

St Patrick's  
Wellington

**Parish  
Directory**

**2011-12**

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## WELCOME...

Thank you for looking at this very first version of our Parish Directory.

Its purpose is to help keep you in touch and to provide you with a flavour of the work of the many varied groups within St Patrick's Parish and the Blessed John Henry Newman LPA.

Without exception, every group listed in this Directory, welcomes new members and we hope that you will feel called to get in touch, get involved and ensure we continue to develop as an increasingly welcoming and thriving community.

We all can play a part in bringing the love of Christ and his Good News to others, and especially to those in any sort of need. Through him we should be ever striving to build a joyful and enthusiastic Catholic family here in Wellington, a family which reaches out to others.

Full details and regular updates on what we do on a weekly basis are in our newsletter, which is also regularly placed on our web site – [www.stpatrickstelford.com](http://www.stpatrickstelford.com).

This directory also provides a visual illustration of the busy and varied life of our Parish.

Our warm thanks go to all those who put so much hard work and effort into all our activities.

**St Patrick's Parish Pastoral Council**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Parish of St Patrick covers the north-western areas of Telford in Shropshire. It embraces Wellington, Arleston, Hadley, Ketley, Leegomery, Apley, Shawbirch and Admaston.

There has been a Catholic presence in Wellington (first as a mission, and then a parish) for almost 200 years; and in 2006 we celebrated the centenary of the current church building.

Today we not only enjoy a vibrant parish life of our own but are also proud to be part of the wider Christian community of Telford – notably through our participation in the local Churches Together and in the Telford Christian Council.

If you are a visitor and come along to join in our Christian worship at St Patrick's, we will be more than pleased to see you!

**Church:** St Patrick's Church, King Street, Wellington, TF1 3AP

**Clergy:** Father Alban Greenwood  
e-mail: [alban@fsmail.net](mailto:alban@fsmail.net)

**Parish Office:** St Patrick's Presbytery, King Street, Wellington, Telford, TF1 3AP  
Telephone: 01952 242423  
Office e-mail: [admin@stpatrickstelford.com](mailto:admin@stpatrickstelford.com)  
Newsletter items: [newsletter@stpatrickstelford.com](mailto:newsletter@stpatrickstelford.com)  
Parish web site: [www.stpatrickstelford.com](http://www.stpatrickstelford.com)

If there is no reply to the parish phone number above, **in cases of emergency**, contact Our Lady's Parish on 01952 610797 or The Good Shepherd Parish on 01952 586118 or phone the switchboard of the Princess Royal Hospital on 01952 641222 and ask for the Catholic Chaplain.

## **MASSES:**

**Sunday:** First Mass Saturday 6:15pm  
8:45am  
11.00am  
5pm (in Polish)

On the fourth Sunday of each month Mass is celebrated in the Syro-Malabar Rite at 6.30pm in church.

### **Weekdays:**

Monday: 9:15am (*Liturgy of Word & Communion*)  
Tuesday: 9:15am  
Wednesday: 9:15am  
Thursday: 9:15am  
Friday: 9:15am  
Saturday: 10:00am

**Holy Days:** In term-time: 9:30am in Primary School  
outside term-time: 9.15am in church  
also 12:15pm and 7:30pm.

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

After Saturday Masses and by appointment with the priest.

## **SCHOOLS:**

**Primary:** Saint Patrick's Catholic Primary School  
North Road, Wellington, TF1 3ER  
Tel: 01952 386160  
email: [stpatricksrc.admin@telford.gov.uk](mailto:stpatricksrc.admin@telford.gov.uk)  
website: [www.stpatricks.taw.org.uk](http://www.stpatricks.taw.org.uk)  
Head Teacher: Mrs. S Coggins

**Secondary:** Blessed Robert Johnson Catholic College,  
Whitchurch Road, Wellington, TF1 3DY.  
Tel: 01952 386100  
Email: [brj.admin@taw.org.uk](mailto:brj.admin@taw.org.uk)  
website: [www.brj.wrekin.sch.uk](http://www.brj.wrekin.sch.uk)  
Head Teacher: Mr R Hall

## **150 CLUB**

For many years now, a number of parishioners have taken part in the Parish's "150 Club" – a way of fund-raising that benefits both a Group in the Parish, and the members of the Club. The current beneficiary is the CAFOD Group.

The Club operates for "rolling" twenty-week sessions. Members agree to pay £1 each week for the twenty weeks and are allocated a membership number. Each week four numbers are drawn: the members allocated those numbers receive a prize: one receives a £40 prize; another £20, a third £10, and the fourth a "Bonus Prize".

