


St. Patrick's Men's Club Invite you to

**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CENTRE
SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY**

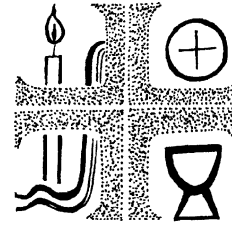
When 'THE PERSUADERS' will entertain you

 They are a popular rock band so come along and dance or sit and enjoy their music. You can order your tickets (£6) via Ken Marr on 01642 602336. Please bring your own food and drink.

**Lourdes theme for 2020
"I am the Immaculate Conception"**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Lourdes Pilgrimage, Under the leadership of Bishop Robert Byrne CO will take place **31st July – 7th August.**

Direct to Lourdes by air from Newcastle. Brochures are available in church porch or more information can also be found at www.tangey-tours.com/hn



2nd February 2020

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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 more details please contact Mary on 07952 321396 or Pat on 01642 650904.

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



**The Cleveland NEWMAN Circle
University Chaplaincy
Is it really necessary?**

WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY

Fr Marc Lyden-Smith (Chaplain to the University of Sunderland and Mary Palmer (Assistant Chaplain)

**Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall,
TS8 OTW - 7.45pm**

**(Coffee/Tea from 7.30)
All Welcome**

Children's Liturgy Rota

9th Feb. Mr. Macauley & Sarah
16th Feb. Julie
23rd Feb. Paul & Nici

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD . . . Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which occurs forty days after the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The feast is also known as Candlemas Day. Through the prophecies of Simeon and Anna, Jesus was revealed and acknowledged as the Messiah. A similar acknowledgement had occurred when the wise men knelt in adoration during their visit to the newborn infant, Jesus. Simeon and Anna used their time well because they spent most of it in the Temple praising God. It is relatively easy to spend time in God's presence because God is always with us. We are not required to be in the Temple or in a church or in another designated sacred space. We can be in God's presence wherever and whenever we choose and, enlivened and encouraged by God's presence, we can be witnesses to Jesus Christ who is the light of the world.



Lord, we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may shine into the hearts of all your people, dispelling the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, and revealing to them the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Next Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice. The theme of this year's Racial Justice Sunday is 'You are at the heart of the Church' and celebrates the contribution travelling communities make to the Church in England and Wales.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February . . We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



CAN YOU HELP? . . . Martin Driffield needs help with counting the Collections during February. It is done in the Crèche after Mass and usually takes about 20/25 minutes to do. If you can offer Martin some assistance with this, please speak to him after Mass, or telephone him on 01642 653649.

Eucharistic Ministers 9th February

George Hunton, Edna Early
Eileen Brydon, Chris Edwards

Ministers of the Word 9th February

Joan Hunton, Margaret Wilson

Home Communion 8th / 9th February

Val Railton, Edna Early
Eileen Brydon, Maurice Ward

Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg.
3rd February - Team 1

Bidding Prayer Rota ~ February
Paul Diggins

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2	Sunday	9.00am	Jack & Winnie Norman
3	Monday	9.15am	Cissie Waters
4	Tuesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
5	Wednesday <i>St Agatha</i>		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
6	Thursday <i>St Paul Miki and Companions</i>	6.30pm	SVP Rosary ~ All Welcome
7	Friday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
8	Saturday	9.15am After Mass	John Patrick Doran Sacrament of Confession

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9	Sunday	9.00am	Ken Stokes
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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, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd
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RECENTLY DECEASED: May they rest in peace. Amen	David Hall, Gerry Kennedy
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ANNIVERSARIES:	Brenda Nolan, Noreen Morley, Bernard Hillerby
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MASS ATTENDANCE:	26th January . . . 201
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	26th January . . . £374.80 plus ave stos. plus weekly standing orders which currently average £291.48 per
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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Weekdays at 7am with the Divine Mercy




GENERAL ENQUIRIES, CHURCH & PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS
Please contact Kathryn Wood in the Parish Office Tel. (01642) 580171


ST PATRICK'S TEA DANCE . . . Why not come along to the Tea Dance on Tuesday at 2pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome to join us.



UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES
MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 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. Please join us this Monday.



SPUC ONE DAY CONFERENCE ~ Help us to build a Culture of Life. There will be a one-day Conference on **Saturday, 7th March** at Tyneside Irish Centre, Newcastle. Mary Glindon MP, North Tyneside and Antonia Tully, SPUC, will be among the main speakers. The topics covered will be abortion decriminalization, pro-life political lobbying and why we must reject assisted suicide. Cost £30 which will include lunch.

2020 SPUC YOUTH CONFERENCE: 9 Million Reasons Why ~ Join young people from around the country at the **2020 SPUC Youth Conference (18-30 years) which takes place from Friday, 28th February to Sunday, 1st March** at the Willows Training Centre, Wyboston, Bedfordshire. The Conference aims to educate, inspire and empower our young people to work for the pro-life movement. Cost for the weekend is £135 and there is some sponsorship still available.

'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 on any of the above please contact:** Christine Pope, SPUC Stockton Office, 01642 602842

THIRD WORLD GROUP . . . All money placed in Third World Box throughout January was sent to CAFOD for Zimbabwe and Zambia food crisis. Thank you.