

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

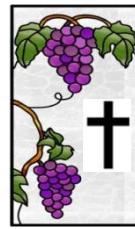
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Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Every one of us has been given a vineyard by God. Our families, our communities, our work, our church, our environment are all parts of our vineyard. Each of us is a tenant, looking after a small portion of God's vineyard and when harvest time arrives we are expected to produce a crop of caring and sharing of due regard to our obligations to respond to God's love to us by the way we show love to those with whom we share our lives. The parable invites us to turn to Christ again and challenges us to keep working steadily in God's service. It invites us to examine our conscience to see if we are producing the fruits of God's love. It urges us not to reject Christ in our lives simply because we dislike the challenge of his message. He is the keystone who establishes and maintains our relationships with God.

*God, our Father, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendour of creation, in the beauty of human life. Touched by your hand our world is holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share your blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen*



Loving father, we bring before you all of those who are suffering in any way, those facing ill health, fear, poverty, grief and so many other things. We pray for your love, peace, and healing power to be upon them. We ask that you give those who are struggling the courage to ask for help and those around them the wisdom to see the need and reach out in love, even before a word is uttered.

**Lord hear our prayer**

That God give us the grace to show patience and kindness in caring for one another as we remain challenged by COVID-19.

**Lord hear our prayer**

For all who have died, may they be immersed in Christ's Peace.

**Lord hear our prayer**

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph**, who died peacefully on Monday. He was a nephew of Paulene and Bernard Major. May he rest in peace.



## 27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

4	Sunday		People of our Parish (Mass with no congregation)
5	Monday	9.15am	Fred Davis
6	Tuesday		Mass at St. Cuthbert's at 9.30am
7	Wednesday <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	7.00pm	Mary Sykes (SVP)
8	Thursday		Mass at St. Cuthbert's at 9.30am
9	Friday <i>St John Henry Newman</i>		No Mass
10	Saturday <i>St Paulinus of York</i>	9.15am	Caroline Hughes



## 28th Sunday of the Year

11	Sunday		People of our Parish (Mass with no congregation)
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>		Mary Sykes ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Rev William Rooke, Geoff Fletcher, Eva Mary Jordison, Fred Davis, William Southall, Clifford Brown	
		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 ~ Isaiah 5:1-7**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 79:9, 12-16, 19-20**
- **Second Reading ~ Philippians 4:6-9**
- **Gospel ~ Matthew 21:33-43**



**The priestly ordination of Rev. Deacon David Jonathon Bowes** will take place **this Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, at St. Joseph's Church, Hartlepool at 11.00am** with Bishop Robert Byrne CO as principal celebrant.

For those who would like to follow online the Diocese will be streaming the ordination through its YouTube Channel. An Ordination Booklet has been produced to follow the Mass. Please visit the Diocesan website: [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk). Please keep him in your prayers.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October is a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World** (Family Fast Day.) '**A Harvest like no other**'. Family Fast Day has a long tradition of supporting communities around the world. This is a Harvest like no other as many families face chronic food shortages, malnutrition and poverty as the result of coronavirus. With your support, we can help people all over the world rebuild their lives. Join our online events, this Harvest, CAFOD has something for everyone. If you would like to make a donation to CAFOD **There are a limited number of envelopes as you leave church.** You can also donate by visiting [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) where you will find the information you need.

- ❖ National Assembly for schools ~ Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October
- ❖ Live Mass ~ Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October
- ❖ 'Harvest like no other' Quiz ~ Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm
- ❖ Children's Liturgy – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10am
- ❖ Prayer and Reflection with Bishop John Arnold ~ Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm  
Bishop John will reflect on Pope Francis' catechesis, *Healing the World*, as well as the new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*. *In English it can be read as 'Brothers and Sisters all'*

**There is a Fast Day Live Talk on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 11am.** Listen to the live talk about CAFOD's latest on the coronavirus response. Join their exclusive dialogue with CAFOD's International Programme staff to hear about how coronavirus is affecting some of the most disadvantaged communities around the world. You can register by visiting the CAFOD site.