At the end of the session, in the 20<sup>th</sup> week, two additional prizes are drawn. In addition to the usual weekly draws, in the 20<sup>th</sup> week two further numbers are drawn – one member receives a £100 prize, the other receives £50.

New members can join prior to each 20-week session. To be eligible for the weekly draw, members must be up-to-date in their weekly subscription.

Contact: **Terry Lockett** on 01952 253259

APF – see Association for the Propagation of the Faith

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

The Parish has a tradition of prayerful and participative Liturgy with the inclusion of several lay ministries. One important such role is that of Altar Servers, and this is a key way for children and young people to contribute to Parish life and to grow in the Faith. Prospective Servers of either sex, who have made their First Holy Communion, are welcome to apply to be trained for this important liturgical role.

Contact: **Frank Maltby** on 222987 or email: [frank@maltbymail.co.uk](mailto:frank@maltbymail.co.uk) or Father Alban

## **ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH (APF)**

The APF helps raise money for the missions in developing, third world countries. This is used to train priests, nuns and catechists or to build churches and schools and so help people learn about Christ, receive the sacraments and build a better world. Around 80 parishioners have one of the "little red boxes" in their homes, collecting odd change for the APF to support the Missions. The boxes are emptied twice a year. Over £2,000 was raised in this way in our parish last year. If anyone would like a box then telephone the local organizer, **Mary Croston** on 255991.

BAPTISM – see Faith Sharing Programmes

## **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

A Group to befriend any bereaved people who wish. An annual church service is organised for those suffering the effects of bereavement. If you know of anyone who might be glad of support, or if you are interested in helping, please talk to **Mary Croston** on 255991 or to Father Alban.

## **BLESSED ROBERT JOHNSON CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

Situated on a large, modern campus on Wellington Road, the Blessed Robert Johnson Catholic College seeks to provide an education for 11-18 year olds that blends the very latest curricular thinking with traditional Christian moral values. BRJ is the only Catholic secondary school in the county.

The values of the gospel underpin all that happens within the College community. They actively seek to ensure that Love, Justice and Forgiveness are the foundations of the education provided.

At date of publishing, transport assistance is given to Catholic students in accordance with local government policy.

For a prospectus and further information, contact the College on 386100.

## **BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE GROUP**

The Group arranges for, and oversees, works necessary to manage and maintain the proper care of the church and the presbytery.

Contact: **John Kearns** on 248231 or email: [jk6229@uwclub.net](mailto:jk6229@uwclub.net)

CaFE (CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION) – see Faith Sharing Programmes

## **CAFOD (Catholic Agency For Overseas Development)**

CAFOD works to end poverty and make a just world by:

- working alongside the poor regardless of race or religion;
- building global partnerships for change;
- campaigning for a fairer world;
- putting faith into action.

St Patrick's CAFOD Group supports and promotes CAFOD's work at parish level, campaigning and fundraising. The Group serves Fairtrade coffee and tea after Sunday morning Masses on the first Sunday of the month. It also runs a 150 Club (qv) in twenty-week sessions to aid its fund-raising.

Meetings: Usually every two months (publicised in the parish Newsletter).

Contact: **Ian Murdoch** on 415337

## **CATENIAN ASSOCIATION – SHREWSBURY CIRCLE**

The Catenian Association is an international brotherhood of practising Catholic laymen who meet socially, at least once a month, in local branches known as Circles. In an increasingly secular society, the Association provides a sociable and supporting haven for those facing challenges to their beliefs and moral values in their business, professional and family lives.

The Association is not a fund raising agent for the Catholic Church, nor is it a Catholic action group. However, it is a group of active Catholics. On an individual basis, Catenians take an active part in the life of their parishes and many play a leading role in their dioceses and Catholic lay organizations locally and nationally. The Association is non-political though Catenians are prominent in many aspects of public life and service.

The Shrewsbury Circle of the Catenian Association covers roughly the area of the county of Shropshire. We normally meet on the third Monday of each month at the Wroxeter

Hotel at 7.30pm, followed by dinner. Certain evenings are designated 'Ladies Nights'; social events outside meeting nights are organized through the year.

