

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 19th January

Christine Pope, Rosanne Delplanque
Michael Toole, John Bowron

Ministers of the Word 19th January

Terry & Patricia Egerton

Home Communion 18th / 19th Jan.

Des Murray, Christine Poole
Christine Pope, Chris Edwards

Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg.
13th January - Team 3

Bidding Prayer Rota ~ January
Maurice Ward

DATES FOR DIARY

SPUC Youth Conference
28th Feb – 1st March 2020

SPUC Regional One Day Conference:
Saturday, 7th March 2020.

More details to follow

SPUC CLUB DRAW

Please note that the wrong prize money totals had been published following the prize club draw. Apologies for this error. The prize money remains as: 1st Prize £150, 2nd Prize £50, 3rd Prize, £20.

 **The week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated 18th to 25th January and takes the theme 'Unusual Kindness'**, reflecting on how our Christian faith leads us to see all 'others' as sisters and brothers.

God of unity, Trinity of the Three, You call your people to be one that the world may believe. Grant us your Spirit that we might act and speak with one voice so that our world's pains and divisions may be transformed by healing, hope and reconciliation, and your name glorified and hallowed. Amen.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES, CHURCH & PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS

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



12th January 2020

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD . . . This feast marks Jesus' initiation into public ministry. At his baptism, Jesus is named the 'Beloved Son of God'. With this celebration we recommit ourselves to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Initiated through our baptism we too are 'favoured by God', commissioned to proclaim good news with our lives.



Lord we pray today especially for the newly baptised into your family. Hold them in your arms and bless them, shine your light on the path before them and let them always feel your loving presence as they travel along the path of life. We pray that parents and godparents will guide with their own example of your love and always be ready to listen and to comfort, to laugh and to play, to encourage and to praise, so that they may grow in discipline and



WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2020 - the Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its **annual appeal next 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.

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.



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD . . On 26th January, 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'.

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12	Sunday	9.00am	Craig Chapman
13	Monday	9.15am	Vincent Rea
14	Tuesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
15	Wednesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
16	Thursday	6.30pm	SVP Rosary ~ All Welcome
17	Friday St Anthony		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
18	Saturday	9.15am After Mass	John Brydon Sacrament of Confession

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19	Sunday	9.00am	George & Helen Hunton
		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,	
RECENTLY DECEASED: May they rest in peace. Amen		Peter McLoughlin, Ted Murdoch	
ANNIVERSARIES:		Eileen Lyons	
MASS ATTENDANCE:		5th January . . . 162	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION:		5th January. . . .£354.67 plus ave stos. plus weekly standing orders which currently average £291.48 per	

Next Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer for Peace. The theme is *'Peace as a journey for hope'*
Father, as the Spirit descended like a dove on your Son at his baptism, so grant that the same Dove of Peace may open up paths to a just peace for all in our world today. Amen.

ASYLUM SEEKERS - A big thank you for the continued support of our Asylum Seekers by your contributions of tinned meat that you leave at the back of Church. Your generosity is very much appreciated. (Frances Groves)

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

THIRD WORLD GROUP . . . We would like to thank everyone for the wonderful support we have received during 2019 via our Third World Box. We also gratefully received a donation of £150 from the Tuesday Tea Dance members and a private Christmas donation of £200, along with special private donations placed in our Third World Box during the year. **Our grand total was £2,399. We sent donations totalling £2,550 as follows:**



January - Brother Michael (Malawi)	£300	July - CAFOD (Food for children in Yemen)	£350
April - CAFOD (Cyclone ADAI)	£700	November - Fr. Cooper, Home for Disabled Children	£450
June - John Bradbourne (Leprosy)	£300	December - Br. Michael (Malawi)	£350
December - Survive Miva (Transport)	£100		

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS



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.

'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.

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