

GLORY, GLORY

JOHN 17:1-11

Today's Gospel comes from what is known as the final discourse of Jesus, as the disciples gather in the upper room to celebrate the Passover. Jesus knows full well that he is about to endure his passion and death. He knows the suffering he is about to undergo. Despite the fact that he is about to be crucified as a criminal and a failure, Jesus uses an unlikely word to describe what will happen to him. He talks about being glorified.

'Glory' is a key word in the Gospel of John. To any casual observer, Jesus' mission was a failure. But seen from the perspective of God's saving plan, it was not a failure but a glorious triumph. If Jesus was nailed to a cross, it was so that he could be lifted up, exalted in glory. That process of glory will begin very soon. In it, Jesus will be revealed as the faithful servant of God who was despised and rejected but who would be raised to great heights.

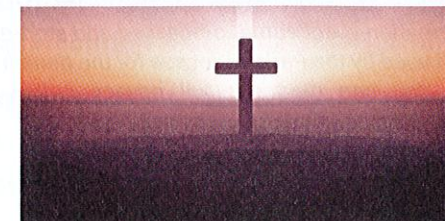
Jesus describes the key to eternal life. "Eternal life," Jesus tells his disciples, is "to know the one true God and Jesus Christ whom God has sent." Do this, and all of us will have a share in the glory of heaven. Do this, and we will enjoy the heavenly banquet for ever. ■

DO

Think about the words of St Peter in today's second reading. How does your faith affect the decisions you make every day? Would your priorities and world view be any different if you did not believe in God?

PRAY

Often we think of Christian martyrs as figures from the past but more Christian martyrs are being created now than at any time in history. Pray for all those who are happy to suffer and even lose their lives for the sake of the Gospel.



SAY

"Lord, help me to witness to you every day to the best of my ability. Never let me be parted from you. Amen."

REFLECT



In the second reading, St Peter talks about sharing in the sufferings of Christ. It is a blessing, he says, when people mock and insult you for being a Christian. One should thank God for the honour of bearing the name of Christ. It's an extraordinary change from or y a short period before when Peter denied Jesus three times, and had locked himself behind closed doors, afraid for his life. Now Peter is on fire with faith. Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, he preaches the Good News to anyone who will listen. He is happy even to die for the sake of the Gospel. Peter's belief in the resurrection has changed his life completely.

Unlike Peter, we may never have denied Jesus publicly. Unlike him, we may never have locked ourselves behind closed doors out of fear of persecution. We do not face the prospect of martyrdom. But witnessing to the Gospel in the 21st century is not easy. It is to risk being laughed at or ridiculed. It can be tempting to keep our heads down, to practise our faith quietly, almost surreptitiously, to not wish to offend secular friends or rock any boats.

Would you be happy to suffer for your faith, as St Peter advocates in his letter? Would you be happy to risk life and liberty for the sake of the Gospel? Would you be prepared even to die for it? At the end of the day, how strong would you say your faith is? ■

LEARN

The Christian witnesses to the faith at all times.

Prayer is central to the life of the Christian.

The Christian looks forward to the glory of the resurrection.

Eternal life, Jesus says, is to know the one true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia.*

COLLECT

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 1:12-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to
Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem,
a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they
went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and
John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew
and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot
and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were
devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and
Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R. 13

*R: I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land
of the living.*

Or *Alleluia.*

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? *R.*
2. There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,
to enquire at his temple. *R.*
3. O LORD, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.' *R.*

SECOND READING 1 Peter 4:13-16

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that
you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.
If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed,
because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let
none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or
as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not
be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL cf. John 14:18

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away and I will come to you,
and your hearts will rejoice.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 17:1-11a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said,
'Father, the hour has come;
glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,
since you have given him authority over all flesh,
to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

And this is eternal life,
that they know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I glorified you on earth,
having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.
And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence
with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.
'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me
out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me,
and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything that you have given me is
from you.

For I have given them the words that you gave me,
and they have received them
and have come to know in truth that I came from you;
and they have believed that you sent me.

I am praying for them.

I am not praying for the world
but for those whom you have given me,
for they are yours.

All mine are yours, and yours are mine,
and I am glorified in them.

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world,
and I am coming to you.'

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

*Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.



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Sat	16th	17:30	Rev Mother Bernadette (RIP); Melvyn Biddulph (RIP)	St Patrick's
Sun	17th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Seventh Sunday of Easter		09:00	Vince Williams (Anniversary)	Our Lady's
		11:00	Parishioners	St Patrick's
Mon	18th	Ferial		
Tues	19th	St Milburga, Abbess and Virgin		
		09:00	Requiem Mass for Dariusz Dlugiewicz	St Patrick's
		12:00	Tom Regan (1 st Ann.) & CWL Mass (followed by meeting)	St Patrick's
Wed	20th	Ferial		
		10:00	St Luke's School First Communion Celebration	Our Lady's
Thurs	21st	The Dedication of the Cathedral		
		19:00	Joseph Family (Thanksgiving)	St Patrick's
Fri	22nd	Ferial		
		09:30	Manju and Biju Joseph (20 th Wed.), G & P Kendrick (65 th Wed.)	St Patrick's
		10:30	Funeral Service for Lillian Patricia Witts	St Patrick's
		18:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Sat	23rd	17:30	Richard Mills and Joseph Doyle (Anniversary)	St Patrick's
Sun	24th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Pentecost Sunday		09:00	Melvyn Biddulph (RIP)	Our Lady's
		11:00	Susheela and Leo Pudota (50 th Wedding Anniversary)	St Patrick's

SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Masses

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

30 minutes before weekday Masses

RIP: Antony Thomas (30/5, 10:00am Our Lady's) We pray for everyone whose anniversaries are at this time.