Contact: **John Kearns** on 248231 or email: [jk6229@uwclub.net](mailto:jk6229@uwclub.net)

CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT – see CAFOD

## CATHOLIC CHILDRENS SOCIETY

The Society is the social care agency of the Shrewsbury Diocese. The work covers Community Development, Family Support Services, Post Adoption Services, Children's Services and Training. Collection boxes are emptied in October and November by our parish contact: **Julia Smith** by emailing [admin@stpatrickstelford.com](mailto:admin@stpatrickstelford.com).

Nearest office:

Meeting Point House, Telford Town Centre – 01952 292888

Head Office – Birkenhead – 0151 652 1281

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)

The CWL promotes and supports religious and intellectual interests and social work; ensures the presentation of Catholic interests on public bodies; for the formation and collective expression of Catholic public opinion including support of work at an international level through the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations.

Meetings: Monthly, third Tuesdays at 7.00pm.

Contact: **Christine Biddulph** on 242765

CHILD PROTECTION – see SAFEGUARDING

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

Children's Liturgy is held during the Liturgy of the Word at 8:45am Sunday Mass. The children go out into the Meeting Room to pray, hear and reflect on the gospel and take part in related activities, crafts etc. They rejoin the congregation at the Offertory. Any young children at Mass can come into the sessions (with an accompanying adult, if very young).

A number of older children (post-Confirmation) act as co-leaders. This enables them to help the younger children and to deepen their own faith at the same time.

New adult helpers are always welcome: helpers have occasional planning meetings and are required to undertake a CRB check.

Contact: **Carol Kavanagh** on 255104

## CHOIR

The choir and parish musicians provide music for Masses and other occasions, including Holydays.

Meetings: Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church.

Contact: **Ros Hargrave** on 223743 or [ros.hargrave@talktalk.net](mailto:ros.hargrave@talktalk.net)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION – see MEDITATION

## CHURCH CLEANING GROUP

The church is cleaned each week. We are in the fortunate position of having ten groups, comprised mainly of four cleaners, so each group cleans the church around five times a year. However, new volunteers are always very welcome because one or two groups are often missing a member due to holiday or sometimes illness.

The individual group members decide on a time suitable for them to clean the church, usually towards the weekend, often after the Friday or Saturday morning Masses.

Once a year members receive a list of 'cleaning dates' to put on their calendar and a master copy comprising the dates for all ten groups is available for reference in the porch.

For more information, or if you would like to volunteer to help in some capacity, please contact the coordinator: **Vivienne Pike** on 249067.

## CHURCH FLOWERS

The parish Flower Arrangers work to a published rota, using flowers from a local florist. New volunteers are always needed and will be warmly welcomed. Donations towards the cost of flowers are always appreciated. Floral displays can also be done for weddings, etc.

Contact: **Gaye Kendrick** on 401084

## CHURCHES TOGETHER

St Patrick's is a member of Churches Together in Wellington, Hadley and Leegomery, which aims to promote Christian Unity through joint witness, worship and fellowship between our local Christian churches. Contact: **Frank Maltby** on 222987 or email: [frank@maltbymail.co.uk](mailto:frank@maltbymail.co.uk)

CLEANING – see CHURCH CLEANING

CONFIRMATION – see FAITH SHARING PROGRAMMES

CWL – see CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

## EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Extra-ordinary ministers distribute the Sacrament at Mass; take Communion to the sick and housebound; conduct Celebrations of Word and Communion in the absence of a priest; lead various devotions, days of recollection, etc. at the invitation of the parish priest.

They are appointed by the Bishop at the request of their parish priest and are expected to renew their commitment at an annual retreat.

Contact: **Gaye Kendrick** on 401084

## FAITH SHARING PROGRAMMES

### ***Baptism***

Baptism arrangements must be made with the priest at least four weeks in advance. Baptisms are normally celebrated at 12.15pm, after the Sunday 11.00am Mass. An explanatory leaflet and booking form is available from the i-Point in the church porch.

## **CaFE**

Standing for **Catholic Faith Exploration**, CaFE is a system of Catholic adult education based on people exploring their faith together in an informal setting using DVDs or videos as learning aids. CaFE sessions, usually spread over a number of weeks, are arranged by the Local Pastoral Area (q.v.) and are publicised in the parish Newsletter.

The Parish Contact is **Gaye Kendrick** on 401084

## ***First Forgiveness and First Communion***

Children are prepared for these sacraments when they are approximately eight years old or in Year 3. A team of catechists, working with Father Alban, conduct meetings for the children which are held in St Patrick's School from March to June. The exact dates are announced in the Newsletter. Children do not have to be pupils of the Primary School to be able to attend the sessions. There are also a number of meetings for the parents of the children, so that they can help with the preparation of their child by assisting with some work at home.

