



Dear Church Family . . . Please remember us and our families in your prayers at this very special time as we prepare for our **First Holy Communion day**. Pray we will prepare our hearts to truly know it is Jesus we are about to receive in the Holy Eucharist. **Please pick up a small coloured grape shaped card at back of church** and place it in the prayer collecting basket on the table. They will be assembled into bunches of grapes as part of a school display, showing how our school and church family surround us with prayer. Thank

INTERGENERATIONAL HEALING MASS . . . Tuesday 4th June at 6.30pm in St. Joseph's RC Church, Norton. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jeffrey Dodds. Individual Prayer Ministry will be available after Mass if required. All welcome.

'BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER' . . . May Flower Festival and Veneration of Mary. **This Sunday, 4pm at English Martyr's & SS Peter & Paul's RC Church, Roseworth.** Refreshments will follow after. Please bring your Rosaries.



Bella Canta Choir Charity Concert in aid of Alzheimer's Society, **Tuesday 21st May, 7.30pm at Green's Lane Methodist Church, Hartburn.** Free Entry with retiring collection and raffle. Everyone welcome.

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



Eucharistic Ministers 26th May

John Bowron, Gwen Gallagher
Jackie Jeffels, Christine Pope

Ministers of the Word 26th May

Hilary Boyce, Val Railton

Home Communion 25th / 26th May

Josie Smith, Karen Dick
Catherine Dixon-Barker, Maurice Ward

Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg.
20th May - Team 4

Bidding Prayer Rota ~ May
Maurice Ward

The Cleveland NEWMAN Circle

On Wednesday 22nd May we hold our 2019 Annual General Meeting in Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall, **starting time 7pm. This is an invitation** for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Newman Association. The business part of the meeting will be followed by a short social and shared supper to which you are very warmly invited.

**GENERAL ENQUIRIES,
CHURCH & PARISH CENTRE
BOOKINGS**

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



19th May 2019

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Today's readings are all about encouragement.

All of us from time to time need to know that we are not on our own, and we need also to be reminded that any words of encouragement that we can find for another are rarely wasted. John's Gospel shows a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. It is a love that reaches out in compassion, care, listening and service and a love that influences how we treat the people we meet every day.



Loving God, we come to worship today because we love you, and we want to love you more. We come to worship needing love in our lives: love for family, friends, strangers and enemies. In this hour of worship, touch our hearts, fill our hearts, open our hearts to your love which passes all understanding. Amen.



DIVINE MERCY . . . THIS SUNDAY at 7-15 pm in the Creche at St Patricks Church. "The Ark of The Covenant," followed by The sung Chant of Divine Mercy in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

PRO LIFE HOLY HOUR ~ The next Pro-Life Holy Hour will take place on **Friday 24th May from 7pm-8pm following the 6.30pm Mass at English Martyrs & SS Peter & Paul, Roseworth.** Members of Stockton SPUC Branch look forward to seeing you there.



At last weeks SVP Coffee Morning, along with the retiring collection, you gave us a total of £201 which has been sent off to our Head Office to help with the advancement of the SVP youth schemes, namely the Mini Vinnies in our primary schools and the SVP youth groups in the senior schools at Our Lady and St Bede's and St Michael's . You are so very generous to us and we give you our sincere thanks. May God Bless you all. Barry Holliday (St Patricks SVP conference)

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER . . . Pg. 271			
19	Sunday	9.00am 7.15pm	People of our Parish Divine Mercy ~ Crèche
20	Monday	9.15am 7.00pm	Stephen & Speight Families Understanding the Scriptures
21	Tuesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
22	Wednesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
23	Thursday	6.30pm	SVP Rosary ~ All Welcome
24	Friday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
25	Saturday St Bede the Venerable	9.15am 9.45 - 10.15am	Peter Hemblade Sacrament of Confession
6th Sunday of Easter . . . Pg. 273			
26	Sunday	9.00am	Jim & Mary Henry
		Riska Okninski, Monica McShane, Anne Yale, Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning (nee Mockler), Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Joan Kent, Andrew Brydon, Paul Lindo, Mary Talbot, Mike Nertney, Veronica Connors, Catreona Ash, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd	
ANNIVERSARIES:		Jean O'Brien, Patrick Lynch	
MASS ATTENDANCE:		12th May . . . 230	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION:		12th May . . . £444.47 Plus weekly standing orders which currently average £291.48 per week.	

PRAYER FOR STUDYING FOR EXAMS . . . *Lord, I know you are with me and love me. Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study. Keep me from all distractions so that I will make the best use of this time that is available to me. Give me insight that I might understand what I am studying and help me to remember it when the time comes. Above all, I thank you for the ability to be able to study and for the many gifts and talents you have given me. Help me always to use them in such a way that they honour you and do justice to myself. Amen.*




UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES

MONDAY 20th MAY at 7.00pm
St. Patrick's Parish Hall

We continue the series on the Gospel of Mark. Brant Petrie gives further insight to the teaching of Jesus as it was heard by his listeners. In particular he also shows connections to the Old Testament. Please read Mark 3; 20-35. Everyone very welcome.

DATE FOR DIARY – SATURDAY, 29th JUNE 2019



Family Fund Raising Event - St Patrick's Parish Centre to raise funds for Fr Cooper's charity in Kenya (St Luke's Orphanage). We all have God given gifts and talents so let's make this a real community effort. Contact Eileen Brydon or Marie Davis if you can offer any support – for updates watch this space!



Martin Driffield is very grateful to the small pool of volunteers who help him with the counting of the collection each Sunday. However, as one or two have dropped out, Martin is seeking new volunteers to help and spread the load out. Counting usually takes about 25mins. after Mass and training will be provided as required. If you can help with this task please speak to Martin after Mass or contact him on 01642 653649. Thank you.

The Collection for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund closes this weekend. If there are any final donations, please place them in an envelope marked 'Sick & Retired Priests' and place it in the main collection, or hand it to Martin Driffield after Mass, thank you. **The collection currently stands at £486.46.**

The collection for 'The Little Sisters of the Poor' came to £345.64. On behalf of the Sisters, many thanks.



'Climate change destroys God's precious gift to us - Creation.' **CAFOD Pilgrimage to Holy Island, Saturday 22nd June.** Walk across the sands begins at 11.30am opposite white refuge point. Liturgy in St Aidan's RC Church at 12noon. Holy Mass in St. Mary's Priory Church at 3.00pm. Celebrated by Fr. Chris Hughes. Everyone welcome.