

Year C • 8 June 2025 • Psalter Week 2

JOHN 14:15-16, 23-26



REFLECT

Charlemagne believed that the Filioque was the authentic version of the Creed and strongly promoted it throughout his empire. At the Synod of Aachen in 809, he petitioned Pope Leo III to have the clause accepted throughout the universal Church. Though he personally supported the Filioque, Leo declined in order to avoid a schism with the East. In 1014, however, the Filioque was formally accepted by the Vatican and has been part of the Creed in the Catholic Church ever since.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.*

Or

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.*

COLLECT

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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 Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians – we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 104(103):1ab, 24ac, 29b-30, 31, 34. R. cf. 30

*R: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face
of the earth.*

Or *Alleluia.*

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O LORD!
The earth is full of your creatures. *R.*
2. You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth. *R.*
3. May the glory of the LORD last for ever!
May the LORD rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the LORD. *R.*

SECOND READING Romans 8:1-17

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please

God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 14:15-16, 23b-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, as promised by your Son,
the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly
the hidden mystery of this sacrifice
and graciously lead us into all truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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8 JUNE 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sat	7th	17:30	Clare Kendrick RIP	St Patrick's
Sun	8th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Pentecost Sunday		09:00	Terry Lockett RIP	Our Lady's
		11:00	Macanderson Uche Intentions	St Patrick's
		15:00	Confirmation Mass	Shrewsbury Cathedral
Mon	9th	Mary, Mother of the Church		
Tues	10th	Ferial		
		12:00	Martin Walsh RIP	St Patrick's
Wed	11th	St Barnabas, Apostle & Martyr		
		10:00	Joe & John Bergin (Health) - Mass with St Luke's Primary School	Our Lady's
Thurs	12th	Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest		
		19:00	Mr & Mrs Joseph	St Patrick's
Fri	13th	St Anthony of Padua, Presbyter & Doctor of the Church		
		12:00	Kathleen Tracy (Birthday)	St Patrick's
		18:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Sat	14th	17:30	Ellen Sellars	St Patrick's
Sun	15th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
The Most Holy Trinity		09:00	James Nickson Anniversary	Our Lady's
		11:00	Irene and Philip Gomez	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptism - Naetochukwu Okeke	St Patrick's

SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Masses

RIP: Theresa Lovegrove (Funeral Mass 19 June at 10am at St Patrick's) **Mary Cotton, John Reed, and Sylvia Moore.** We pray for everyone whose anniversaries are at this time,

Weekly Offerings: Total: £1361.51 - Standing Orders £744.37 (£586.12 Gift Aided), Envelopes £365.50 (£247 Gift Aided), Loose Plate £409.89 (Not Gift Aided). We can only add Gift Aid if donations are identifiable.

Bank details: St Patrick Wellington

Sort Code: 30-15-52 Account Number: 54546760

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

30 minutes before weekday Masses

BAPTISMS 22 June - Priscilla Evans. Parents, along with Godparents, are strongly encouraged to attend at least one preparatory session before the celebration of the Sacrament. The next session will be on **28 June** at 12noon.

ROTAS

Sat 5.30: W: Appurwa & Pansilu, **EM:** Sherrel, **C:** Nicky & Gay. **Next Week: W:** Vince & Veronica, **EM:** Gay, **C:** Maggie & Gail

Sun 9: W: Alex & Janet, **EM:** Catherine, **C:** Bobbie, John & Nick. **Next Week: W:** Laura & Elias, **EM:** Terry, **C:** C, C & F

Sun 11: W: Oluchi & Adrian, **EM:** Jane, **C:** Lottie & Krystyna. **Next Week: W:** Shamroon & Carmen, **EM:** Krystyna, **C:** Moira

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

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

CELEBRATING PENTECOST: We welcome Fr John Rafferty to our Parish this weekend where he will share his reflections on The Pentecost at all Masses.

Please join us after our Sunday Masses for refreshments. We thank those who have brought in treats from other countries and cultures to share with us.

