



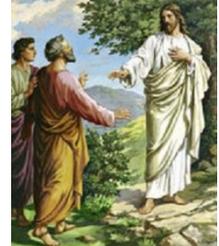
St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 12th Sept. 2021

When Peter declared to Jesus in this Sunday's gospel, "You are the Christ," he had in mind an idea of someone sent by God and whom God would protect from all harm and would bless in every way. Jesus rejected that notion and kept to God's plan that he would have to suffer. He took up his cross and went into the very heart of suffering, trusting and praying that God would see him through it. Jesus encourages us to take up our crosses and follow in his footsteps.



However, the cross which is at the centre of Christian living and of Christian hope is not an invitation to lead a miserable life. Rather it is a call to face our sufferings and carry our crosses in a spirit of hope, confident that Jesus walks the road ahead of us and reaches back to help us along. Every cross, no matter how hard it is to bear, if united with the cross of Jesus Christ, becomes meaningful to being a source of salvation for us. Losing life and saving life with Jesus is a call to community, to neighbourhood and the world, to make our part of the world a better place.

We pray for all those called to be shepherds in our Church and for those who have dedicated their lives to spreading the good news of the gospel, that they be guided and protected in their mission by the grace of the Holy Spirit. **Lord hear our prayer**

In this month of September, as we mark the Season of Creation, we pray for a consciousness throughout the world of the urgency and necessity of protecting the environment gifted us by our loving Creator. **Lord hear our prayer**

For all those who do not have access to an education, may they know God's love in their lives. We pray that all members of society are drawn to promote the common good, where no one is excluded and everyone's potential, gifts and talents are recognised, nurtured and celebrated. **Lord hear our prayer**



A Pro-life Holy Hour will take place on Wednesday 15th September at St Mary's, 11am before Mass. Please come and pray for the unborn and sanctity of life.

24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
12	Sunday	9.00am	Sophie Traquair
13	Monday <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	9.15am	Enid Henry (Friends of CWL)
14	Tuesday <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>		
15	Wednesday <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>		
16	Thursday <i>SS Cornelius Pp and Cyprian BP</i>		
17	Friday	9.15am	Ryszarda Okninski SVP
18	Saturday	9.15am	Michael, Dora and Maureen McWilliams Confessions after Mass
25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
19	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Recently Deceased:		Veronica Connors May she rest in peace. Amen.	
Anniversaries:		Iliza Lawler, Nora O'Connor	
		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,	



This month is dedicated to The Seven Sorrows of Mary. *Our Mother of Sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus. We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love. Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Amen*

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Isaiah 50:5-9**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 114:1-6,8-9**
- **Second Reading ~ James 2:14-18**
- **Gospel ~ Mark 8:27-35**



BBC Sunday Worship led by Fr. Marc Lyden-Smith. By visiting the Diocesan website you can listen to a broadcast by Fr. Marc Lyden-Smith that he took part in for BBC Radio. He reflects on some of England's most famous saints.

SPUC CLUB DRAW . . . The next draw will take place on **Sunday, 12th September** Could you please let Christine, Eileen or Maurice have any outstanding monies. Many thanks.

EDUCATION SUNDAY



2021: A Word in Season

This Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer for those involved in Education.

It is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone in the world of education. The theme for 2021 is 'A Word in Season', taken from Isaiah 50:4. In focussing on 'a word in season' we need to acknowledge the weariness that must have affected the whole education sector as it has coped with the disruption of Covid. Churches Together in England (CTE) rightly describes teaching and studying as "demanding and privileged callings" and Education Sunday gives us the opportunity to give thanks to God for all who teach and all who study, for all who continually have to find the right words and deliver them with enthusiasm and graciousness, for all who have to build constructively on all that has been learnt before while constantly opening up new horizons. We pray that God will fortify all staff working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary.

Thank you for all those who have given their talents working in our schools. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them. Thank you for our pupils, may your love strengthen and nurture them through the influence and example of those who care for them. We pray that through their time at school they will flourish and grow to discover who you have called them to be. Amen.

SVP CONFERENCE REPORT . . . Your SVP conference at St Patricks is still working and with some of the restrictions lifted we can do a bit more than we could during this pandemic. We still call people by telephone or in some cases do doorstep visits and deliver parish bulletins. We are still restricted on visiting hospitals, prisons and care homes but do what we can. We provide a lot of help for asylum seekers and refugees which takes up a lot of our funds you very generously donate to us. You will all know about the dreadful situation in Afghanistan and the plight of the refugees who have come to the UK and will need our help. Some will join the refugees already in our district so we may well be stretched.

