

St. Patrick's Men's Club present

STRIKING BACK

Saturday 21st March
Parish Centre - 8pm



Tickets (£6) via Ken Marr on 01642 602336. Please bring your own food and drink.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME from Monday 21st to Friday 25th September, flying from Newcastle. The cost is £689 per person. The pilgrimage includes a general audience with the Pope on the Wednesday. Please contact Fr. Cooper if you are interested.

NEWMAN'S ASSOCIATION ~ WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall, TS8 OTW - 7.45pm

"Your Word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path" Psalm 118 verse 105. God speaks to me in his Word. How can I turn my ear to the sound of his voice? by Fr. Pat Kilgariff. Patrick Kilgariff was ordained priest in 1966. He has served in various parishes in the Archdiocese of Birmingham as well as with the Catholic Missionary Society. He was also on the formation staff of the Venerable English College in Rome and now holds the position as National Chaplain to the Newman Association. Refreshments 7.30pm, all welcome.

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



MISSIO . . . The monies collected from St. Patrick's parishioners APF 'red boxes' totalled **£3,307.63p**, for the period 27th March 2019 to 25th February 2020. On behalf of the Mill Hill Missionaries I wish to thank you for your generosity. Also, thank you to the volunteers who do the rounds to empty the boxes. If you leave a red box in the church, please leave your name and address for the records.

New stock arrived, displayed on sale now. Cards and gifts for First Holy Communion and Mother's Day. St Patrick's Day cards, St Benedict crosses, Rosary beads, prayer cards, medals, statues and more. **Please visit our parish shop.**

Eucharistic Ministers 8th March

Chris Edwards, Louis Pope
Val Railton, Anne Brumpton

Ministers of the Word 8th March

Gwen Gallagher, Maurice Ward

Home Communion 7th / 8th March

Val Railton, Edna Early
Mike Toole, Maurice Ward

Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg. 2nd March - Team 5

Bidding Prayer Rota ~ March Terry & Patricia Egerton

Children's Liturgy Rota 8th March - Mr Macaulay & Sarah



1st March 2020

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1st SUNDAY OF LENT . . . During Lent, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we renew our relationship with God. We are called to undergo conversion through repentance for our sins so that we will be ready to appreciate the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ at Easter. The ritual sign of renewing our baptismal commitment is celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Lent is a particularly appropriate time for us to go to confession and, in the spirit of true repentance, to be assured that our sins are forgiven.



We thank you Father for those days in the desert when through prayer and fasting, Jesus discovered your will for his life and overcame temptation. Help us during these days of Lent to come close to you and to listen to your voice. Give us strength to overcome the temptation to please ourselves and live life without you. Teach us your way. Amen.


CAFOD just one world **FAMILY FAST DAY . . .** This Lent, CAFOD's Family Fast Day is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. Your donations go to highly-trained, highly-skilled local experts around the world who save and support the health of the world's poorest families. Sister Consilia is one of these people, she is a nun in an out of-town health centre in Zimbabwe. Sister Consilia is a trained pharmacist who saves lives each and every day. Without support like yours, her brilliant work just couldn't continue as there wouldn't be enough funding to support it. We urgently need your help to fund more local experts like Sister Consilia to reach out to even more people who need treatment, care and love.


This weekend, CAFOD Gift Aid envelopes will be given out with the Bulletins in readiness for CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday 6th March. **There will then be a second collection on Sunday, 8th March** for the return of them, plus any other donations to CAFOD. Please give generously to help those less well off overseas.

1st SUNDAY OF LENT . . . Pg. 151

1	Sunday	9.00am 7.15pm	Kath Lumsden Divine Mercy ~ Crèche
2	Monday	9.15am	Sheila Wrigley
3	Tuesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
4	Wednesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
5	Thursday	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross led by the SVP
6	Friday Family Fast Day		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
7	Saturday	9.15am After Mass	Joan Kent (SVP) Sacrament of Confession

2nd Sunday of Lent . . . Pg. 155

8	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
		Riska Okninski, Monica McShane, Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd, Audrey Bentley	
ANNIVERSARIES:		Patrick Cooper	
MASS ATTENDANCE:		23rd February . . . 226	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION:		23rd February. . . £373.74 plus weekly standing orders which currently average £291.48 per week.	

 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS . . .** As we journey with Jesus during his final hours on earth as a human being, we place ourselves on the journey, reflecting on the familiar story, sensing what it would have been like, remembering the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for humanity. **The Stations of the Cross will take place on a Thursday evening during Lent at 6.30pm, starting on the 5th March.** Meditations each week will be led by a Parish group. Everybody very welcome.

Fair Trade stall at St Joseph Norton following 10:30am Mass - 1pm on Sunday 15th March. A great chance to buy Easter Eggs and chocolate, gifts, food and drink. **Please support us** and help farmers and producers get a fair wage for their work. Thank you


UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES

MONDAY 2nd MARCH at 7.00pm
St. Patrick's Parish Hall

For the six Sundays in Lent we shall present episodes from a new series by **Francis Hogan on St Matthew's Gospel**. Please join us this Monday. The series on the Mass will now start after Easter.

DIVINE MERCY . . . THIS SUNDAY 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. 

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10th – 18th March at St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. **You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer.** Please write to Novena Director, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead SL6 7HT, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

 **St Joseph's: Stations of the Cross and Lent Lunches** will be held on Fridays during Lent commencing on the 6th March. 11.30am Stations of the Cross -12.00 noon Tea and Biscuits. Homemade Soup lunches will be served (Dairy & gluten free options available) continuing from 13th March to 3rd April. All donations to Fr Vincent's Uganda Mission Fund. Come for the Stations or lunch or come for both. Everyone is welcome.

English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's: Every Tuesday during Lent at 11.30am Stations of the Cross, Lenten Lunch (Homemade soup) at 12pm. Donations shared between Holy Family India Project and HCPT Group 527 Lourdes Group. Everyone is welcome.

SPUC CLUB DRAW ~ The next draw will take place on Sunday, 15th March. Please let Christine, Eileen or Maurice have any outstanding monies as soon as possible. Many thanks for all your support.