

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8th Sept.) has been celebrated in the Church at least since the 8th Century. Besides the birth of Christ, the Christian liturgy celebrates only two other birthdays: that of St. John the Baptist and of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. It is not the individual greatness of these saints that the Church celebrates, but their role in salvation history, a role directly connected to the Redeemer's own coming into the world.

Most loving Mother, we who so frequently fly to you for our own intentions, may we stop and thank you for your most perfect obedience that gave us our Lord. Amen



INTERGENERATIONAL HEALING MASS - Tuesday 2nd October at 6.30pm. Celebrated by Fr. Jeffrey Dodds at **St. Joseph's Church, Norton**. Individual Prayer Ministry will be available after Mass if required. For more information please tel. 01642 558447. All Welcome.

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS ~ Day of Reflection for all Ministers. **Saturday 29th September, 10.30 to 3.30pm** at Ushaw College, Durham. Cost £7.50 to include tea, coffee and light lunch. Registration and refreshments from 9.45am. Booking essential as places are strictly limited. Please telephone 0191 243 3312.

Eucharistic Ministers 9th Sept.

Catherine Dixon Barker, Maurice Ward
Margaret Wilson, Matt Wilson

Ministers of the Word 9th Sept.

Hilary Boyce, Val Railton

Home Communion 8th / 9th Sept.

Anne Brumpton, John Bowron
Paul Joynes, Gwen Gallagher

Youth Group Rota

Closed for Summer

Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg. 3rd September - Team 2

Bidding Prayer Rota ~ September Maurice Ward

The Men's' Club Social Events Resume on

SATURDAY 29th SEPT.

**We are pleased to present
local band**

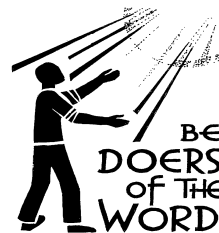
'TUMBLEDOWN'

Tickets £4, please bring your own food and drink. Contact Ken Marr on 01642 602336



GENERAL ENQUIRIES AND CHURCH BOOKINGS

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



2nd Sept. 2018

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In today's Gospel Jesus' words challenge us. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. We become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

God of Might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of Your name so that by deepening our sense of reverence You may nurture in us what is good and by your watchful care keep safe what you have nurtured. Amen.



HOLY HOUR . . . The Bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool from Friday 7th to Sunday 9 September 2018. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The Eucharistic Congress has been given the title Adoremus (let us adore). Every Diocese in England and Wales will take part.

To pray for this Congress there will be a Holy Hour in St. Patrick's Church on Friday 7th September starting at 7.00pm.

During Adoration, we have the opportunity to come face-to-face with the living God, like spending time with a close friend, Eucharistic Adoration is about deepening and strengthening our personal relationship with God.


SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION . . . For children entering **YEAR 9** this year and any older children who have not been confirmed, parents should see Fr. Cooper and enrol their children for the preparation course. **Confirmation will be on Wednesday 7th November**

Mass times, Church Bulletins and other information for Stockton Parishes can be found on parishfamilystockton.org.uk

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2	Sunday	9.00am	Des Morton
3	Monday <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	9.15am	Irene & James Connors
4	Tuesday <i>The Translation of St Cuthbert</i>		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
5	Wednesday <i>St Teresa of Calcutta</i>		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
6	Thursday	6.30pm	SVP Rosary ~ All Welcome
7	Friday	9.15am 7.00pm	Teachers, Children and Staff of our Schools Holy Hour
8	Saturday <i>The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.15am 9.45 - 10.15am	Jill Norman Sacrament of Confession

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9	Sunday	9.00am	Michael & Maureen Bowles Diamond Wedding Anniversary
		Riska Okninski, 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, Paul Lindo	
ANNIVERSARIES:		Des Morton	
MASS ATTENDANCE:		26th August . . . 170	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION:		26th August . . . £437.15 plus weekly standing orders which currently average £293.25 per week.	

ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There is a safeguarding update at the back of Church. Please fill in the simple form (just one box to tick and signature etc.) and post it to the diocese in the enclosed SAE. Thank you

As the schools return this week we pray for all teachers, assistants, governors, parents and pupils, especially for those feeling a little bit uncertain or anxious. Amen



KERALA FLOODS : AN SVP APPEAL . . . As you have probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in Southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing. Countless homes have been washed away and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India, it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds.

Donations placed in St. Patrick's SVP box will be sent to Karala and please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.



ST PATRICK'S TEA DANCE . . . The Tea Dance resumes on **Tuesday 14th September at 2pm** in the Parish Centre. A donation of £200 was given to CAFOD for starving children, £200 to Teesside Ability Support Centre and £50 to Adult Congenital Heart Disease Unit, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle. **Everyone is welcome to join us on Tuesdays.**

PARTNERSHIP MINISTRY MORNING ~ On Saturday 29th September, 9.30am to 1.00pm at English Martyrs Sixth Form College, Catcote Road, Hartlepool. Kathryn Turner from the Spirituality Department of the Diocese will lead us in a reflection on Pope Francis' latest exhortation 'Gaudete ex Exsultate' on the call to holiness today and help us see our different ministries in the light of the call to holiness. For more information, please take the green brochure from the back of church and please fill in the slip confirming your attendance.



Martin Driffield is going to be away from the Parish for approximately five weeks from late in October. Whilst the Counting Team is sorted for that period Martin and Bill Douglas need help in looking after the Church premises, especially the Parish Hall, both during this period of absence and looking to the future. Hopefully by then the grass will have stopped growing but the rest of the premises need to be kept an eye on. Knowledge of the CCTV equipment, alarms and keys is required. If you can assist Martin and Bill with these duties, please let Martin know (tel. 01642 653649) or speak to him or Kathryn Wood at Church. Thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY is a Day of Special Prayer for those involved in Education. There will be a second collection at Mass to support Catholic Education. Thank you