

SATURDAY 25th JANUARY in the Parish Centre at 8pm. We welcome **Paul Tilley.**



Enjoy an evening in the company of one of the finest musicians / vocal. Paul Tilly will entertain you with a wide variety of the very best music to which you can dance or sit and enjoy. **Tickets £6**, available via Ken Marr 01642 602336. Please bring your own food and drink.



For your diaries we have the popular rock band **'The Persuaders'** on **Saturday 15th February.** Tickets are £6 from Ken Marr.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January . . . We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Eucharistic Ministers 26th January

John Bowron, Gwen Gallagher
Jackie Jeffels, Christine Pope

Ministers of the Word 26th January

Paul & Rosanne Delplanque

Home Communion 25th / 26th Jan.

Anne Brumpton, John Bowron
Catherine Dixon-Barker, Gwen Gallagher

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

Bidding Prayer Rota ~ January
Maurice Ward

HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE DIOCESE . . . Everyone has the right to visit our parish premises in the knowledge that it is safe to do so. Health and Safety is about making sure that we do things in a way that everyone stays healthy and safe. Please contact Fr Cooper or the parish H&S rep (Bill Douglas) if there is a problem or if you are concerned about any aspect of your safety. A note about this has also been placed on the notice boards at the back of the church and in the Hall.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2020

The Pilgrimage to Walsingham, organised from English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul, will depart on **Friday 29th May and return on Sunday 31st May.** The costs of rooms are: £181 en-suite or £151 standard. £30 non-refundable deposit will secure your place. For further details please contact Mary on 07952 321396 or Pat on 01642 650904.

Thank You to Sainsburys . . . The Volunteers and guests of the Word of Welcome Drop In would like to thank the Staff and customers of Sainsbury's White House Farm for their wonderful generosity over the last few months. Many, many thanks from all of us.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES, CHURCH & PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS

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



19th January 2020

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PEACE SUNDAY . . . Today is a day of special prayer for peace. The theme is **'Peace as a journey for hope.'** We are asked to examine the roots of violence in our culture today and in our own hearts. We are called to conversion, to a rejection of the logic of violence and to a commitment to rebuild what has been broken in ways which lead to peace.

We pray for all Christians, that we may recognise that it is the same Gospel that we hear, the same Lord that we worship and the same peace to which all are called. We ask God's blessing on this week of prayer for Christian unity. Amen.



WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2020 - The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its **annual appeal this weekend.** On 21st October 2019 the most extreme abortion regime in Europe was imposed on the people of Northern Ireland by the government at Westminster. Abortion will now be permitted for any reason up until at least 24 weeks, and even beyond that. The abortion lobby now wants to introduce this in England and Wales. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

God our loving Father, grant wisdom to those who govern us, compassion and courage to those who work to defend human life and safety and care to every human being. For you alone who formed us in our mothers' wombs, and who call us home to heaven, are God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRO LIFE HOLY HOUR ~ The next Pro-Life Holy Hour will take place on **Thursday 23rd January from 10am to 11am following the 9.30am Mass at St. Cuthbert's RC Church, Stockton.** Members of Stockton SPUC Branch look forward to seeing you there.

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19	Sunday	9.00am	George & Helen Hunton
20	Monday	9.15am	Margaret Morton
21	Tuesday St Agnes		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
22	Wednesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
23	Thursday	6.30pm	SVP Rosary ~ All Welcome
24	Friday St Francis de Sales		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
25	Saturday The Conversion of St Paul	9.15am After Mass	Fr. Michael Hussey Sacrament of Confession

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26	Sunday	9.00am 7.15pm	People of our Parish Divine Mercy ~ Crèche
		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, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd	
RECENTLY DECEASED:		John Patrick Doran, Irene Hunt	
May they rest in peace. Amen			
ANNIVERSARIES:		Margaret Morton	
MASS ATTENDANCE:		12th January . . . 173	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION:		12th January . . . £377.82 plus ave stos. plus weekly standing orders which currently average £291.48 per	

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Weekdays at 7am with the Divine Mercy



In a world where there is so much noise, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host.

DATES FOR DIARY

SPUC Youth Conference

28th Feb – 1st March 2020

SPUC Regional One Day Conference:

Saturday, 7th March 2020.

More details to follow

UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES

MONDAY 27th JANUARY at 7.00pm
St. Patrick's Parish Hall



Year of the Word of God. It is also year "A" The Gospel of Matthew. To help understand this most Jewish of Gospels we have a four week series explaining the background and expectations of the hearers of Matthews Gospel at the time it was written. Everybody very welcome.

DIVINE MERCY . . . Sunday, 26th January at 7.15pm in the Crèche at St Patrick's Church. Homily '**Behold Your Mother.**' Followed by The sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD . . Next Sunday we celebrate the first "*Sunday of the Word of God*". Pope Francis has declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time be devoted to '*the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God*'.

Sr. Michael has prepared a Praying with Biblical Paintings resource, which explores how the paintings in various galleries and museums across the North East can help us to pray with the Word of God. She takes us on a journey to show how the Bible, in fact, has always inspired artists and their interpretation of an event in Scripture can shed new light on a familiar event in Scripture and help us in our prayer. There are a few copies of this resource at the back of Church, please take one.



'STOP THE FUNDING' CAMPAIGN . . There will be a screening of the film '**Strings Attached**', on **Wednesday, 5th February** at 7.15p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral Hall, Middlesbrough. Tea and coffee from 7pm. 'Strings Attached' is a cutting edge documentary made by Obianuju Ekeocha, founder of Culture of Life Africa, which exposes the largely illegal provision of abortion in Africa by Marie Stopes International (MSI). In 2018 the Department for international Development gave over £48 million of tax payer's money to fund MSI. 'Strings Attached' looks at the primary target of this funding: African women, whose lives have been devastated by the consequences of this funding.

For further information please contact: Christine Pope, SPUC Stockton Office, 01642 602842