I would first of all ask you to think about joining us to help us in this work we do for Christ by contacting any of the SVP members or call me on 07979982183. Please continue with your very generous donations and God Bless you all from all the brothers and sisters of your SVP Conference.



John Bradburne Centenary Concert to be held on Saturday 25th September 2pm - 4pm in The Holy Name of Jesus church Manchester M13 9PG. Centenary Concert, exhibition of relics and refreshments. All proceeds to support Mutmewa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe where John spent his time caring for the lepers. **Please contact Veronica Bowron if you would like a ticket 01642 581788.**

Please feel warmly invited to join the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) for a Pro-Life Mission taking place at St. Thomas More's Church, Kirkham Row, Beechwood, Middlesbrough, TS4 3EE from Monday 27th September - Friday 1st October.

Monday 27th September:

- Presentation: "Open Wide the Doors to Christ: a Pro-Life Journey" - 11am
- Workshop: "How to Hold a Successful Pro-Life Street Outreach" - 11:30am
- Guided Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration - 7pm

Tuesday 28th September:

- Presentation: "Why I Speak Life" - 11am
- Presentation: "The Humanity of the Unborn" - 7pm; Concludes with Night Prayer of the Church

Wednesday 29th September:

- Presentation: "Helping Men and Women After Abortion" - 11am

Thursday 30th September:

- Presentation: "A Reflection on Marriage and Family Life" - 11am
- Eucharistic Healing Service - 7pm; This is especially open to anyone who has experienced any form of baby loss

Friday 1st October

- An opportunity for married couples to renew their wedding vows during Mass - 10:30am

There will be Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 10:30am at St. Thomas More's; on Wednesday 29th the Mass and the presentation which follows will take place at St. Joseph's Church, Park Road South, Middlesbrough, TS4 2RB. All presentations and workshops will be given by members of staff from SPUC. For further details, please see poster and leaflets at the back of church or contact **Terry Graham, SPUC Northern Development Officer: 07549 068226; terrygraham@spuc.org.uk**



The Vicariate For Faith & Mission: *'Blessed are those called to the supper of the lamb.'* Beginning on the 17th October 2021, our Diocese will begin the Year of the Eucharist. It will be a time to celebrate the Eucharist at the heart of the life and mission of the Church and to gather people back to our Churches.

The hopes for this year is that we grow in our love and appreciation of the Eucharist, that we deepen our appreciation of the liturgical celebrations of the Eucharist through the rites and that we can revitalise and renew our faith through a deepening of prayer and Eucharistic devotion. This is all with the aim of going out into the world to love and serve. There will be local and Diocesan prayer events, online and face to face learning opportunities, liturgical celebrations and a real focus on the healing power of the Eucharist. More information will follow via the parishes and the Diocesan website.

(Amy Cameron)

DIOCESAN DAYS OF REFLECTION

Breaking the Word for Readers ~ For those who have been Readers at Mass on Sundays or weekdays. **Saturday 9th October, 10.30am – 3.30pm.** Ushaw College, Durham.



Called to the Supper of the Lamb ~ There is a choice of days for those who have served as Ministers taking Holy Communion to the sick or helping distribute during Mass. Ushaw College, Durham.

Option 1 – Saturday 16th October 10.30am – 3.30pm

Option 2 - Saturday 30th October 10.30am – 3.30pm



For the Readers Day of Reflection please book no later than Thursday 23rd September. **For the Day of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers** please book no later than Thursday 30th September or Thursday 14th October respectively. Contact the Parish Office, 01642 580171 for a booking form or telephone the Vicariate for Faith and Mission, 07375 934713.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle . . . Looking for a way to spread love, hope and kindness in your community this Christmas? 'Love Christmas' is a national initiative to do just this. Together we are mobilising volunteers through local churches to sponsor and deliver a million Christmas Boxes to the most vulnerable and isolated. By partnering together, you will be joining thousands of churches from across the UK. It is easy for parishes to take part and it is an effective way to let your neighbourhood know that your parish cares! Join the Love Christmas webinar on Wednesday 6th October, 11am - 12pm to hear more and to find out how to get involved. Sign up at: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4917266>



Clothes are still desperately needed for children aged 1–14 years old and also for adults, male and female. They are desperately needed for Asylum seekers, refugees and needy families. If you can help please contact Veronica Lindo anytime on Mob: 07523077656 or see any St Patrick's SVP member.

(For safety please do not leave bags of clothing at the back of church. Please arrange for collection with Veronica or SVP members)

THANK YOU to all St. Patrick's parishioners who are delivering bulletins, providing treats for other parishioners and friends.

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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