



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

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Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus brings together love of God and love of neighbour as something inseparable. The love of God needs to be matched with the love of neighbour, the people with whom we share our lives. It is through the people around and about us that God makes contact with us on a daily basis, God cares about how we treat others. Our families, neighbourhood, parish, school and workplace have been enriched by the self-sacrificing love of many people, young and old. Jesus' definition of love includes care of the elderly, nursing the sick and patching up quarrels. We ask God to keep us alert to the needs of those with whom we share our lives and show the love of God through our kindness and care.

*Lord, give us a love that is forgiving, generous and gentle that we may recognize and welcome Jesus in our brothers and sisters. May our hearts reach out first to the poorest and the least lovable, with the gratuitous love you have given us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



We pray for all who at this time feel isolated, abandoned and separated from their loved ones. We pray also that fractured relationships be healed, that families be reconciled and that those in need be the receivers of Christian charity and good neighbourliness.

**Lord hear our prayer**

We pray that love of God and love of neighbour be the driving force of our community in combating the coronavirus pandemic.

**Lord hear our prayer**

Compassionate God, we remember before you those who have died and ask that they may know the joy of salvation and eternity in your presence.

**Lord hear our prayer**



<b>30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>			
25	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
26	Monday <i>SS Chad and Cedd</i>	9.15am	Special Intention
27	Tuesday		Mass at St. Cuthbert's at 9.30am
28	Wednesday <i>SS Simon and Jude</i>	7.00pm	Pat O'Brien
29	Thursday		Mass at St. Cuthbert's at 9.30am
30	Friday <i>The Martyrs of Douai College</i>		No Mass
31	Saturday	9.15am	Brian White



<b>31st Sunday of the Year</b>			
1	Sunday	9.00am	Families
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>		Pat O'Brien, Audrey Bentley, Robert Parkinson May they rest in peace. Amen	
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Richard Conway	
		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	

**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.

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Exodus 22:20-26**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 17:2-4, 47, 51**
- **Second Reading ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**
- **Gospel ~ Matthew 22:34-40**



### **MARION HOLY HOUR (to include pro-life prayers)**

The next Holy Hour will take place on **this Sunday, 25th October from 4.00 to 5.00pm** at English Martyrs & St Peter & Paul, Roseworth. Members of Stockton SPUC Branch look forward to seeing you there.

**On Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> October a Mass to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Canonisation of the Forty Martyrs** will be live streamed at 12.05pm from the Cathedral. [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

**National Rosary Relay Rally Saturday 31st October 2020 - 9am to 9pm.** For faith, life and peace to prevail in our nations. This is to be led in the form of a Rosary Relay Rally where the Dioceses designated in their Rosary Hour encourage people to pray the Rosary at some point during the specified hour. Then on the hour the next Diocese takes up the Rosary Relay Rally and so on until 9pm. The following are being prayed for:



Praying for the spiritual well-being of the British Isles and for its preservation from decadence, adversity and war.

For our Church and Gospel vision, which are under increasing challenge and attack.

Praying for our Isles, for the conversion of our peoples and for their protection from evil, danger and sickness

For the deliverance of our Isles from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**We are invited to join our Diocese in saying the Holy Rosary in our homes at 4pm on Saturday 31st October** when we are invited to take part in the Rosary Relay Rally to pray for Faith, Life and Peace to prevail in our Nations.

**27 October 2020: 53 years too long and 9 Million too many**



**Please pray a prayer of reparation to God for all the babies killed since the Abortion Act 1967 was passed and for Mothers and families hurt by abortion.**

On 22nd October the Church celebrates the anniversary of the election as pope of St John Paul II. In his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*; the 'Gospel of Life', Saint John Paul II wrote: " We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil; death and life; the 'culture of death ' and the 'culture of life' ... we are involved, we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life."

Saint John Paul II wrote the following prayer and prayed it from the balcony of St Peter's Basilica in Rome, proclaiming: '**A great prayer for life is urgently needed**'

**Please** consider praying in union with the whole church, his prayer:

"O Mary, bright dawn of the new day, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the *cause of life*: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son, may *proclaim the Gospel of Life* with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to *accept that Gospel* as a gift ever new, the *joy of celebrating* it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to *bear witness to it* resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilisation of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen

**St Patrick's Primary School Mission Week** ~ The children and staff have all enjoyed a wonderful week exploring their faith and deepening their relationship with Our Lord through a variety of creative activities. Thank you to Canon John Cooper and Deacon Mick Wood for facilitating daily exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This experience has helped us all reflect on the theme of the mission and realise '*We are extraordinary because Christ lives in me.*' Thank you all for your prayers and be assured that you were remembered in our prayers this week.

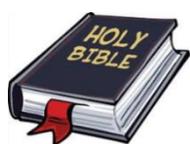
Here are some photographs sent by the school so that parishioners can share the experience of the school Mission.



**Prayer Room in St. Patrick's School**



**As part of the Mission Week the children made Crosses and Rosary Beads**



**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: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021. To register or for more information e-mail: [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)



**NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE** ~ During the month of November we remember our family, friends and parishioners who have gone before us. We usually write their names and prayerfully place them on the sanctuary before the altar of God.

This year in these uncertain times, in remembrance of our loved ones, a candle will be lit in church on the candle stand at each Mass during November. The candle will represent your prayers. During November the bulletin will have a remembrance section for names of deceased. Parishioners are invited to add names of deceased family, friends or parishioners for whom our parish family can join together praying for them. **If you would like to add names of deceased to the bulletin** please email them to the parish email: [stpatricks.fairfield@btinternet.com](mailto:stpatricks.fairfield@btinternet.com) or leave a message on the parish office phone 01642 580171.

## **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)



**Pat Kennedy MPS has shared a Reflection ('The Bamboo Tree'),** which you can read by visiting the Diocesan website.

## OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY - Luminous Mysteries

**Baptism of Jesus ~ Openness to the Holy Spirit:** Though Jesus is without original sin, John baptizes him and God announces that Jesus is his son and he is pleased.. I desire God to be pleased with me as he was with Son.

*I pray that I can accept the movement of the Holy Spirit in my life.*

**Wedding at Cana ~ Jesus through Mary;** It is here Jesus' public life is put into motion.. Our Lord's respect for Mary is so high, he performs his first miracle at her request.. When we pray the Rosary she intercedes with her Son on our behalf.

*I pray to grow closer to Jesus with Mary's help.*

**Proclamation of the Kingdom ~ Repentance:** Jesus went about the land preaching the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. He healed the sick and cast out demons. He preached about love and forgiveness.

*I pray for the ability to be humbly and genuinely sorry for my sins against others and against the God who loves me and made me.*

**The Transfiguration ~ Desire for Holiness:** Peter, James and John accompany Jesus up Mount Tabor where Jesus is transformed before them in glorious light and Moses and Elijah appear. Peter desires to build tents for them so they may stay. God again proclaims pleasure in Jesus, his beloved Son and tells them to listen to him.

*I pray for the desire to spend time with Christ thinking about his message and striving for holiness.*

**Institution of the Eucharist ~ Eucharist Adoration:** Jesus gives us the greatest of gifts in his presence in the Eucharist — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. We reflect on this at every Mass as we genuflect before the tabernacle. We are also invited to visit Jesus in Adoration.

*I pray for the grace to have faith, to seek Jesus in adoration and surrender myself humbly to his service.*



**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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