

**THE 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

The word of the Lord.  
*Response: Thanks be to God*

**FIRST READING**      *Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**      *Psalms 102*

**Response: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R/**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R/**
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R/**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R/**

**SECOND READING**      *Romans 14:7-9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;**  
**you have the message of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia!**

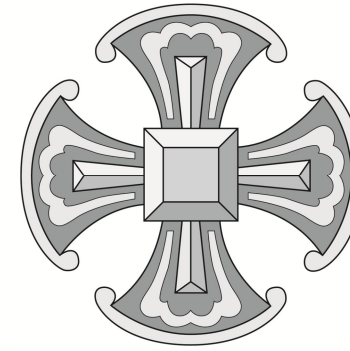
**THE GOSPEL**      *Matthew 18:21-35*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

"And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. 'Give me time,' he said, 'and I will pay the whole sum.' And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. 'Pay what you owe me,' he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, 'Give me time and I will pay you.' But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he could pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?' And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And this is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



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**17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**THE 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

Sat	16th	18:15	Recovery of John Devaney	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	17th	09:00	Betty Lewis	<i>Our Lady's</i>
	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	11:00	Olive Collins	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		12:30	Baptisms	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		17:00	Mass in Polish	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Mon	18th	<b>Ferial</b> 09:15	<i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Tue	19th	<b>Ferial</b> 09:15	Intentions of the Englebert Family	<i>Our Lady's</i>
Wed	20th	<b>St Andrew Kim Taegon &amp; Companions, the Martyrs of Korea</b> 09:15	Sister Lillian	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Thur	21st	<b>Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</b> 09:15	Eddy Doocey	<i>Our Lady's</i>
Fri	22nd	<b>Ferial</b> 09:15	Sister Elaine	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sat	23rd	<b>St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest</b> 10:00	Brian Biddulph	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sat	23rd	18:15	Olive Collins	<i>St Patrick's</i>
Sun	24th	09:00	Gabriel Harlow	<i>Our Lady's</i>
	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	11:00	Maria Munnely	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		13:30	Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite	<i>St Patrick's</i>
		17:00	Mass in Polish	<i>St Patrick's</i>



*Confessions heard after Saturday Masses; and upon request*  
*A Parish in the Blessed John Henry Newman Pastoral Area*  
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### PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

Your prayers are asked for the sick and the housebound: especially **Grace Kelly, Enid Breeze, Barbara Chrzanowska, Fr John Wright, Sheila Chater, Canon Harry Stratton, Hilda Jackson, Louisa Herarty, Jade Lambert, Joan Ashcroft, Mary Shaw, David Elsmore, Margaret Holland, Neil Morris, Marie Brophy, Fr Stephen Dwyer, Martin Keys, Margaret Gaughan, Hannah Ratcliffe, Sandy Caswell, Michael Davies, Patricia Lennon, Deborah Venezia, Deacon David Hill and Frances Spurway** and all those who are in hospital, the Hospice or local nursing homes, and for all who receive Holy Communion at home.

We remember in prayer all who have died, and all mourning the death of a loved one, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

### BAPTISM

We welcome into the Church baby **Emma Lunn** who was Baptised last Sunday.

### MONEY MATTERS

Thank you for last Sunday's Offertory Collection of £ 1,000.43.

### DAY BY DAY, BIBLE ALIVE & MAGNIFICAT

September copies are available for purchase from the porch.

### LOURDES AND FATIMA

Leisure Time Travel is arranging trips to Lourdes and to Fatima in December. Please see the notice board for details.

### MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets every Monday, during term time, 5.30pm to 6.30pm in the Meeting Room. Newcomers always welcome.

They have also started a another group called "*Young Contemplatives*" for young people (age 18-30 years) which meets at All Saints Parish Hall on alternate Sunday afternoons between 5.00pm and 6.00pm. Anyone interested please contact Jon Kille at: [jon.kille@btopenworld.com](mailto:jon.kille@btopenworld.com).

### PANTASAPH RETREAT

*The Woman of Samaria* is the title of a diocesan retreat and conference being held from September 29<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> October at the Franciscan Retreat Centre at Pantasaph, North Wales. Details are on the notice board.

### CWL CAKE STALL

The members of the parish's Catholic Women's League will be holding a Cake Stall at each of the St Patrick's Masses next weekend, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Another opportunity to test the baking skills of parishioners. The Great British Bake Off – eat your heart out!!!

The proceeds will go to the nominated CWL Charities for this year.

### CWL MEETING

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League is on Tuesday 19 September at 7pm. New members are always very welcome. The group meets in the meeting room. Please park on the presbytery-side car park and walk round to the meeting room.