## ***Confirmation***

The Sacrament is offered to young people in Year 8 (second year at secondary school) or older. A team of catechists, working with parish priests, offers one single preparation programme embracing all the local parishes. Together they draw up a programme of meetings which starts in Lent leading to Confirmation in the summer. The programme usually includes an "away day". Adult candidates for Confirmation follow a separate preparation programme.

## ***Preparation for Marriage***

Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage is lead by Fr Alban. Only one wedding a day is celebrated, so please give as much notice as possible for a wedding.

## ***Journey in Faith (RCIA ~ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)***

This scheme is for people who seek further information about the Catholic Faith. Starting in the Autumn and perhaps leading to full communion at Easter, the group meets weekly one evening a week. As well as those looking to join the Church, Catholics who have been away from the Church and who seek help, are welcome to attend.

For more details of any of these Faith Sharing Programmes, please contact the Parish Office. Volunteers to work with these groups are always welcome.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Committee's role is to assist and advise the parish priest in the proper stewardship of the parish finances. It meets approximately every three months to review the monthly accounts, verify the current levels of various sources of parish income and to discuss proposals for extraordinary expenditure.

Individual members have responsibilities for the production of the yearly diocesan accounts, the counting, recording and banking of offertory and other donations, the Gift Aid and Planned Giving envelope scheme.

Current members are: Fr Alban (Chairman), John Kearns and Cath Hollins.

FIRST FORGIVENESS & FIRST COMMUNION – see FAITH SHARING PROGRAMMES

FLOWERS – see CHURCH FLOWERS

## **FRIENDS of MYANGA**

The Myanga Mission Project was set up in the autumn of 2006 to commemorate the Centenary of the Parish by assisting the Myanga Mission Station in Kenya established by the Poor Clares religious order. The link with the Poor Clares was made through Sister Luke, a parishioner who became a Poor Clare nun nearly 20 years ago. We have become very involved in the life of the community and the people of Myanga, having raised to date some £16,500. Sister Marion, who is in charge of the Mission, keeps us informed of how our money is spent. The people and communities we have helped are far too numerous to mention. Sister also regularly sends newsletters with pictures so we are able to print these and distribute them to the parishioners to keep them up to date. St Patrick's Catholic Primary School is also regularly involved with fund-raising events. The FOM fundraising group are very grateful to all the parishioners and children from the school who so generously donate to this charity and support fund-raising events.

Anyone who wishes to hold a fundraising event can contact **Gaye Kendrick** on 401084.

GIFT AID – see PLANNED GIVING & GIFT AID

## **HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES**

If you require the parish priest to visit yourself or a relative at home, or in a nursing home, hospital or hospice please contact Father Alban.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) – see FAITH SHARING PROGRAMMES

## **LOCAL PASTORAL AREAS**

In Autumn 2007 parishes in the Diocese of Shrewsbury, whilst keeping their own identity, were grouped into Local Pastoral Areas (LPAs). The object of LPAs is, in a time of declining resources, to enhance the viability of local parish communities by encouraging parishes to share available resources over a wider geographical area. Each LPA has a Team to organize its work, the membership of which has been decided by the Bishop. Each LPA Team comprises the following members (non-clergy members serve for three years):

- The priest and elected lay person from each parish within the LPA;
- A catechist from the LPA;
- One teacher from the schools within the LPA

The Team is expected to:

- Assess continually the pastoral needs of its Area;
- Identify ways of furthering the Mission of the Church in its Area;
- Support the life of parishes in the Area;
- Investigate having special events across the LPA; and
- Ensure agreed ideas are implemented.

## **THE BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN PASTORAL AREA**

This is the name of our own LPA. It embraces the three Telford parishes – The Good Shepherd Parish in south Telford; Our Lady's Parish in Donnington and St Patrick's Parish in Wellington – as well as St John's Parish in Bridgnorth. The Team members from St Patrick's Parish are Father Alban and Mr Terry Burgess on 07949 008699 or email: [terry@greycellsconsulting](mailto:terry@greycellsconsulting).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – see FAITH SHARING PROGRAMMES

## MASS INTENTIONS

It is a traditional Catholic custom to request that Mass is celebrated for all sorts of reasons: births, deaths, anniversaries, moments of thanksgiving, all can be very appropriate times for a Mass to be offered. If you would like a Mass to be celebrated for a particular intention then please write the details clearly on one of the envelopes provided in the i-Point in the church entrance porch, enclose a donation, and hand it to Father Alban. Mass cards can be purchased from the repository stall which is open before and after weekend Masses.

