



## St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, we believe that He is divine as well as human and we accept the uniqueness of his saving death and resurrection. All of what God wishes us to know about his nature and his will is to be glimpsed in Jesus who manifests God's unconditional love and forgiveness. He died for us and for all other sinners so that we may have eternal life. We are tasked with simply knowing and trusting in Jesus daily, and walking in faith that He is the way. When we live in him, we can rest in the comfort of faith, that He will lead us exactly where we need to go as we walk in him.

I AM  
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NO ONE COMES  
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ME

We are a community called by God to work together. This is what bonds us to one another and to Christ; with Christ we become God's people offering worship to the Father; from Christ we draw strength to build a society focused on God's loving plan for creation; and in Christ we are called to turn from selfishness and strife to a life of peacemaking and gentleness.

**Jesus our Way** - guide me in life; **Jesus our Truth** - *teach me your meaning of life;*  
**Jesus our Life** – love me always

**MAY ~ THE MONTH OF MARY** ... The month of May is a season of new growth, of life reborn after Easter. It is also, appropriately, the month which the church especially dedicates to Mary, the mother of Jesus and our spiritual mother.

### **Excerpt from the Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020** ~

"Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing. I would like to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. I am providing a prayer to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you."



O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross was united with Jesus' suffering and persevered in your faith. You know our needs and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, for he took upon himself our suffering and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

<b>Masses with no Congregation</b>			
<b>5th SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
10	Sunday		People of our Parish
11	Monday		Mavis McQuillan (SVP)
12	Tuesday		
13	Wednesday <b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>		
14	Thursday <b>St Matthias</b>		
15	Friday		
16	Saturday		John Brydon
<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>			
17	Sunday		People of our Parish
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		John Brydon, Henry Healy	
		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	



**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May**

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .**

- **First Reading ~ Acts 6: 1-7**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19**
- **Second Reading ~ 1 Peter 2:4-9**
- **Gospel ~ John 14 1-12**



**Diocesan Day of Prayer for the sick and their families, NHS front-line, social care workers and other key workers . . .** On Thursday 14th May the diocese are hosting a **Diocesan Day of Prayer** for the sick and their families, NHS front-line, social care workers and other key workers. The day will be streamed online and begins with Divine Office from St. Mary's Cathedral at 10.00am., led by Fr. Michael McCoy and ends with Bishop Byrne, who will celebrate Mass for the sick and their families, and for NHS front-line, social care and key workers at 7.00pm. Further information, including liturgical and prayer resources, will be made available on the Diocesan website.

**TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?** A Seven Session Discernment Programme for Men Considering Priesthood in Hexham & Newcastle Diocese. Could Jesus be calling you to be Catholic Priest? Our online course of reflection and discussion is an opportunity to ask that question. Gathering as an online group, we will discuss what it means to discern a vocation, learn a little about the path to priesthood and enjoy fellowship in the process! The course will take place using ZOOM at **7:15pm on Mondays beginning Monday 11th May**. To express interest in joining our sessions, or to find out more, please contact Father Christopher Warren at [vocations@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdhn.org.uk)

Following many discussions with workers across the world, CAFOD launched an **emergency appeal** on the 30th April for countries in the global south who are in serious danger of being devastated by the COVID-19 coronavirus. I know we in the UK are living in very difficult times, but the Holy Father has called on us to remember our brothers and sisters who are at even greater risk, and **CAFOD is appealing for help** from our communities. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. **Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever** to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. If you would like to donate please visit [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)



**MISSIO . . . I have received the following from Missio, and will try to get the whole appeal onto the parish Stockton website for you to read.** (Marie Davis - Missio Local Secretary)

**HOLY FATHER'S EMERGENCY APPEAL . . .** I pray that you and your loved ones are safe and well in these most difficult times. Through prayer and witness, Pope Francis has been walking alongside the whole global community. **He has also made a special Appeal** for financial support for the Church around the world which is struggling to cope with the effects of COVID-19. He has asked Missio to administer this Appeal. Sister Mary from Pirimiti Hospital in Malawi has written to say: 'Thanks so much for your concern. We are in darkness. There is no testing being done and the situation has started biting us economically. I am so worried because up to now, there are no preparations for this pandemic. Our health system in Malawi, and Africa at large, is so weak. Only God will help us out.'

**The Holy Father has established an emergency fund** to come to the aid of those people and communities who are tragically impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. He has asked each of us to contribute what we can to help the Church overseas through Missio. Any gift that you can give at this time will help our missionaries reach out to the most vulnerable people and offer them spiritual and practical support; and any prayer you offer them will surely be heard. Pope Francis has reminded us that 'we are in the same boat, all of us fragile and disorientated, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together.' Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones. I am celebrating Mass every day at 12 noon in our Missio Chapel. (Fr Anthony Chantry)

Some of you may have received this appeal direct from Missio. For those of you who have not and wish to donate, it can be done in any of the following ways.

1. By sending a cheque, made payable to 'Missio' to COVID-19 Response, 23 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1NU
2. By telephoning their office on 020 7821 9755 during business hours (9am to 5pm) and making a credit/ debit card donation.
3. By visiting [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk) and donating online, by clicking on 'I want to help' on the Pope's Emergency Fund banner, or by selecting 'Where the need is greatest' on the donation page.

**Diocese of Middlesbrough . . .** You can now listen to Father Phil celebrating what the diocese thinks is the first Catholic Mass available by telephone in this country. Please pass on the word to anybody you know who would like to share in their celebrations but does not have internet access. The number to call is 01642 130120. **Calls are charged at local rate and free if in your included minutes.**

**Middlesbrough Diocese** is also planning to run a “virtual” Lourdes pilgrimage after being forced to postpone its usual visit to the French shrine at the end of May. This will involve services on Facebook as well as special prayers and reflections. More information will be included on their website at a later date.

**Mass for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care . . .** Our front-line workers in hospitals and in care homes all over our lands are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable at this time. In order to show a spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved in the ways described above, each week on a Thursday, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join. **This will take place every Thursday at 7.00pm**

- ❖ 14th May Bishop Robert Byrne CO Newcastle Cathedral
- ❖ 21st May Bishop Mark Davies Shrewsbury Cathedral
- ❖ 28th May Bishop Terence Drainey Middlesbrough Cathedral

By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops’ Conference Webpage ([cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA . . .** May 13th marks the anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Between May 13th and October 13th, 1917, three Portuguese children, Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos, received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the Rosary for world peace. The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church’s worldwide calendar in 2002.



*O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most Holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen*

**Rosary in front of Our Lady’s Statue: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3pm**  
St. Mary’s Cathedral, Middlesbrough (You tube) ([Middlesbrough.diocese.org.uk](http://Middlesbrough.diocese.org.uk))

**SIGNED MASS . . .** There is a signed interpreted Mass being live-streamed at 6pm every Saturday. This can be found at [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk). From the menu chose live Catholic Mass online and then scroll down to the option for the signed Mass. If this can be of any use to anybody you know please pass on this information. Thank you.

**ST PATRICK’S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL . . .** If you would like to see the school activities or find out more about what our children are doing please visit the school website and use the Facebook page. [www.stpatricksfairfield.org.uk](http://www.stpatricksfairfield.org.uk)



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