BAPTISMS: Forms are available from the porch. Please hand your form to Fr Ravi. Baptism Preparation class will be held on the 30th May at 12pm.

ROTAS (W, EM, C)

Sat 5.30: Lyne & Lewis, Ann N, Anne & John. **Next week:** Lucy & Damien, Gail, Gay & Nicky

Sun 9: Pauline He & Tony, Catherine K, Laura & Edith. **Next week:** Pauline He & Tony, John, Bobbie, John & Nick.

Sun 11: Evangeline & Shreya, Anna, Kate & Geraldine. **Next week:** Graham & Carmen, Jane, Ann & Jane.

Weekly Offerings: Total: £1,978.31 - Standing Orders £763.12, Envelopes £203.90, Loose Plate £938.29, Dona - £73.
We can only add Gift Aid if donations are identifiable.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children who have not received communion are welcome to join in children's liturgy.

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.

LIVESTEAMED MASSES from St Patrick's are available online at <https://churchservices.tv/wellington>

THE SYNODAL PATH AND PARISH MISSION: The vision of a synodal church emphasises a 'walking together' that transforms the church into a listening and inclusive community. Its core pillars are Communion, Participation and Mission focussed on engaging all baptised members in discerning the Holy Spirit's direction for missionary outreach in the world. A mission focussed parish strives to heal, reconcile and engage with contemporary struggles, within and outside the church.

Accordingly, in our parish we are seeking to form Community Ministry Teams (CMT) for each church and Parish Pastoral Team (PPT) for the entire community to provide humble servant leadership in our mission. We are in the process of identifying and encouraging members to be actively involved in these ministry groups: Faith Formation, Faith Celebration, Faith Action and Faith Administration. The Solemnity of Pentecost that we celebrate on the 24th May marks the birth of the Church – a significant moment to rededicate ourselves to our calling and mission as well as for these parish teams to begin serving our communities with joy.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

2026:



The Pilgrimage Team are very pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our 2026 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. By coach 30 July to 7 August and by air 31 July to 6 August. Brochures can be

found on the pilgrimage website:

www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

along with a link to the new online booking system.

If you are new to the pilgrimage and would like to join the Parish group, we usually stay at the Hotel Stella.

PARISH LUNCH: Sunday 7th June 1 for 1.30 at Hadley Park Hotel. 2 course lunch – main & dessert £25 for adults, £15 for children. Places are still available: Menu available from 12th April – see **Pauline Hoyle to book. Full payment needed by the end of April.** Bank details – Our Lady & St Luke Telford Sort Code: 30-15-52 Account Number: 54582160. Please note in reference: Parish Lunch with your name. Thank you

PRESBYTERY VISITS: Visitors are always welcome at St Patrick's presbytery but, for privacy and security reasons, we need to know who is in the building. Please let Fr Ravi know if you are visiting at any time.

There is a new lock on the presbytery door so if you have previously held a key please dispose of it. Those people needing access should speak to Fr Ravi.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: If you would like to share your understanding of the Sunday readings while listening and learning from others you are most welcome to our Weekly Bible Studies. They led by Father Joe Donlan and are held every Wednesday at 10.30am at Our Lady's and every Thursday after 7pm mass at St Patrick's. All are Welcome.

UPCOMING VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA: *"In the last week of May, our diocese will be privileged to host the relics of St Gerard Majella on their tour of England and Wales. This is to mark St Gerard's 300th anniversary. He was a Redemptorist lay-brother from Southern Italy who died at 29. There will be four locations across the Diocese; The Cathedral, Chester, New Brighton, and Stockport. See the poster for details. St Gerard is popularly invoked as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession."* -Bishop Mark

MAY PROCESSION AT OLoR: Sunday 31st May at 3pm. All are welcome as we honour Mary our blessed Mother with a simple service hopefully partially outdoors but weather dependent.

SVP: There will be an extra collection at St Patrick's for the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) on the 6th/7th June. Teas and coffees will be served after the 11am Mass on Sunday 7th.

AFTERNOON TEA AT OLoR FRIDAY 12th JUNE AT 2PM. All welcome to come along but numbers are limited to **30**. Please complete your details on the Sign-Up sheet available in both churches. If you can't get to Mass but would like to attend please contact Pauline Heffernan 07721 785224 or paulineheffernan@gmail.com to give your details. **Numbers will close on Sunday 7th June.**

MARY'S MEALS Mary's Meals UK invites parishioners to take part in **Pray in May**, a month of prayer for children living in poverty who rely on a daily school meal. A range of free prayer and reflection resources are available online: www.marysmeals.org.uk/getinvolved/churches-and-prayers/pray-in-mayresources.

The resources offer an opportunity to reflect on prayer, solidarity, and faith expressed through loving service.