



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 18th October 2020

In today's Gospel Jesus asks us where do we belong? For Jesus it's the belonging of love, not of power and control, belonging to God means belonging to each other. We have rights and duties of love. We take on the task of being the saving, caring hands of Jesus spreading the good news in many different ways. To give to others what belongs to others and to give to the poor what belongs to the poor. Everyone has a right to the food of the earth and shelter for the body. It's not charity when people are given food, education, a home and freedom of speech, it is justice. To give to God what belongs to God is to share the goods of the earth. On Mission Sunday we pray that we may reach out and spread joy in our community, our country and our world.

Lord, help us to fulfil our duties towards one another and towards the common good. Help us to remember that every person is made in your image and every part of creation reflects your glory. Amen.



We ask God to bless all our missionaries who have dedicated their lives to spreading Christ's message of love and salvation throughout the world. We pray also for the families who nurtured them, the missionary families that support them and for all those communities abroad who received and welcomed them.

Lord hear our prayer

We pray for ourselves, that with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we may discern what particular mission God is inviting us to, as baptised members of the People of God.

Lord hear our prayer

Lord, we pray for those who need ongoing medical treatment who are forced to wait at this time. Please watch over their health and help them to stay positive and patient. We pray that we overcome this global crisis and that after this pandemic, we build a more just and humane world.

Lord hear our prayer

SUNDAY MASS ~ We shall resume the 9.00a.m Sunday Mass this Sunday, 18th October. Due to the need for social distancing only limited numbers can attend. The Sunday Mass obligation is still not binding so if you can attend Mass during the week please do so. This will leave the Sunday Mass for those who find it difficult to attend during the week because of work commitments etc. It's not the ideal situation but this way it gives an opportunity for most people to go to Mass sometime in the course of the week. (Canon John Cooper)

29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

18	Sunday	9.00am	Special Intention
19	Monday	9.15am	Barbara Jones
20	Tuesday		Mass at St. Cuthbert's at 9.30am
21	Wednesday	7.00pm	Frank Webb
22	Thursday		Mass at St. Cuthbert's at 9.30am
23	Friday	9.15am	Fr Charles Briggs
24	Saturday	9.15am	Kath Todd



30th Sunday of the Year

25	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Anniversaries:		Don Foley, Dorothy Dinsdale, Maureen Henderson	
		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, Teresa Carrick	

May the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelisation and Comforter of the Afflicted, Missionary Disciple of her Son, Jesus, continue to intercede for us and sustain us.

(From Pope Francis message for World Mission Sunday 2020)

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 95: 1, 3-5, 7-10**
- **Second Reading ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**
- **Gospel ~ Matthew 22: 15-21**



St Patrick's Primary School Mission Week



St Patrick's school are holding a Mission this coming week. The Theme: **"I am extraordinary because Christ is in me."** The children will be engaged in many prayerful activities to support and help them grow in their faith.

Mr Williams would like to inform you that the children have prepared spiritual bouquets for St Patrick's parishioners and will be remembering you in prayer during this special week. Please keep our children and staff in your prayers.



This Sunday is a Day of Prayer for the Evangelisation of the World (Mission Sunday). The theme is '**We are all called to share God's love**'

In this time of international turmoil and uncertainty, World Mission Sunday is an opportunity for the global family of the Catholic Church to stand together in solidarity, prayer and faith. World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. In the Holy Father's message for World Mission Sunday, he says: '*The Church continues the mission of Jesus and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and transform hearts, societies and cultures*'. On this day through prayer and reflection we express our support of missionaries from all continents who are striving to preach and live the Gospel among those have yet to receive it.

If you visit the Missio site: www.missio.org.uk you will be able to view the new film 'We are still here,' showing the inspiring work of missionaries around the world. If you scroll down to the bottom of the page you will find weekly children's activity sheets that can be downloaded.

Lord, may your Mission become the central concern for our Church community throughout the world. Bring us closer to our brothers and sisters, so that we bear witness of our faith in Christ and announce His Gospel. We ask you this through Jesus, your greatest missionary with us, forever and ever. Amen



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October: *The Laity's Mission in the Church* ~ We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



Thank you for your prayers during Prison's Week for prisoners, their families and prison staff. I would like to thank St Patrick's SVP for all their wonderful work and support volunteering in prison and all parishioners who have donated Bibles, medals, prayer cards, magazines, rosary beads and booklets explaining the rosary. The men are really grateful that you remember them in these uncertain times.