*God, you call us out of darkness, may we hear Your voice in the cry of our brothers and sisters in crisis. As you walk alongside us always may we walk beside one another listening and responding in love. Shine the light of your compassion through us, dispelling chaos, fear and despair. Breath hope and courage into all our hearts as we work together to rebuild once more. Strengthen us, O Lord, and keep us steadfast. Bring healing and comfort to all and lead us into Your marvellous light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**St JOHN HENRY NEWMAN (Feast Day Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October) . . .** Born in London in 1801, he was for over twenty years an Anglican clergyman. His studies of the early church led him progressively towards Catholicism. In 1847 he was ordained priest and went on to found the Oratory of St Philip Neri in England. He was a prolific and influential writer on a variety of subjects.

In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII. He was praised for his humility, unstinting care of souls and contributions to the intellectual life of the church. He died in Birmingham on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1890. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020, during his visit to Great Britain. Pope Francis declared him a saint on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019.



*Dear Lord, help me to spread your fragrance wherever I go. Flood my soul with your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of yours. Shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul. Amen.*

(Extract from a prayer written by St John Henry Newman)

**The Diocese continues to publish reflections on the weekly readings** by Fr. Sean Hall and you can also read a monthly reflection this month on '*Mary's Reflection of her Annunciation*' by Pat Kennedy MPS, which can be found on the Diocesan website homepage. [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

**SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY . . .** On the upcoming Feast of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, the Marian Fathers at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy will host a special program of prayer and reflection beginning at 3p.m.** This will be livestreamed on TheDivineMercy.org and Facebook.com/DivineMercyOfficial. The program will include a talk on the life and spirituality of St. Faustina by the Very Rev. Kaz Chwalek, MIC, the Marian Fathers' provincial superior; praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Rosary, and Benediction; and a blessing with the relic of St. Faustina.

**DIOCESE OF MIDDLESBROUGH – VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE . . .** The Shrine will be hosting the Virtual Pilgrimage of Diocese of Middlesbrough **this Saturday, 3rd October,** on the Walsingham 24/7 Livestream. The programme of the day:

- 08:00: Morning Prayer
- 10:30: Stations of the Cross
- 11:00: Rosary of the Seven Joys of Our Lady
- 12:00: Angelus & Holy Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 15:00: Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 16:45: Benediction
- 17:00: Angelus & Vespers
- 17:30: All night Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

To access the above type Walsingham Middlesbrough Pilgrimage 2020 in the search engine. Then select Pilgrimage/Middlesbrough. Click on the picture shown below and you will be able to access a booklet and the Pilgrimage.



**This month marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the State Visit of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI to Great Britain.** The Catholic Bishop's Conference website is dedicating itself to memories of that extraordinary visit with footage, podcasts and pictures. All of this is available to download. To view the above type 'the papalvisit.org.uk' into the search engine. Select the site and then scroll down the page and you will find 'Replay the Visit'.



**Stella Maris live-streamed Centenary Mass:** Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) invites you to join a special live-streamed Mass **this Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, at 3.00pm** to mark the start of its Centenary Year. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Philip Tartaglia in Glasgow where Stella Maris was founded in 1920. All are invited to join in the live-streamed Mass. Please register in advance at <https://centenary.stellamaris.org.uk>.

## OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY - Joyful Mysteries

**The Annunciation ~ Fruit of Humility:** Mary said yes. Mary risked a lot because she had faith in God's goodness. She allows God's will to be done and with that *fiat* the salvation of the world is set in motion.

*I pray that I can put God's will before my own.*

**The Visitation ~ Love of Neighbour:** Newly pregnant, Mary walks several days to visit her cousin Elizabeth. While knowing that all will call her blessed, she spends several months serving Elizabeth.

*I pray that I can serve as Mary did.*

**The Nativity ~ Poverty of Spirit:** Mary and Joseph are far from home and she is about to give birth. They know God cares for them and he will not abandon them on this holy journey. As the angels announce Jesus' birth and the shepherds come to pay him homage, Mary and Joseph are surrounded by God's love.

*I pray for the grace to depend on God completely.*

**Presentation in the Temple ~ Obedience:** Mary and Joseph obey the law and bring their newborn son to the temple and offer a sacrifice. There they meet Simeon who has waited many years to meet the Messiah. He warns Mary that her own heart will be pierced. She continues to trust God, not knowing what lies ahead. I pray for trust in God's plan and patience in waiting for it to unfold.

**Finding Jesus in the Temple – Piety:** After not knowing where he was for three days, Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple, in his father's home. We look for Jesus too and we can always find him, He is there waiting for us.

*I pray that I will find reasons to pray to Jesus regularly.*



**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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