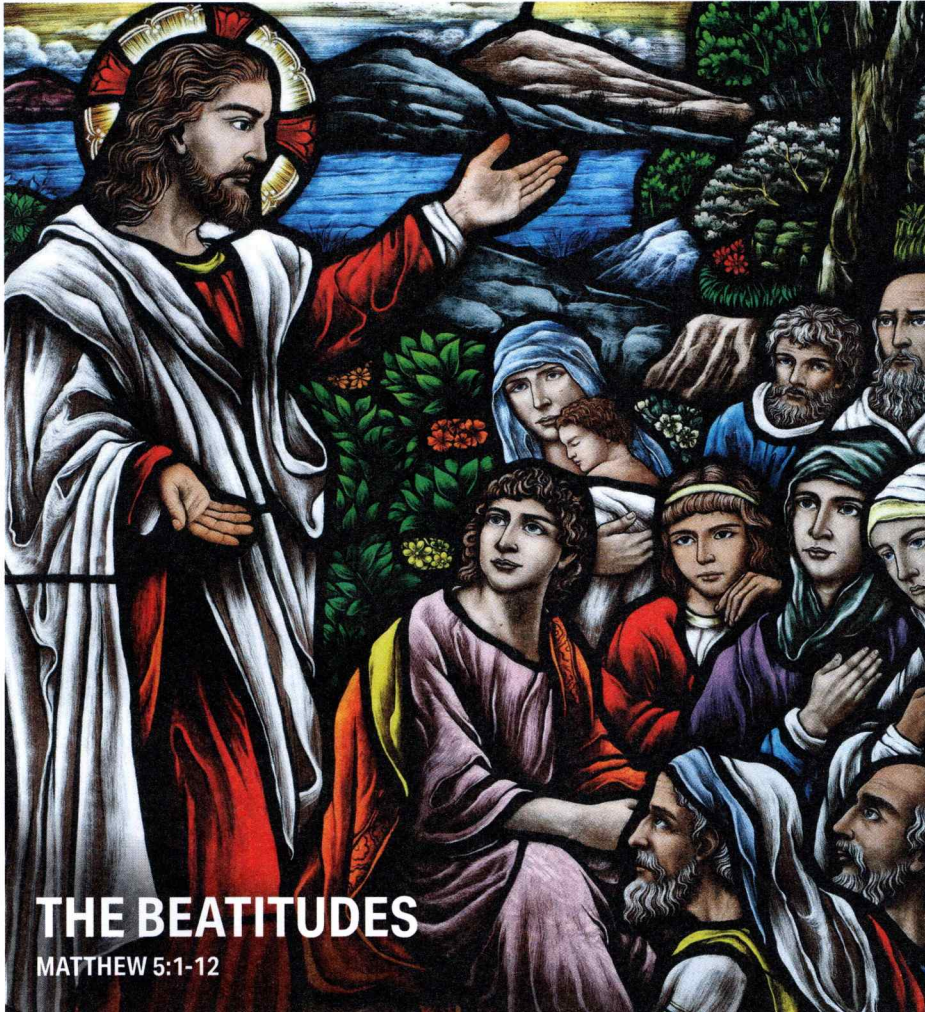


Sunday Message

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year A • 1 February 2026 • Psalter Week 4



THE BEATITUDES

MATTHEW 5:1-12

In this passage, Jesus goes up a mountain and begins to teach the crowds. What He says is surprising – even revolutionary. He doesn't praise the strong or the successful. Instead, He calls the poor in spirit, the gentle, the grieving, the merciful, the peacemakers, and even the persecuted, "blessed".

The world often tells us that blessing means wealth, comfort, or popularity. But Jesus turns that upside down. He shows us that God's blessing is found in humility, compassion, and a heart open to others – even in suffering.

To be "poor in spirit" means knowing our need for God. To be "meek" is not weakness, but strength that is kind. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are people who long to see justice and goodness in the world.

Jesus isn't offering a list of rules – He's painting a picture of the kind of people who live close to God. And more than that, He is describing Himself. The Beatitudes show us the heart of Christ.

When we try to live them – even imperfectly – we reflect His light in the world. The road may be hard, but Jesus promises: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." ■

REFLECT

When Jesus sits down on the mountainside and begins to teach, He doesn't give us a set of commands – He gives us a vision of a blessed life. But it's not the kind of life the world usually admires.

