

For your Diary **WINDOWS INTO HEAVEN . . . From 13th April to 31st May** at Ushaw College there will be an exhibition of icons on the life of Christ, as depicted in the Rosary. This has been arranged to mark both the Year of the Word and the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary. The exhibition will be open every day, and there will be accompanying booklets and an opportunity for group prayer every Thursday at 2.00pm. In addition, volunteer guides will give talks on the exhibition every Friday at 2.00pm.

YEAR OF THE WORD ROADSHOW at Ushaw College, 9th-10th May with interactive presentations, College tours, cuddly lions and a sky-dancing St. Jerome! A day full of Scripture-centred things to enjoy! The Year of the God Who Speaks is a wonderful opportunity for us as a Diocese to grow in Christ.

 **DONATIONS TO ASYLUM SEEKERS - Thank you** on behalf of our destitute asylum seekers for your kind donations of tins of meat given to date. However, we would be grateful, if in future, tins of chick peas could be donated in place of meat. Many thanks.

To mark the 125th Anniversary of the opening of St Joseph's Church in Hartlepool in February this year, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on the Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church on Wednesday **18th March at 6.30pm** and afterwards in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend.

Eucharistic Ministers 22nd March

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

Ministers of the Word 22nd March

Edna Early, Louise Pope

Home Communion 21st / 22nd March

Anne Brumpton, John Bowron
Paul Joynes, Chris Edwards

Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg.
16th March - Team 2

Bidding Prayer Rota ~ March
Terry & Patricia Egerton

Children's Liturgy Rota
22nd March - Paul & Nici

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.

PLEASE NOTE - Refreshments **will not** be served after Mass until further notice.

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

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



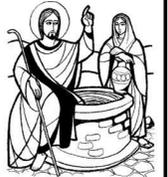
15th March 2020

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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT . . . During Lent we reflect on God's loving mercy. He comes to us as sinners with the offer of new life, he puts no limit on those to whom he offers his love and forgiveness, and he bids us to do the will of the Father. Christ is offering us his love and forgiveness. Let us recall that we are in his presence and ask him to give us new life and pour into our hearts the Holy Spirit. Jesus offered to make a real difference in the Samaritan woman's life while she listened attentively to his words. We can make a real difference to others and ourselves by listening attentively to the word of God, the true fountain of life, and by living according to its message of hope.



God our Father, we draw our life from you. You are the fountain of life. Enable us, through the death and resurrection of your Son and through the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, to grow in love and understanding. Accompany us on our journey through life, so that we may go with confidence into your world as a new creation, so that the world may believe. Amen

YOU'RE INVITED!

Congratulations to Fr. Cooper who will be appointed Canon by Bishop Robert Byrne. Fr. Cooper invites you to Evening Prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday 26th March at 3pm** for his installation.

PLEASE NOTE . . . As announced during Mass last weekend, the Diocese have asked us to withdraw Holy Water from the Holy Stoups as you enter Church, NOT to shake hands at 'Peace be with you' and Communion will be of one kind only, ie no wine until further notice. The position is being kept under constant review and anyone who suspects that they may have become infected with the Virus should inform the Church, as soon as possible, if they have been at Mass in the past fourteen days. Thank you.

'Walk With Me' Booklet . . . Please take one of these booklets from the back of Church. They are free and will help you in your daily prayers and meditation during Lent.

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15	Sunday	9.00am	Lindo & Carter Families and the Forgotten Souls
16	Monday	9.15am	Jim Faley
17	Tuesday St Patrick	n.b. 9.15am	St Patrick's RC School 
18	Wednesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
19	Thursday St. Joseph	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross led by the Scripture Group
20	Friday St Cuthbert		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
21	Saturday	9.15am After Mass	Anniversary Thanksgiving Sacrament of Confession

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22	Sunday	9.00am	Des Morton
		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:		Joseph Lowther, Mary Boyle, James Faley	
MASS ATTENDANCE:		8th March . . . 180	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION:		8th March. . . £433.68, plus ave stos plus weekly standing orders which currently average £291.48 per	

 **The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March . . .**
We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

SPUC CLUB DRAW ~ The next draw will take place this Sunday. Thank you for your support.

A PRAYER TO ST CUTHBERT
Feast Day ~ 20th March

Ever living God, you called your servant Cuthbert to proclaim the Gospel in northern England and blessed him with a loving heart and gentle spirit, grant us grace to live as he did, in simplicity, humility and love for the poor; through Jesus Christ, who came among us as one who serves. Amen

UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES

MONDAY 16th MARCH at 7.00pm
St. Patrick's Parish Hall



For the Sundays in Lent we shall present episodes from a new series by **Francis Hogan on St Matthew's Gospel.** This week's theme is **'The Passion Saves Us.'** Please join us this Monday.

Happy St. Patrick's day!

Saint Patrick, a fifth century Roman-British Christian, faced many challenges by committing his life to carrying out Jesus' command, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." He was humble and he was courageous. His entire life was focused on being an instrument of God to bring the Good News of Christ to Ireland. In his efforts he experienced much resistance but with God's power, Ireland experienced a spiritual awakening, and much of the island became Christian, sending out their own missionaries.

Gracious and powerful God, let me, like Saint Patrick, give my life as a witness to the Good News of Salvation and bring others to the peace and joy of your Gospel.



St Patrick's School ~ Head Teacher . . . The Governors of St Patrick's school are delighted to announce the appointment of Steven Williams as the new permanent Headteacher. Steven follows a line of very committed and successful headteachers who have their values rooted in the Gospels and have taken St Patrick's from strength to strength of the past fifty plus years. I am sure you will join the Governors in supporting Steven in leading the school forward. (Chris Wilson, Chair of Governors)

The 2020/2021 Church envelopes are ready for collection at the back of church. Please check carefully as addresses have been removed. If anybody would like a set of envelopes or to Gift Aid or a Direct Debit, please contact John Bowron or Martin Driffield after Mass.

CAFOD  **The CAFOD collection has so far raised £743.35.** If there are any further envelopes to return, could you please put them into the main collection or hand them to Martin Driffield as soon as possible. Many thanks for your donations to date, your support will help ensure no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need too flourish.