



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 6th September 2020

This Sunday's gospel gives us much to think about for our daily lives. Jesus is gently reminding us that by being members of the church community, we are responsible for one another. Because Jesus shares his own spirit with us, the connection between Christians and Jesus is very close: what we bind or loose here is bound or loosed in heaven, and whatever we ask in union will be given to us by the Father. The gospel challenge is to correct one another in love and with respect so that the entire Christian community, all members of the Church of Christ, may glorify the wonder and the beauty of God who has made each one of us in the divine image and likeness. The gospel ends with a statement that fills us with hope. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them"

Lord, help us to recognize your presence among us. Fill us with that blessed desire to come together in our prayers for one another. Give us the grace to be humble enough to know our need and courageous enough to forgive one another willingly, happily and lovingly. We pray this in your name, Jesus, believing that you are here with us right now. Amen



We pray for a just distribution of all the world's resources. May we, who have plenty, be generous in assisting our sisters and brothers whose lives are affected by famine, disease and drought.

Lord hear our prayer

We recall the example of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, whose feast is Saturday 5th September. May her example of service and love inspire and encourage those who care for the sick and dying. We pray for those who suffer illness of mind, body or spirit, among our community or families

Lord hear our prayer

We pray for all families that their homes be an oasis of love, peace and harmony. We pray particularly for those where relationships have broken down and for those in conflict that the loving spirit of Christ be bestowed upon them.

Lord hear our prayer

23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
6	Sunday		People of our Parish (Mass with no congregation)
7	Monday	9.15am	Margaret Bentley
8	Tuesday <i>The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		Mass at St. Cuthbert's at 9.30am
9	Wednesday	7.00pm	Peter Connor
10	Thursday		Mass at St. Cuthbert's at 9.30am
11	Friday	9.15am	Sr Lucy Mary Brydon
12	Saturday	9.15am	Special Intention
24th Sunday of the Year			
13	Sunday		People of our Parish (Mass with no congregation)
Recently Deceased:		Dorothy Jordinson ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Des Morton, Iliza Faith Lawlor	
		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, Rose Marie Bruno	



PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

The Pilgrimage to Rome that was to have taken place from September 21st-25th this year has been postponed until **May 3rd-7th next year**. There are still places available. If anyone would like to go please see Canon Cooper.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Ezekiel 33:7-9**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9**
- **Second Reading ~ Romans 13:8-10**
- **Gospel ~ Mathew 18:15-20**



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September

Respect for the Planet's Resources ~ We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Thank you for all the prayers for Sr. Lucy Mary Brydon who died peacefully, God rest her soul. Thank you also for all the lovely sympathy cards and Mass cards. (Eileen Brydon)

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY . . . Mary was born to be the mother of the Saviour of the world, the spiritual mother of all men. On Our Lady's birthday the Church celebrates the first dawning of redemption with the appearance in the world of the Saviour's mother, Mary. The Blessed Virgin occupies a unique place in the history of salvation, and she has the highest mission ever commended to any person. We rejoice that the Mother of God is our Mother, too. Let us often call upon the Blessed Virgin as "Cause of our joy", one of the most beautiful titles in her litany.



Immaculate daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne, you are the door to the Eternal Word who made you the source of His Sacred Blood. You are a model for all Christian sons and daughters. Pray for me that the feast of your birth may give great joy to my soul and that I may have a greater devotion to your Son's Precious Blood. Amen



SPUC CLUB DRAW . . . The next club draw will take place on **Sunday, 13th September.** Could you please let Christine or Eileen have any outstanding monies! Christine would be happy to collect it if you call her on 01642 654673. Many thanks.

To view live services throughout the week, including Devotional Hour, Morning Prayer, Benediction and Mass please visit www.churchservices.tv. Select 'schedule' where you will find a link.



SEASON OF CREATION is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, which started on the 1st September and finishes on the feast of St Francis, 4th October. The Season of Creation is an annual celebration uniting Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home.

During this season we are encouraged to pray in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being every more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. The theme for this year is 'Jubilee for the Earth.' For more information visit the Bishop's Conference website: www.cbcew.org.uk

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands. We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that You give us as stewards of Your creation. Through faithfully following Your Son guide and direct us to prepare for a better future. Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of You. Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created, using wisely all that You have entrusted to us. Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos, help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out. You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.

A weekend reflection, at Minsteracres, on our encounters with gratitude, prophecy and hope has been organised with a choice of three weekends: Friday 11th until Sunday 13th September, Friday 2nd until Sunday 4th October or Friday 20th until Sunday 22nd November. Suggested donation of £140. Further details tel. 01434 673248 or email info@minsteraces.org

DAY OF PRAYER at Minsteracres - Michael O'Halloran. This day enables you to experience different ways of praying in a beautiful setting and gives you time for quiet personal prayer. Lunch, tea and coffee are provided. Wednesday 16th September, 10am – 4pm. The cost is £20.

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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