



PENTECOST NOVENA . . . Starting on Friday 11th May, you are invited to join in a Diocesan wide Novena leading up to the first anniversary of the launch of our Partnerships last Pentecost Sunday. It uses the Gospel for each day and an extract from Pope Francis' new document 'Gaudete et Exsultate' (Rejoice and be glad) to help us focus prayer on our Partnerships. It is available from the Diocesan website, on the Spirituality Facebook page or you can subscribe to a daily email and get it delivered direct to your Inbox and the Department for Spirituality will send out a limited number of copies on request. Contact spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk or 0191 243 3302 for more information.



6th May 2018

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BABY MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ This Sunday at 3pm in North Tees University Hospital Chapel. Names of all children are recorded in the Memorial Book at North Tees on parent's request. Forms will be available at the service. Parking is free if you are attending the service. Please go to the Security Office near the main reception and give them your car registration number.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES AND CHURCH BOOKINGS

Please contact Kathryn Wood in the Parish Office Tel. (01642) 580171

Eucharistic Ministers 13th May

Chris Edwards, Louise Pope
Val Railton, Anne Brumpton

Ministers of the Word 13th May

Edna Early

Home Communion 12th / 13th May

Des Murray, Christine Poole
Mike Toole, Margaret Wilson

Youth Group Rota

Friday 11th May - Team 2

Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg.

7th May - Team 5

Bidding Prayer Rota ~ May

Maurice Ward

The First Holy Communion Mass is on Saturday 23rd June at 10.00am.

Please keep the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion, and their families, in your prayers.



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.

Jesus proved his friendship and love for us by submitting to crucifixion and death. He asks us to prove our love for him by loving our sisters and brothers all over the world the same way he loves us. With every loving act we accomplish, we are sharing God's overwhelming, unconditional, accepting and sacrificial love. God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him, this is the greatest gift of love possible.



God our Father, as we pray for your blessing to rest upon our Church, we are grateful for its worship and fellowship; for the care and teaching of children and young people; for its nurture and love. Help us to see the kind of church you need today. May we not lose sight of the many and varied needs of our neighbourhood. Hold up before us the vision of Your kingdom, a kingdom of justice and mercy, truth and compassion. Help us to grasp the meaning of the gospel which you have entrusted to us, and give us grace to live by it. Amen



THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD . . . Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever.

This Ascension help us to follow the example of the disciples who, after seeing Jesus leave this earth, returned to Jerusalem and joined together constantly in prayer. May we all voice our prayers to you about the need of your presence in our lives and in our world and our great need for your direction, strength and help. Amen

The Feast of the Ascension is on Thursday 10th May and is a Holyday of Obligation. The Masses are: St. Cuthbert's ~ 10.00am / St. Mary's ~ 12.05pm / St. Patrick's ~ 7.00pm.

The Holy Father's Mission Intention for May . . . That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER . . . Pg. 266

6	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
7	Monday	9.15am	Bernadette Mulholland
8	Tuesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
9	Wednesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
10	Thursday <i>The Ascension of The Lord</i>	6.30pm 7.00pm	10.00am ~ Mass at St. Cuthbert's 12.05pm ~ Mass at St. Mary's SVP Rosary ~ All Welcome Jean & Billy McAllister
11	Friday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
12	Saturday	9.15am 9.45 - 10.15am	For Healing Sacrament of Confession

7th Sunday of Easter . . . Pg. 273

13	Sunday	9.00am	Margaret & Louisa Farnes
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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: Florence Brannen, Kathleen Coyle

MASS ATTENDANCE: 29th April . . . 209

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 29th April . . . £386.53 plus weekly standing orders which currently average £293.25 per week.

Next Sunday there will be a Mission Appeal made by Fr. John Xampese 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.



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. God Bless. Deacon Mick Wood (Youth Group Leader): Mobile: 07342678161 Email: stpatricks.fairfield@btinternet.com

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

Next Sunday is World Communication Day. 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.**

Martin Driffield is looking for someone to help with the Counting after Mass on Sunday 13th May. If you can help him, please let him know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Visit the Parish Shop after Mass
First Holy Communion gifts & cards,
Rosaries and lots of other stock.

Everybody welcome to tea and coffee in the Parish Centre after Mass