He says the poor in spirit are blessed – not the proud. The gentle, not the powerful. The grieving, not the cheerful. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, not those who settle for comfort. The merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and even those who are insulted or persecuted for doing the right thing – Jesus calls all of them "blessed."

Why? Because the Beatitudes show us the heart of God. They show us the kind of life that brings us closest to Jesus. This is not about pretending we have it all together. It's about being honest in our need for God and choosing love, mercy, and justice – even when it's hard.

Jesus doesn't just speak these blessings – He lives them. He mourns, He makes peace, He is meek, and He suffers for righteousness. He invites us to follow Him along this same path.

The world may not always notice or reward that kind of life – but Jesus does. And He calls it blessed. ■



SAY

Father God,
Thank you for the example of Jesus,
who blesses the poor in spirit and the
peacemakers.

Help me to open my heart to your
grace,
to show mercy to others,
and to stand strong in faith even in
difficult times.

Amen.

DO

Choose one Beatitude to focus on today – for example, being merciful or making peace – and find one simple way to live it out in your words or actions.

LEARN

True blessing isn't about wealth or success – it's about having a heart like Christ's: humble, merciful, peaceful, and open to God, even in difficulty.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.*

COLLECT

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
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 Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land,
who do his just commands;
seek righteousness; seek humility;
perhaps you may be hidden
on the day of the anger of the LORD.
I will leave in your midst
a people humble and lowly.
They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD,
those who are left in Israel;
they shall do no injustice and speak no lies,
nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue.
For they shall graze and lie down,
and none shall make them afraid.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 146(145):6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10
R. Matthew 5:3

*R: Blessed are the poor in spirit;
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Or *Alleluia.*

1. It is the LORD who preserves fidelity for ever,
who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the LORD who sets prisoners free. *R.*
2. The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,
the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the LORD who loves the just,
the LORD who protects the stranger. *R.*
3. The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The LORD will reign for ever,
your God, O Sion, from age to age. *R.*

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the

world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:12a

R: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great in heaven.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, we bring to your altar
these offerings of our service:
be pleased to receive them, we pray,
and transform them
into the Sacrament of our redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Or

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,
we pray, O Lord,
that through this help to eternal salvation
true faith may ever increase.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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Sat	31st	17:30	Robabe Razazadeh (RIP)	St Patrick's
Sun	1st	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	Reg Wingfield (RIP)	Our Lady's
		11:00	John Gildert (RIP)	St Patrick's
Mon	2nd	The Presentation of the Lord		
		19:00	For the Religious in our diocese	Our Lady's
Tues	3rd	St Werburgh		
		12:00	Alan and Wayne Stansfield (RIP)	St Patrick's Meeting Room
Wed	4th	Ferial		
		12:00	Jean Winder (RIP)	Our Lady's
Thurs	5th	St Agatha		
		12:15	Funeral for Maura Charlton	Telford Crematorium
		19:00	Maura Charlton (RIP)	St Patrick's Meeting Room
Fri	6th	SS Paul Miki & Companions		
		09:30	Matthew A McGarry (RIP)	St Patrick's Meeting Room
		13:00	Funeral for Matthew A McGarry	All Saints, Wellington
		18:00	Mass in Polish	St Mary's, Madeley
Sat	7th	17:30	Bryin Eastlake, Charles Eastlake (RIP) 1st Anniversary	Wrekin College Chapel
Sun	8th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Mary's, Madeley
	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	Our Parishioner's	Our Lady's
		11:00	Harry Gaughan (RIP)	Wrekin College Chapel

SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Masses

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

30 minutes before weekday Masses

RIP: Maura Charlton (Funeral Service at Telford Crematorium on 5/2 at 12:15pm). **Matthew A McGarry** (Funeral Service on Friday 6/2 at All Saints, Wellington)
We pray for everyone whose anniversaries are at this time.

BAPTISMS: Forms are available from the porch.
Please hand your form to Fr Ravi.

Weekly Offerings: Total: £1396.86- Standing Orders £705.87 (£542 Gift Aided), Envelopes £246.54
Loose Plate £391.45 (Not Gift Aided). Dona - £53. We can only add Gift Aid if donations are identifiable.

Retired Priests Fund Collection - £362.25

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ROTAS (W, EM, C)

Sat 5.30: Gail & Gay, Anne D, Maggie & Gail **Next week:** Vince & Veronica, Sherrel, Nigel & Bernadette

Sun 9: Kevin & Joel, Francis, Catharine, Catherine & Felicity **Next week:** Katrina & Ria, Phillip, Bruce & Mick

Sun 11: Marvellous & Melody, Stephen, Ann & Jane **Next week:** Oluchi & Adrian, Ewa, Diane & Collette

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.

