



St PATRICK'S YOUTH GROUP 1998 – 2018

This year St Patrick's Youth Group celebrates 20 years of serving young people. Well over a thousand have attended, enjoying free time together with friends on Friday evenings. I am grateful to the many volunteers who have giving their time freely helping our young people with many activities.

At this milestone I hope and pray for a new lease of life, a new path forward and renewed freshness for the group. **I am, therefore, looking for more volunteers and a new group leader** who can guide and support our young people in their personal and social development and help them reach their full potential in today's society. I will continue as group leader over the coming weeks giving the opportunity for volunteers to come together and prepare to run our Friday evening Youth Group. I am confident that with your co-operation and support the Youth Group will continue to flourish and grow. However, if no new volunteer's come forward then unfortunately the Youth Group will close in July and not re-open in September. All are invited to attend a meeting to be held on **Wednesday 16th May 6.30pm at St Patrick's Church Crèche**. Please come along and be part of a new volunteer/leader group. Twenty years ago volunteers had no experience. It took courage to step forward. It was willing hearts that counted and both volunteers and young people have been rewarded with fantastic memories and a joy that will always be with them. Looking back it has been a fantastic journey; long may it continue. Our young people are truly amazing.

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Eucharistic Ministers 20th May
George Hunton, Edna Early Eileen Brydon, Chris Edwards
Ministers of the Word 20th May
Karen Dick, Joan Hunton
Home Communion 19th / 20th May
Carole Stansmore, John Bowron Eileen Brydon, Chris Edwards
Youth Group Rota
Friday 18th May - Team 3
Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg. 14th May - Team 1
Bidding Prayer Rota ~ May Maurice Ward



The Cleveland NEWMAN Association

**'Communities of Hope:
Parishes Sharing a Priest**

WEDNESDAY 23rd MAY

*Middlesbrough Cathedral
Hall, TS8 OTW at 7.45pm*

Frank McDermott, author of 'Journeying together: *Building Communities: Building the Kingdom*. Refreshments from 7.30pm. All Welcome. For more details tel. 01642 814977.



13th May 2018

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WORLD COMMUNICATION SUNDAY




The theme of the Pope's message this year is ~ **"The truth will set you free" (Jn 8:32). Fake news and journalism for peace.**

The purpose of this worldwide celebration is to encourage reflection on the opportunities and challenges presented by the Communications media. In light of what the Holy Father has said about the truth in his World Communications Day message, he makes a special mention of the responsibility of journalists in the area of providing truthful information. He calls journalists the protectors of the truth, mentioning that their work is a mission rather than a mere job. He calls on journalists to be at the service of others, especially those who have no voice in the world. Not all of us are journalists but what Pope Francis says to journalists can also inspire us to remember to make all our communications, especially online communications, truthful ones, not misleading or deceptive. From truth comes peace.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters. You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world: Where there is shouting, let us practise listening; Where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony; Where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity; Where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust; Where there is hostility, let us bring respect; Where there is falsehood, let us bring truth. Amen.

THIS SUNDAY WE WELCOME Fr. John Xampese who will be making a Mission Appeal on behalf of the St. Francis Xavier Lay Missionary Society. They are dedicated to pursuing their call to Christian mission by serving in Asia in an effort to draw all people, particularly young adults, into a deeper and more meaningful relationship with God.

Bless all missionaries, called to the unique work of proclaiming Your Name to foreign lands. Bring them holy men and women dedicated to spreading Your good news, the opportunity to do Your work and the fortitude & grace to bring Your Name to all. Amen.

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER . . . Pg. 273			
13	Sunday	9.00am	Margaret & Louisa Farnes
14	Monday <i>St Matthias</i>	9.15am	John Brydon
15	Tuesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
16	Wednesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
17	Thursday	6.30pm	SVP Rosary ~ All Welcome
18	Friday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
19	Saturday	9.15am 9.45 - 10.15am	Florence Brannen Sacrament of Confession
Pentecost Sunday . . . Pg. 286			
20	Sunday	9.00am 7.15pm	Denis Watt Divine Mercy ~ Creche
		Riska Okninski, Mary Douglas, Monica McShane, Anne Yale, Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning (nee Mockler), Christopher Brown, Rosie Owens, Joan Kent, Rachel Cole, Andrew Brydon	
ANNIVERSARIES:		Elizabeth Allen, John Brydon	
MASS ATTENDANCE:		6th May . . . 208	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION:		6th May . . . £458.99 plus weekly standing orders which currently average £293.25 per week.	

The Annual Parish Finance Committee Meeting will take place on **Thursday 17th May at 7pm** in the Crèche.

The final total of the collection for 'Sick & Retired Priests' came to £386.59. Many thanks for your generosity.


The annual collection for the Lay Training Fund will be taken next Sunday. The collection will be held open until 17th June for any private or group donations.



UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES

MONDAY 14th MAY at 7.00pm
St. Patrick's Parish Hall

The Book of Genesis ~ This week Lavinia Spirito covers the story and the significance of Joseph reuniting with his family and their settling in Egypt (Chap 42-46). Please join us on Monday evening.



MAY ~ THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

Mary's life in the Gospel years was one of service and great devotion to Jesus, from the stable in Bethlehem, where she gave birth to Him, to Calvary in Jerusalem where she stood by His cross at His Crucifixion. While she has a somewhat low profile in the Gospels, her words there still resonate with us today and challenge us to follow her example of humility, obedience and service to God.

Holy Mary, Our Mother, today, each day and in our last hour, we entrust ourselves entirely to Your loving and singular care. We place in Your hands our entire hope and happiness, our every anxiety and difficulty, our whole lives. May our every endeavour be directed and guided according to the will of Your Son, which is Your wish, by the aid of Your prayer and special favour with God. Amen

DANCE NIGHT

SATURDAY 2nd JUNE
Parish Centre 7.30 - 11.00pm

Sequence, Disco, Line Dancing. Bring your own food & drink. Raffle. Admission £2, pay at interval. For more details contact: Bernard or Mick on 01642 653698 or 01642 884119




MAY PROCESSION

SUNDAY 20th MAY,
4.00pm at English Martyr's and SS Peter & Paul Church, Redhill Road, TS19 9BY. Led by Fr. Jeff, assisted by the Filipino Community

It includes an outdoor procession, Benediction and presentation of Titles of Our Lady, followed by refreshments. All are most welcome.





DIVINE MERCY . . . SUNDAY 20th MAY at 7.15pm

in the Crèche at St Patrick's Church. 'An Evening with the Merciful Jesus', Sister Gaudia Skass gives an inspirational talk on the ways God communicates with us; including through the image of Divine Mercy. Followed by the Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.