



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 26th Sept. 2021

In this Sunday's gospel the apostles were upset that others were casting out demons in Jesus' name but he reminds them once again that in His kingdom we do not have to compete against one another for position. Everyone is called to union with God and this union always produces charitable works. It is small details of love like 'giving a cup of cold water' that expresses our commitment in faith. This commitment is nourished in prayer and sacrament; and also in the care for the poor, the neglected and for justice and peace. The reward of Jesus is the joy of being united with him in prayer and in our care and love of others. Appreciation of the good deeds done by others is essential in his Kingdom

Lord, inspire us to read your Scriptures and to meditate upon them day and night. We beg you to give us real understanding of what we need, that we in turn may put its precepts into practice. Yet we know that understanding and good intentions are worthless, unless rooted in your graceful love. So we ask that the words of Scripture may also be not just signs on a page, but channels of grace into our hearts. Amen




Next Friday is a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World (Family Fast Day). CAFOD's local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. The Coronavirus pandemic is pushing millions of people around the world into poverty and deepened inequality. The poorest and most vulnerable people in the world are also the ones who are being hit hardest by climate change. Harvests are failing, cities are flooding, and entire communities are finding it harder and harder to survive in the place they call home. By donating on Family Fast Day you will be able to help the people who have done the least to cause the climate crisis but are being hit the hardest by its devastating effects.

You can donate by taking an envelope from the Church porch and returning it next weekend or by visiting the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk

Walk beside us, Lord, in the cool of the day, in the garden you have created as our common home. Grant us courage, Lord, as we walk beside all those who struggle to protect our common home. Grant us grace, Lord, to put the flourishing of all people and the wonder of your creation at the heart of all we do as we strive to be guardians of our common home. Amen.

Pat Kennedy MPS has shared a Reflection (The Rosary), which you can read by visiting the Diocesan website. www.rcdhn.org.uk

26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
26	Sunday	9.00am	Tom Walker (SVP)
27	Monday St Vincent de Paul	9.15am	Enid Henry
28	Tuesday		
29	Wednesday SS Michael, Gabriel Raphael, Archangels		
30	Thursday St Jerome		
1	Friday St Therese of the Child Jesus		No Mass
2	Saturday	9.15am	Nicky McGee Confessions after Mass
27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
3	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Anniversaries:		Robert Hall, Frederick Fascia,	
		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,	



**Pope Francis'
Monthly Intention
for September**

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Numbers 11:25-29**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 18:8, 10, 12-14**
- **Second Reading ~ James 5:1-6**
- **Gospel ~ Mark 9:38-43, 47-48**



**SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
Wednesday 29th September**

Heavenly King, You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth. Saint Michael is our protector; I ask him to come to my aid, fight for all my loved ones, and protect us from danger. Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News; I ask him to help me clearly hear Your voice and to teach me the truth. Saint Raphael is the healing angel; I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know, lift it up to Your throne of grace and deliver us back to the gift of recovery. Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of archangels and their desire to serve us. Holy angels, pray for us. Amen.

RESUMPTION OF CHURCH CLEANING ROTA . . . As the restrictions are being lifted I am looking at resuming the church cleaning teams. If you wish to join the rota could you please contact me. Many thanks. Christine Pope (01642 653673 or 07980 290432)

Feast of St Vincent de Paul . . . The SVP society are aware that poverty exists beyond where we can see. This could be in prisons, care homes, hospitals or visiting people in their own homes. It is rewarding work seeking and finding those in need, giving support with compassion, and responding where the need is greatest. **Please talk to an SVP member if you would like more information about the work that they do in helping others.**



Saint Vincent de Paul, beloved servant of the poor, may we follow your example and do good works among those whom society has abandoned or forgotten. Inspire us to feed the hungry, to provide comfort to the sick, to clothe those in need and to offer hope and our Lord's words to all who need respite. Pray for us to our beloved God that we may commit ourselves selflessly to doing the same charitable acts that you did all your life and intercede with our Lord that we may have the favour of his guidance and strength and love upon this important and meaningful work. Amen

World Day of Migrants and Refugees . . . The 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is celebrated this Sunday. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'Towards an ever wider "we."' Please visit www.cbcew.org.uk select 'News' to read Pope Francis' message.

God, creator of all, for people who are displaced, may they find a safe refuge. For people who have lost control of their lives, may they know a sure foundation. For people who live in fear, may they be given a strong fortress. For people who are disillusioned, may they have hope in a future. Loving father in times of crisis, sorrow and uncertainty we ask that you draw near. Amen

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.

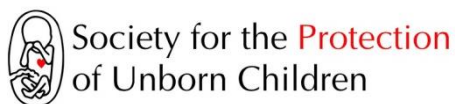


Called to the Supper of the Lamb ~ There is a choice of days for those who have served as Ministers taking Holy Communion to the sick or helping distribute during Mass. Ushaw College, Durham.

Option 1 – Saturday 16th October 10.30am – 3.30pm
Option 2 - Saturday 30th October 10.30am – 3.30pm



For the 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.



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**

SPUC CLUB DRAW RESULT ~ 12th September 2021

1st Prize	No. 10	Mrs. P. Kennedy
2nd Prize	No. 53	Mrs. C. Moran
3rd Prize	No. 33	Mrs. M. Martinsen

Many thanks to all those who support this club draw. If you would like a number please contact Christine Pope on 01642 602842 or 07980 290432.



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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