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

Livestreams will not be available during the refurbishment of St Patrick's

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity (No.234025)

MASS LOCATIONS

During the refurbishment of St Patrick's, Masses will be held in different locations.

- Polish Community – St Mary's, Madeley
- Weekday – St Patricks Meeting Room
- Weekend – Wrekin College Chapel

1906 - 2026 – 120 YEARS OF ST PATRICK'S

In preparation of the 120 years celebration St Patrick's will be undergoing refurbishment and will be temporarily closed from **2nd February to 2nd March** whilst the works take place. A temporary home has been found at:

WREKIN COLLEGE CHAPEL

St Patrick's weekend Masses between 2nd February to 2nd March will take place at **Wrekin College Chapel, Sutherland Road, Wellington, Telford, TF1 3BH** at the same times as usual. Ash Wednesday Mass on 18th Feb, 7pm, will also be held there.

CAR PARKING

There is space for all and plenty of parking on the college car parks. Nobody should park on the surrounding roads. The Chapel will be accessible from 30minutes before each Mass.

Mobility Parking is access via Constitution Hill and is a short walk to the chapel. All other parking at Wrekin College can be accessed via Stanley Road, off Sutherland Road. Please see the supplement with this week's newsletter

The refurb will cost in the region of £25,000. Anybody who feels able to contribute towards this cost should let Fr Ravi know. Any donations can be given by cheque made out to St Patrick Wellington or paid directly into St Patrick's account (SRCDT-234025 St Patrick Wellington. Sort Code: 30-15-52 Account No. 54546760) and you should use the reference REFURB.

JUBILEE MASSES, all held at St Patrick's once it reopens:

Tuesday 17th March at 7pm a special Reunion Mass for all those who have attended St Patrick's Primary School and BRJ. There will be refreshments afterwards in the meeting room.

Saturday 21st March 5:30pm, Mass will be dedicated to our deceased parishioners and priests who have served the parish.

Sunday 22nd March 11am Mass will be a 'Mass of Thanksgiving' presided over by Right Reverend Mark Davies, Bishop of Shrewsbury.

After this Mass there will be a reception at Wrekin College Hall for everyone. Priests who have served the parish are invited to take part in the weekend's celebrations. We are announcing well in advance to give a chance to invite your family and past parishioners scattered throughout the world.

QUIZ NIGHT at OLOR – FRIDAY 6th FEBRUARY

Join us at OLOR for an evening of Trivia, Friendship and a Hot Meal. Raising money for HCPT & Church Funds. Back by popular demand your Hot Meal will be Jacket Potatoes! with a new topping option as well. The choice of toppings this time will include: Cheese, Beans or Beef Bolognaise (Vegetarian option can be available, please advise when purchasing tickets) Poster with more information will be on each church notice board.

A Jacket Potato and 1 topping are included with your ticket, additional toppings are 50p a portion.

Tickets are £6 per person

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 6th March, 11am at Wombridge Church, Wombridge Road, TF2 6HT. Based on resources produced by Nigerian women. All are welcome. There is also a free Parish lunch in the adjacent Parish Centre from 12.30pm that day: Attendees are very welcome to come along but numbers will be appreciated in advance. If you're intending to come to lunch - please let Pauline Heffernan

know:- paulineheffernan60@gmail.com or 07721 785224

LOURDES ROADSHOWS

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Management Committee invites you to drop in to one of our roadshows to learn more about joining our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2026, as we celebrate our 75th annual pilgrimage, at any of the following locations:

- **Saturday 31/1/26** - Saint Christopher Centre, SK6 3BA - 10.30am - 12 Noon
- **Saturday 21/02/26** - Christ the King, Brombrough, CH62 6AT - 11am - 12.30pm
- **Saturday 07/03/26** - Saint Patrick's, Wellington, Telford, TF1 3AP - 12.30pm - 2pm

DIOCESE VACANCIES *Two vacancies have arisen within the Diocese of Shrewsbury.*

Sales Ledger Clerk. 20 hours per week, term time only contract. Hourly rate £14.60.

Pilgrimage Booking & Customer Service Coordinator. 20 hours per week, term time only contract with the possibility of some remote working. Hourly rate £14.60.

CV and covering letter should be sent to Pauline mcculloch

recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Closing date: *Friday 20 February 2026.*

Further details can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>