### TELFORD CHURCHES-BUILDING BRIDGES AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Telford Churches hope you will be able to join them for an inspiring evening with guest speaker Mike Royal, Church Engagement Advisor, Cinnamon Network, on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm at Wellington Methodist Church, New Street, Wellington, TF1 1LU.

### MUSIC AND HARVEST EVENTS

Three Flower, Music and Harvest events are being organised by Oakengates United Church – see posters in the porch for details

### 150 CLUB

Due to holidays the draw will not take place this week but next week we will have a 'roll over' with two draws.

### NEW DEAN

Fr Alban has now completed two terms of office as the local Dean. Bishop Mark has appointed Fr Michael Hartley, of the Good Shepherd Parish in South Telford, as the new Dean. Do keep him in your prayers as he takes up this important post.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is held during the Liturgy of the Word at 11am each Sunday Mass in term time.

New helpers are always welcome, come along and join one of our sessions to see what we do. Please speak to Father Alban or email [moira.shrimpton@gmail.com](mailto:moira.shrimpton@gmail.com) if you can help.

### WATCH THIS SPACE YOUTH THEATRE

*Watch This Space* is a brand new youth theatre held on Tuesday evenings at Arleston Community Centre. Run by volunteers with many years of youth and theatre experience it costs just £3 per week.

Anybody interested should please contact [watchthisspacetelford@gmail.com](mailto:watchthisspacetelford@gmail.com) or just turn up on the first night.

### CATECHETICAL FORMATION

A National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Liverpool in Sept 2018.

As part of our preparation for this, the theme for the next Catechists' Day, which takes place on the morning of Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017, is: '**The Eucharist: Food for our Joy**'.

Barbara Davies will explore how and where society encourages us to find joy; Deacon Tony Crisp will give the Gospel writers' answer to our search: The Eucharist.

We will ask how, as Catechists working with many different people, we can communicate this great truth of our faith.

Catechists' Day is open to all Catechists and to anyone interested in this question - Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 (9:30 for registration) 10:00-13:00 Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, CH65 7AQ.

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Registration: Helen Jones 0151 6529855 [helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

Please see poster for further details.

### TELFORD FOOD BANK

The Telford Foodbank is in need of more supplies as there has been high demand during the Summer break.

Their wish-list includes Pasta, Rice, Instant noodles, Pot snacks, Tinned meals, Tuna/fish, Tinned veg, Sugar, Jam, Puddings, Soup, Beans, Cereals, Baby food, UHT Milk, Custard, Potatoes, Shampoo, Deodorant, Razors, Nappies, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes and Soap.

Please drop donations off at Leegomery Community Centre or at the collection baskets at Tesco and Morrison's.

Contributions of cash are also welcome to help them to assist families and individuals in times of crisis and towards their day to day running.

### SITUATIONS VACANT

Two positions are currently available, Deputy Director of Schools and Parish Secretary & Confidential PA at the Cathedral Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians & St Peter of Alcantra.

Further details about both these posts are on the notice board in the porch.

### FR LUCAS NGWA

Fr Lucas took up residence as the parish priest of St Joseph's, Upton in the Wirral this last week. Fr Alban is sure that we all wish him every blessing as he takes up his appointment and thank him for all his work here.

### THIS WEEK

Fr Alban begins his annual leave this week. He is grateful to Fr Terry Coyne, Fr Joe and Fr Wiktor for covering the Masses during his time away. Should you urgently need the services of a priest please contact Fr Michael at St Mary's, Madeley on 01952-586118.

### ORDER OF SERVICE LEAFLETS

Father Alban thanks those parishioners who have donated fresh supplies of the order of mass leaflets. They can be found on the i-point.

### FEAST OF ST MATTHEW, 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER

Matthew, also known as Levi, was a Jew who collected taxes for the Romans at Capernaum in Galilee. Jesus met him and called him to be an apostle. (Luke 5:27-28)

Matthew is venerated as the author of the gospel which highlights Jesus' role as Messiah and underlines the presence of the kingdom of God in the Church.

### PARISH DIARY

#### September

19<sup>th</sup> CWL Meeting  
23/24 CWL Cake Stall  
25<sup>th</sup> Knit and Knatter  
29<sup>th</sup> Retreat at Pantasaph, North Wales

#### October

4<sup>th</sup> Building Bridges, Wellington Methodist Church  
7<sup>th</sup> Day for Catechists, Ellesmere Port  
9<sup>th</sup> Knit and Knatter  
10<sup>th</sup> Lunch Club at Our Lady's  
13<sup>th</sup> Bingo for Myanga at Our Lady's  
17<sup>th</sup> CWL Meeting