## MEDITATION

A Meditation Group meets in the Meeting Room every Monday during school term-time, at 7.00pm for one hour. Newcomers are very welcome.

Meditation is not new; this ancient form of Christian prayer, rooted in the Gospel and St Paul, was taught by St John Cassian and the fourth-century Desert Fathers, and is found in the 14th century spiritual classic titled *The Cloud of Unknowing*. Meditation, also known as contemplative prayer, seeks God in the silence and stillness beyond word and thought. Contact: **Jon Kille** on 253648

## NEWSLETTER

Items for the weekly parish Newsletter may be left at the presbytery in hard copy or emailed to [newsletter@stpatrikstelford.com](mailto:newsletter@stpatrikstelford.com). The text should be in the body of the email and the Newsletter date should be in the subject line.

Items should be emailed or be at the presbytery by 9.00am on Thursday for inclusion in the following weekend's Newsletter.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

The Parish Pastoral Council has recently been reformulated according to diocesan guidelines. Primarily it exists to gather together the various strands of parish life, to encourage the groups that already exist and to develop the structures that we will need in the future.

The purpose of the Council is defined as: to enable the members of the parish community to fully take part in the mission and pastoral life of the parish. Thus the Council will ensure that the Parish continues to run effectively in the absence of the Parish Priest.

Apart from the Parish Priest, Councillors are elected by parishioners to serve for three years. The current members: Francis Antony, Terry Burgess, Louisa Craig, Aidan Garvey, Derek Hargrave, Lottie Jekiel, John Kearns, Frank Maltby, Debbie Round, Moira Shrimpton, Krystyna Tomczak, and Father Alban.

Contact: **John Kearns** (Secretary) on 248231 or email: [jk6229@uwclub.net](mailto:jk6229@uwclub.net)

## PARISH ROOM

The meeting room is available for groups. Please contact Father Alban for further information and availability.

## PLANNED GIVING & GIFT AID

Rather than just putting loose change in the collection bag as it passes through church at Mass, many parishioners prefer to donate to the Church a considered and planned contribution. The parish operates **Planned Giving** through one of two methods. Many parishioners like the ease and convenience of a weekly offertory envelope. Boxes of envelopes for each Sunday of the year are available. Those who prefer to keep to a monthly budget can make use of a banker's Standing Order. Payments are made direct from the parishioner's bank account into the parish's bank account every month, quarter, half-year or even once a year.

Those who donate through Planned Giving can also take advantage of **Gift Aid** (formerly called the covenant scheme). If you pay income tax, and Gift Aid your offerings, the parish can claim back from HM Revenue and Customs a refund of the tax you have paid on your contributions. For a parishioner who pays income tax at the standard rate of 20% the parish can claim a tax refund of £2.50 for every £10 contributed – boosting the value of the contribution by 25%. Gift Aid is simple, gives a substantial bonus to the parish, costs you nothing extra, and is completely confidential.

Contact: **John Kearns** on 248231 or email: [jk6229@uwclub.net](mailto:jk6229@uwclub.net) for further details.

## POLISH CATHOLICS' COMMITTEE

There is a large Polish community in Telford and the Committee endeavours to forge links with the community and Church.

The Polish Priest travels from Stafford for:

- Polish language Mass every Sunday at 5:00pm
- Polish language Mass every first Friday of the month at 6.00pm
- Confessions heard before the Sunday Mass from 4:30pm
- RE lessons on Saturdays for
  - Preparation for 1st Holy Communion 12:30 – 1:45pm
  - Preparation for Confirmation candidates 1:45 - 2:30

Baptism and other sacraments are celebrated by request.

Contact: **Lottie Jekiel** via the Parish Office.

## POLISH SCHOOL

The Polish School in Telford, based at Blessed Robert Johnson College, holds Polish language lessons every Saturday during term-time from 09:00 to 12:00.

Contact: **Irena Prokopowicz** (Head of Education) on 07518 403713 on Wednesdays between 17:00 and 19:00.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – see FAITH SHARING PROGRAMMES

## READERS

Reading at Mass is an important ministry, a vital contribution to the Liturgy of the Word. The Reader's role is to proclaim God's Word and to read the Prayers of the Faithful.

Our dedicated group of Readers always has room for new members. Previous experience is not essential, and from time to time the Diocese and LPA arrange helpful training sessions. Volunteering usually means having to read at Mass approximately once every six weeks. If you feel that you might be called to this ministry please make contact.