CONFIRMATIONS: We Congratulate Udechiukwu, Chinenye, Daniel, Danielle, Omozee, Shan, Ann Maria, Charles, Evangeline, Marion, Maja, Shreya, Linda, Stella, Kevin, Justis and Elias, who will be receive the sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Mass will be livestreamed on
www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral

There will be no official reception at the cathedral following the Confirmation Mass. There will be a parish celebration on **Saturday 21st June**. We invite all candidates to attend Mass at 5.30pm when they will be presented with certificates and can stay for refreshments after Mass with the parish.

Our Eucharistic Ministers will also be commissioned at that weekend's Masses.

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr Joe on the 62nd anniversary of his ordination on Monday 9th June. We thank him for his Ministry.

DIOCESAN RED BOX MISSION MASS: On Saturday 7 June 2025 at 12.15 p.m. at Shrewsbury Cathedral, Town Walls, Shrewsbury SY1 1UE. All Welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Training session on **Saturday 21st June at 10am** at St Patrick's for Ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick. All extraordinary Ministers of the eucharist will be commissioned at Masses over the weekend of **21/22 June**; the feast of Corpus Christi.

PARISH SUMMER LUNCH SUNDAY 15TH JUNE AT 1.30PM: HADLEY PARK HOTEL. Final payments for the Parish lunch should be paid by Sunday.

VOLUNTEERS: Please consider helping with the successful running of the church. We need more people who can count the collection after all Masses, Children's liturgy helpers, car park stewards, readers and cleaners in both churches, flower arrangers and makers of refreshments at Our Lady's. Please call or email the office if you can add your name to one of our rotas.

A VACANCY has arisen for a Caretaker at Shrewsbury Cathedral. Hours: 10 per week
Salary: £13K per annum. CVs should be sent to Richard eddie events@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk
Closing date 13 June 2025.
Further details can be found on the Diocesan Website. [Latest Vacancies - Diocese](#)

STATEMENT ON THE UPCOMING THIRD READING OF THE TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE) BILL

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which seeks to legalise assisted suicide, is fast approaching its decisive vote in the House of Commons which will likely take place on either the 13th or 20th of June.

The Catholic bishops of England and Wales oppose this flawed bill both in principle and in practice.

Among the many concerns, we are particularly alarmed by the following:

- This legislation would require many hospices and care homes to facilitate assisted suicide. This will put in jeopardy their ability to provide care. Parliament has rejected an amendment that would have allowed institutions to opt out of participating in the provision of assisted suicide.
- The provisions for conscientious objection for health and social care workers are both unclear and inadequate. This problem will not be addressed by proposed amendments.
- Safeguards against coercion for the most vulnerable are wholly inadequate, particularly in cases involving coercive control or social pressure. During Committee Stage, the bill's main proponent was unable to confirm whether individuals seeking assisted suicide due to financial concerns or feelings of being a burden would be prevented from accessing it. Since then, no progress has been made, and many MPs consider the existing safeguards insufficient, with the potential to result in a "terrible tragedy."

We note the opposition for the bill from key professional bodies including the Royal College of Psychiatrists whose members will be expected to be involved in the process of assessing those who elect for assisted suicide.

We have already seen the bill weakened during Committee Stage. In addition, MPs are expected to debate nearly 60 pages of amendments in under 15 hours. The whole process by which this bill has been brought forward and debated is insufficient for such a radical change.

We urge Catholics, and all people of goodwill, to contact their MP and ask them to vote against this bill. We also ask you to pray that our representatives choose to protect the most vulnerable citizens of this country when they vote later this month.

You can contact your MP using
<https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>

Archbishop John Sherrington

Lead Bishop for Life Issues and Archbishop of Liverpool

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - Last call for any pilgrims wishing to travel to Lourdes with the Diocese this year, we are very close to now closing the bookings for our 2025 pilgrimage. Booking forms are still available on our website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk