

Minsteracres Retreat Centre ~ 'MUSIC, WORD, PRAYER' : Preparing for 'The God who Speaks: Year of the Word 2020. Friday 15th November (7pm) to Saturday 16th November (5pm), cost £65. Saturday only 10am to 5pm, (including lunch and refreshments, £25.) Saturday focuses on how music can give life to the 'Word of God' in many different ways. The sessions are open to all but will be particularly suited for those with a role in the musical or liturgical life of the Parish. For bookings visit www.minsteracres.org or call 01434 673248. Please see poster at back of Church.

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Annual Mass for Altar Servers . . . Saturday 23rd November at 11.00am, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary. Principal Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Robert Byrne CO. Parishioners and parents are most welcome to join in this celebration of dedicated service at the altar. Please see Kathryn in the office if you are attending this Mass.

YOUTH MINISTRY MODULE . . . All those who work with young people or have an interest in youth ministry are invited to take the CCRS module in youth ministry as a stand-alone module. The course covers the theology and principles of youth ministry, an understanding of faith development, a variety of approaches to working with young people and an opportunity to share ideas and good practice in parishes and partnerships. It takes place over two **Saturdays 12th October and 23rd November** at the Emmaus Village. For further information email education@diocesehn.org.uk

Eucharistic Ministers 29th September

Catherine Dixon-Barker, Maurice Ward
Margaret Wilson, Matt Wilson

Ministers of the Word 29th September

Lauren Railton, David Wright

Home Communion 28th / 29th Sept.

Des Murray, Christine Poole
Paul Joynes, Chris Edwards

Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg.
23rd September - Team 2

Bidding Prayer Rota ~ September
Maurice Ward

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

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



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

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



22nd Sept. 2019

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Stewardship runs through today's readings. How we manage our time, talents, gifts and service matters, for all that we have and enjoy in this life are gifts from God. God has stretched forth his hand toward us and entrusted us with much. We are called to act with wisdom, to use our freedom well, and then in being just and wise stewards to discover the Giver of all.

We seek to serve you, O God, by serving others: the poor, the needy, the least and the lost. Help us hear anew your words, that we may become more faithful stewards of the gifts you give us each day, Amen.

DIVINE MERCY . . . THIS SUNDAY at 7.15pm in the Crèche at St Patrick's Church. Homily by Fr Neil Brett 'The eyes of Our Lady.' Followed by The sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



Today is a Day of Prayer in Thanksgiving for the Harvest

Thank you for the gift of sunshine and rain in due season, of seed, soil and harvest, provision for our needs and others, if in love we share. Thank you for the gift of living water that does not run dry and the nourishment of your Word which feeds our souls and others, if in love we share. For love which endures, blessings which satisfy and the opportunity to share all that you have given, we bring to you our thanks. Amen.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September -

May politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Weekdays at 7am with the Divine Mercy



May the grace of your presence send us from this Church into your world

25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR . . . Pg. 140

22	Sunday	9.00am 7.15pm	People of our Parish Divine Mercy - Crèche
23	Monday <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>	9.15am	Intentions of Mr. Daniel Macaulay
24	Tuesday <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
25	Wednesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
26	Thursday	6.30pm	SVP Rosary ~ All Welcome
27	Friday <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
28	Saturday	9.15am 9.45 - 10.15am	Anthony Ward Sacrament of Confession

26th Sunday of the Year . . . Pg. 143

29	Sunday	9.00am	St. Patrick's School
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	Riska Okninski, Monica McShane, Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning (nee Mockler), Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Mike Nertney, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd
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ANNIVERSARIES: Charlie Boyle

MASS ATTENDANCE: 15th September . . . 207

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 8th September . . . £ 384.80 / 15th Sept. £372.39 plus ave stos. plus weekly standing orders which currently average £291.48 per week.

Next Sunday 29th September we welcome St Patrick's School reception class and their families to Mass.

"Pray, pray to the Lord with me, because the whole world needs prayer. Every day, when your heart especially feels the loneliness of life, pray. (St Padre Pio)"

UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES

**Starts again on MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER at 7.00pm
St. Patrick's Parish Hall**



Weeks one and two will show the life and times of **St Francis of Assisi** and **St Catherine of Siena** respectively, who were both influential at times of great turmoil in the Church.

John Henry Newman is the subject for week three in anticipation of his canonisation on Sunday 13th October.

Monday 21st October is the start of an eight week course on **Salvation History** based on the series 'Genesis to Jesus.' Everybody very welcome.

Feast of St Vincent de Paul . . . The SVP society

are aware that poverty exists beyond where we can see. You may have noticed the posters which were at the back of Church which highlighted just some of the places where you can find members of the SVP helping others. This could be in prisons, care homes, hospitals or visiting people in their own homes. It is rewarding work seeking and finding those in need, giving support with compassion, and responding where the need is greatest. **You will find SVP members at the back of Church if you would like more information about the work that they do in helping others.**



"Let us go and work with a new love in the service of the poor, looking even for the most destitute and abandoned among them. Let us recognize that before God they are our Lords and masters, and we their unworthy servants."
(Documents, Vol. II, p. 393)

ST MARY'S OLD GIRLS' REUNION ~ Saturday 28th September, 7.00pm onwards in St. Patrick's Church Hall. Please ring Barbara Critchley on 01642 584666.

The Teesside Apollo Male Voice Choir present a concert in Holy Trinity with St. Mark Church, Upsall Grove, Fairfield on **Saturday 28th September at 7.30pm.** Refreshments after the concert. Tickets £6 from 01642 674435/656307 or pay at the door.

The second collections for Catholic Education came to £236.16 and for Home Mission Sunday to £224.81. Many thanks.