



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 4th July 2021

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus goes home with his disciples. Jesus has been teaching all over Galilee and outside it but he has not yet taught in his hometown, Nazareth. It is the Sabbath and he teaches in the synagogue. The people are astonished at his teaching just as they were in Capernaum but they refused to accept him because they know him and his family and how he grew up among them and how he worked as a carpenter. Sadly, Jesus is perceived by those who know him as a craftsman and nothing more. They question the origin of his wisdom and his wonderful deeds, they cannot see beyond the person they know to discern the presence of God, they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

Lord, we remember with gratitude the time we had a deep experience of conversion and then had to make a journey back to everyday life: we went to confession after a long time away from the sacraments, we attended a meeting of our religious community and returned all fired up. The time came when, like Jesus, we had to leave that beautiful place and return home. Today, Lord, we thank you for that experience, and may we allow you to use your grace and power to work through our human weakness. Amen.



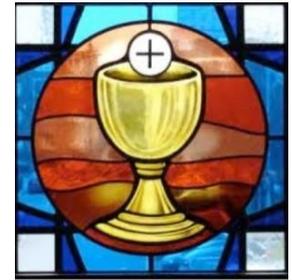
We pray that we, who through our baptism are brothers and sisters with Christ, remain faithful to Him and grow daily in faith, nourished by the Word of God and his gift of the Bread of life. **Lord hear our prayer**

As we reflect on this Sunday's gospel we pray that, in our own lives, we do not allow familiarity to breed contempt for others and that we treat everybody with love, honesty and respect. **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray for the housebound and the sick that they will know the Lord's comfort and support. **Lord hear our prayer**

Pat Kennedy MPS has shared a Reflection, Mary Magdalene, the Feast Day is Thursday 22nd July. You can read the Reflection by visiting the Diocesan website. www.rcdhn.org.uk

14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
4	Sunday	9.00am	Sophie Traquair
5	Monday	9.15am	Sheila Toop
6	Tuesday		
7	Wednesday		
8	Thursday		
9	Friday		No Mass
10	Saturday Vigil Mass	4.00pm	Special Intention Confessions after Mass
15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
11	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Anniversaries:		Jill Bradley, Monica McShane, Evelyn Hobson	
		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, Rose Marie Bruno, Teresa Carrick, Ryska Okninski	



The month of July is traditionally dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Christ’s Blood is the precious source of salvation for the world precisely because it belongs to the Word who became flesh for our salvation.”

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Ezekiel 2:2-5**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 122**
- **Second Reading ~ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**
- **Gospel ~ Mark 6:1-6**



Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for July ~ Social friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Economic development needs to have a human face, so that no one will be excluded.
(Pope Francis)

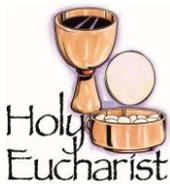
First Communion Gifts and Cards are on sale in the Parish Shop. There are also Cards and Gifts for all occasions.



Next weekend is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea.

We pray for seafarers, who endure isolation and hardship to bring us many of the goods we enjoy. Amen.

Pope Francis has released a message for the first 'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly' that will be celebrated on Sunday 25th July. In it he reassures the elderly that God is always with them and reminds them of their vocation to preserve our roots and to pass on the faith to the younger ones. The theme chosen by the Pope for the inaugural commemoration is "I am with you always" (Mt 28: 30). To listen to the message visit www.cbcew.org.uk and select 'News.'



The Vicariate For Faith & Mission: The Year of the Eucharist: Over the coming weeks the Vicariate for Faith & Mission is preparing for the Year of the Eucharist. This will officially launch in our Diocese in Advent 2021 but will be preceded by a time of prayer and spiritual preparation beginning in September. Further information will follow over the summer.

Catholic Writers' Guild of St. Francis de Sales (North East): Prayer Competition ~ Schools throughout the diocese engaged enthusiastically with the Catholic Writers' Guild competition to compose a hopeful prayer for the difficult days of COVID-19. No fewer than 186 entries were received from 12 schools, ranging from Berwick upon Tweed in the north to Newton Aycliffe in the south. The results can be accessed through the Diocesan website, selecting the July 2021 Diocesan E-Newsletter and you will find a link to the prayers.

Guisborough's 'Secret Garden' is open this weekend . . . Tudor Croft Gardens near Guisborough will be open for visitors this weekend (July 3rd and 4th) in support of three charities. There is no need to book and social distancing measures include a signposted one-way system around the gardens, which has the added advantage of making sure you don't miss anything. People in wheelchairs are welcome, with a shorter one-way system in operation to help them get round safely.

Galley Hill School playing field is available for free supervised parking when the garden is open. **Beautiful plants from the garden's own nurseries will be for sale and there will also be home-made afternoon teas, a wine bar and crafts.** The gardens will be open from 11am to 4pm with music from the New Day singers on the Saturday afternoon and Lourdes musicians on the Sunday. Funds are being raised for three young helpers to travel to Lourdes with the next Middlesbrough Pilgrimage.

Please note the new e-mail address for English Martyr's and SS Peter and Paul is parishfamilystockton@outlook.com. Please use this e-mail address straightaway if you need to contact them.

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 they will be included on the bulletin. Thank you.

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