Contact: **Terry Burgess** on 07949 008699 or email: [terry@greycellsconsulting](mailto:terry@greycellsconsulting)

## **REPOSITORY STALL**

The repository stall is open before and after each of the Sunday Masses. It carries a stock of Mass cards, rosary beads, medals, and other items. It also has a supply of seasonal items, such as First Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts. Orders for special items are also taken.

Contact: **Ann Neilson** on 249878

## **SAFEGUARDING**

The Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults is based at the Diocesan Offices in Birkenhead. Our Diocesan Co-ordinator is Pauline Butterfield – (contact 07715 120518). St Patrick's Parish Representative is **Frank Maltby** on 222987 or email: frank@maltbymail.co.uk

## **SAINT PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School and Nursery Unit serves the parish of St Patrick in Wellington and has a close association with the parish.

As a Catholic school our Christian Faith is central to the life of the School, as set out in the Mission statement:

Inspired by St Patrick,  
through our example, our endeavour,  
our attitude and our love for each other,  
we will try to live and spread the gospel message.  
We believe our faith is experienced in relationships and in sharing experiences.  
We endeavour to make our school a place where visitors are welcome,  
where each child feels happy and secure  
and where there is an environment which celebrates the success  
and unique value of each individual.

St Patrick's is a happy, established and successful school. Many of our pupils have parents who attended the school. We set high standards for ourselves and our pupils and work together to achieve them.

If you would like to know more, you are welcome to make arrangements to visit us or to receive a copy of our School Prospectus and can do so by contacting Mrs Lander, the School Administrator, on 386160.

## **SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

The Princess Royal Hospital and the Telford Hospice are both situated within the parish; as are a number of nursing homes. Arrangements exist for Holy Communion to be taken to the sick and the housebound, with either continuing or temporary needs. Please inform the Parish Office of any relative friend or neighbour who would like a visit.

## **SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)**

The St Vincent de Paul Society is an international Christian voluntary organisation. Members of the St Patrick's Conference meet fortnightly on a Tuesday evening at 7:30pm either in the Meeting Room or in the Presbytery. We visit individuals and families, as requested, in their own homes, and also in hospitals and nursing homes. The main purpose of our visit is to offer the hand of friendship.

More specific practical assistance can be given, depending on the nature of the help required and the capacity of the local membership. The Conference can sometimes give limited help towards the cost of essential items. We also raise money for various overseas projects, for example, a recent project was the "Sudan Baby Appeal".

Leaflets about the SVP can be found in the i-Point in the church porch. Contact can also be made through the local SVP President, **Mrs Ann Doran**, by emailing her on johndoran@hotmail.co.uk, or through Father Alban.

## **TELFORD IN LOURDES GROUP**

The Group promotes the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in the three Telford parishes, and acts as a point of reference and coordination for members of our parishes planning to go to Lourdes as pilgrims. St Patrick's parish also sponsors the cost of one parishioner (and if necessary, a helper) – the name is drawn from nominations made by fellow parishioners.

To date, all those joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage under the Telford in Lourdes "umbrella" have been adults. Up until 2010, a separate group of Sixth-Formers from BRJ College has joined the Pilgrimage as helpers. Unfortunately, in 2011 there was no BRJ College group. If no group is formed in 2012, then the Telford in Lourdes Group itself will attempt to encourage and support young members from the Telford Parishes (aged 16 to mid-20s), who want to help elderly and infirm pilgrims on the Diocesan Pilgrimage, to do so.

Contact: **Fr Alban**.

## **WELCOMERS**

This group of parishioners provides a friendly face and a warm welcome to locals, visitors, and all who are new to the Parish, and to greet them, as they arrive for Mass on Sundays.

New recruits are always welcomed. Being a Welcomer is a rewarding way of participating in the life of the parish, and also of meeting visitors from all over the world.

Contact: **Ann Neilson** on 249878

## **Amendments & Difficulties**

This directory was compiled in Autumn 2011. Amendments and updates should be notified to the Parish Office by email at [admin@stpatrickstelford.com](mailto:admin@stpatrickstelford.com) or by posted letter.

The information also appears on the website, and changes will be incorporated there as they are received.

If you have any difficulty getting in touch with any of the organisations listed here, or on the website, again, please contact the Parish Office.



St Patrick's Parish is part of  
the Blessed John Henry Newman LPA

It is also a Parish in the RC Diocese of Shrewsbury,  
a Registered Charity (No.234025)