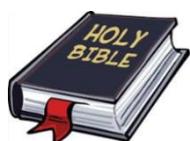
Early March Bishop Robert Bryne visited Holme House Prison to celebrate Mass. Des Murray prepared and rehearsed the music with prisoner and SVP volunteers provided refreshments. The Bishop extended his visit joining the men for Catholic study group and question time. He shared about his own experiences over the years as a prison chaplain. The men welcomed, enjoyed and appreciated the Bishops visit. (Deacon Mick)

ST PATRICKS SVP CONFERENCE

Dear Parishioners

Your SVP brothers and sisters have been involved in caring for the sick, lonely or vulnerable people in our parish during this pandemic. During the lockdown we called people by telephone or in some cases talked to people on their doorstep maintaining social distancing and wearing face masks. We would only visit people on their doorstep if it was necessary, we could visit care homes for a short while after the lockdown to meet individuals outside the care home accompanied by a carer. This has now changed to no visits except for essential reasons, our hospital and prison visits are still suspended. We are still involved in supplying donated furniture, clothes, toys and bedding to needy people. We have received donations during the pandemic for which we are very grateful. Through our SVP national and Newcastle offices we have been able to supply food parcels to needy people within Stockton. This pandemic is going to last longer and consequently people will become unemployed and in need.

We would like your help by letting us know of anyone you know who is lonely or in need, this information would be held in strict confidence. We do not have Sunday Masses yet where you very kindly put donations in our collection boxes, **if you can please donate at the weekday Masses or put a cheque payable to St Patricks SVP through the letter box into the Church Office.** (Please mark envelopes for the 'Attention of the SVP'.) Many thanks for your help in the past and in the future. God Bless. (Barry Holliday)



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible – Free online course starting November 2020. It is an eight part Bible study featuring Jeff Cavins. This series 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 Even to Christ and the Church.

The Sessions are on a Monday evenings starting at 7.30pm until 8.30pm. The dates are: 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd November 2020 and 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd February 2021. To register or for more information e-mail: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

22nd October – St John Paul II (1920-2005). Charles Joseph Wojtyla was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. After his ordination to the priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to his homeland and resumed various pastoral and academic tasks. On 16th October 1978 he was elected Pope and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. In Rome on 2nd April 2005 he departed peacefully in the Lord. He was canonised by Pope Francis on 27th April 2014.

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to Your shepherd, the Pope, a spirit of courage and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care may he, as successor to the apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build Your church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world. Amen



OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY - Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection ~ Faith: Jesus did as he foretold, he rose from death, thus securing for us everlasting life in heaven with him and his father. The women who went to visit him are greeted by an angel who gives them this good news. They see him on their way to Galilee and he tells them to tell the disciples of his resurrection.

I pray for faith that I too may one day be with Jesus in heaven.

The Ascension ~ Hope; As Jesus ascends to heaven he tells his followers to go and make disciples. He sends them to the world to share his story and he promises he will always be with them.

I pray for hope when I don't know the way forward or when times seem dark.

The Coming of the Holy Spirit ~ Wisdom: The apostles and Mary are hiding in the upper room in fear of the future. When the Holy Spirit, the Advocate Jesus said he would send, comes to them they are filled with the gifts they need to go out into the world: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We receive these same gifts at our baptism and confirmation.

I pray that I can use these gifts to share the love of Jesus and the story of his good news.

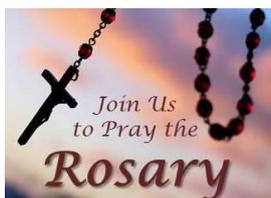


The Assumption of Mary ~ Devotion to Mary: Mary is taken to heaven to her rightful place with Jesus where she intercedes for us in prayer.

I pray for her intercession and help in growing closer to Jesus, while asking her to help me love him more.

The Coronation of Mary ~ Eternal Happiness: Mary is the Queen of Heaven and Earth. She listened to God's will and stayed true to his plan for her life. Mary was not spared suffering but her reward in heaven is great. She is our queen too, and if asked she will help us in all facets of our life.

I pray for her humility, patience, and trust



On the 31st October the diocese will be taking part in a Rosary Rally, with different dioceses from across the country having a designated time slot to ensure the Rosary is prayed continuously throughout the day from 9am to 9pm. Register at: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

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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