



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 16th August 2020

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

There are several times throughout the Liturgical year in which the Church celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary. One Feast Day in particular reflects the story of eternal hope for the faithful, that is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the mystery of the Assumption, Mary experiences immediately what we all will experience eventually, a bodily resurrection like Christ's own. That reality should bring eternal hope to the faithful. Pope Francis said. "May we not be robbed of hope, because this strength is a grace, a gift from God which carries us forward with our eyes fixed on Heaven. Mary is always there ... she accompanies them, suffers with them, and sings of hope with them and brings victory over death. Whilst the Blessed Virgin has entered into heavenly glory, this does not mean that she is distant or detached from us; rather Mary accompanies us, struggles with us, and sustains Christians in their fight against the forces of evil."

Almighty God, You gave a humble Virgin the privilege of being mother of your Son, and crowned her with the glory of heaven. May the prayers of the Virgin Mary bring us to the salvation of Christ and raise us up to eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, guide and support all Bishops, Priests and Deacons with her maternal love.

Lord hear our prayer

We pray for all those people throughout the world who are suffering from the Corona Virus and particularly for those in hospital. We pray also for the sick and elderly who at this time may feel particularly vulnerable, isolated and unable to experience the joys of life

Lord hear our prayer

We pray for the faithful departed, may they come to dwell with Our Lady in the presence of the Risen Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
16	Sunday		People of our Parish (Mass with no congregation)
17	Monday	9.15am	Monica McShane
18	Tuesday	7.00pm	George Littler
19	Wednesday	9.15am	Private Intention
20	Thursday <i>St Bernard</i>	7.00pm	Special Intention
21	Friday <i>The Dedication of St. Mary's Cathedral</i>	9.15am	Special Intention
22	Saturday <i>The Queenship of Mary</i>	9.15am	Living & Deceased of Wood Family
21st Sunday of the Year			
23	Sunday		People of our Parish (Mass with no congregation)
Recently Deceased:		Fr Tony Duffy ~ May he rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		John Blackburn	
		Riska Okninski, 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	



We pray for our young people as they receive their examination results. May the Father grant them the vision of the fullness of life that he offers them through the following of his Son. Amen.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- **First Reading ~ Apocalypse 11:19 12-6, 10**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 44: 10-12, 16**
- **Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 15:20-26**
- **Gospel ~ Luke 1:39-56**

20th Sunday of the Year

- **First Reading ~ Isaiah 56:1, 6-7**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8**
- **Second Reading ~ Romans 11:13-15, 29-32**
- **Gospel ~ Matthew 15: 21-28**





SPUC Home Collection Boxes . . . Could anyone with a home collection box please leave it at the back of church or contact Christine Pope on tel 01642 602842 to arrange collection and emptying of boxes. Many thanks for all your support.

Re-opening of Churches . . . St. Cuthbert's & St. Joseph's RC Churches are in the next phase of planned re-opening for Mass or individual prayer.

The Vicariate for Faith & Mission

Upcoming formation available from September

Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions our plans in the short term are to offer formation and training online. **To register your interest and to find out more details please visit the Diocesan Website and select the August E-Newsletter.**

The God Who Speaks: The Year of the Word - Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible: Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word but give up because it is so complicated. The ***Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*** study programme helps you to get the 'big picture' of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church.

Called and Gifted – Discerning your Gifts and Mission: "God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have a mission." St. John Henry Newman, CO.

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. The Called and Gifted process is designed to assist you in determining the gifts and mission that God has given you through a series of online workshops and conversations. The workshops consist of online videos and discussions that cover Church teaching, my uniqueness and my time and place. The Called and Gifted process is aimed towards people over the age of 18 who are committed to their faith. It is due to begin at the end of October.

Reading Resource: The Vatican has released some key reading for those involved in parish ministry: There is a new publication of '***The Directory for Catechesis***' which may be of interest to those involved in catechesis and education. It can be purchased from Pauline Books and Media, it contains the latest thinking from Rome with regards content and methodology for those involved in sharing the faith. Please see Diocesan website for more information.

Tools for 'Discerning the Action of God in my Life' . . . A Zoom programme over five sessions, for young women and men, offering input, and time for reflection and prayer. There will also be suggestions to use between sessions, to enable you to deepen your reflection. **The first session is on Saturday 19th September 2020, 'Discovering God'.** For more information, contact Sr Silvana Dallanegra discerngodsaction@gmail.com

Middlesbrough Diocese . . . To access the following type Middlesbrough Diocese into the search engine and then select streamed services in Diocese. Scroll down for the following:

- St. Marys Cathedral, Middlesbrough ~ Rosary in front of Our Lady's statue on a Friday at 3pm.
- St. Wilfrid's, York ~ Rosary and Benediction on a Sunday at 5.30pm

August 22nd is the Feast of the Queenship of Mary



Blessed Virgin Mary, you are the Mother and Queen of every Christian family. From the time of the Annunciation you were the living chalice of the Son of God made Man. As a woman of faith, you inspire all mothers to transmit faith to their children. Watch over our families, let our children learn free and loving obedience inspired by your obedience to God. Let parents learn dedication and selflessness based on your unselfish attitude. Let all families honour you and remain devoted to you so that they may be held together by your example. Amen.

THANK YOU to all St. Patrick's parishioners who are delivering bulletins, providing treats and for all other acts of kindness during these difficult times.

Please forward any prayers, thoughts, poems, news, anniversaries or any item that you would like to share and I will include them on the bulletin. Thank you.

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