

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

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Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

We gather each week to form the church, the community who follow Jesus as the way to the Father, and who encounter Jesus, and become one with him. In this Sunday's gospel we are reminded that one of the sacred places where we can encounter the Son of God is in marriage, the union, of a married couple is the image of the bond that exists between Jesus Christ and us, his church.



Everything we have, and more importantly everything we need, comes from God. As we get older we like to think that we can handle things on our own. We don't like to think of ourselves as being needy, but that is exactly what we must do. Accompanying that understanding is trust. Children trust that their parents will provide for them. We place our trust in God that He will provide for our needs, and like little children, who know to turn to their parents for help, we must continually bring our worries, our concerns, and our problems to our heavenly Father.

*We pray for all families: may their homes be places of peace and harmony. Help them to grow in love of you and each other every day of their lives. May their relationships be strengthened by the gifts of patience and compromise. We remember those experiencing tension in their marriage, that the Lord will bring them to a place of understanding, respect and love. Amen.*

We pray for all those who work on the land, at sea and for those tasked to make decisions about the world's resources. May we all enjoy the fruits of our labours and marvel at your creation as the harvest is gathered in and the seasons turn once again.

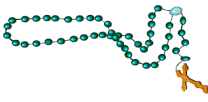

**Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer**

We pray for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May the light of Christ draw them to Him and eternal peace be theirs in His presence. **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer**

### **Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for October . . . Missionary Disciples**

*We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the gospel.*

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

<b>27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>			
3	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
4	Monday <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9.15am	Veronica Connors
5	Tuesday		
6	Wednesday		
7	Thursday <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>		
8	Friday	9.15am	Caroline & Barry Hughes
9	Saturday <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	9.15am	Dave Mazey & Christine Everett Confessions after Mass
<b>28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>			
10	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Rev William Rooke, Freda Dolan, Geoff Fletcher, Eva Mary Jordinson, Fred Davis, Pat O'Brien, Nora Kennedy, William Southall, Clifford Brown	
		Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Teresa Carrick,	



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. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only you, O Lord! Stay with me and then I will begin to shine as you do; so to shine as to be a light to others. The light, O Lord, will be all from you; none of it will be mine. It will be you shining on others through me.

(Taken from a prayer by St John Henry Newman)

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .**

- **First Reading ~ Genesis 2:18-24**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 127**
- **Second Reading ~ Hebrews 2:9-11**
- **Gospel ~ Mark 10:2-16**



**Please will you consider joining the team of people who compose the Bidding Prayers for the Sunday Mass at St Patrick's?** We operate a rota, with each person (or couple) responsible for a month at a time, and we urgently need more people to come forward. The Bidding Prayers are meant to focus people's attention on the needs of the Church, of the world we live in, of our local communities and of any special circumstances. So if you are aware of 'the news' then you are welcome to join us! There are NO meetings involved as we can usually communicate by phone or e-mail. If you are interested, please get in touch for more information.

Terry and Patricia Egerton (01642-645732; [p.egerton123@gmail.com](mailto:p.egerton123@gmail.com))."

**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).



**Friday 1st October was a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World** (Family Fast Day) Please return your CAFOD envelopes this Sunday or you can make a donation by visiting [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) where you will find the information you need.

*We pray for the work of CAFOD that it may continue to change the lives and hearts of people around the world, bring hope and help for as long as it is needed. Amen.*



**A Youth Club for those with disabilities. Phab Club is coming to Yarm School, The Friarage, Yarm.** It is for children and young people who are disabled aged 11–18. It is fortnightly on a Thursday from 4.45pm to 6.00pm. Parents to stay on-site having refreshments.

To register your interest please contact Sophie Hussey, e-mail [slh@yarmschool.org](mailto:slh@yarmschool.org). Phab inspires and supports disabled and non-disabled children, young people and adults to make more of life together.



**CAFOD . . . Thank you for your donation of £300** which we received on 13<sup>th</sup> August and for being there for our global family. We have been working through local church partners in Syria supporting families across Syria to cope with the devastating impact of the conflict.

Your donation will help people in Syria to meet their most basic survival needs. With your help we are providing food, water, blankets, clothes, toiletries, cooking utensils, shelter and education. (Michelle Oakford, Head of Supporter Relations)

## ***DIOCESAN DAY OF REFLECTION***

***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 16<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am – 3.30pm**  
**Option 2 - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am – 3.30pm**



Please book no later than Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September or Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October respectively. Contact the Parish Office, 01642 580171 for a booking form or telephone the Vicariate for Faith and Mission, 07375 934713.

## OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY - Joyful Mysteries



### The Annunciation – *Fruit of Humility*

Mary said, "Yes." God was asking a great amount of her. She could face disapproval. Joseph could abandon her. She might not be believed. 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. She is greeted with great joy and exclaims her *Magnificat*. 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*

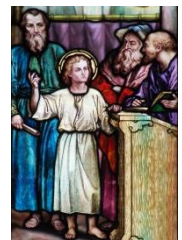
Mary and Joseph are far from home and she is about to give birth. They find nowhere to stay. Rather than panicking, they rely on God who leads them to a safe, warm place for His Son's birth. They know God cares for them and he will not abandon them on this holy journey. As the angels announce Jesus' 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. The Christ for whom he has waited has arrived just as God promised. He raises his eyes to heaven in thanks. He also 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. At last they find him in His father's home. What relief and joy. We look for Jesus too and we can always find him in church. He is there waiting for us. ***I pray that I will not find reasons to avoid visiting Jesus regularly.***



**Minsteracres Retreat Centre:** [www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org)

- **Quiet Day** – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. An opportunity to step aside, listen to God in scripture and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of Minsteracres. 10am to 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided. Suggested donation £20
- **Walk** – Enjoy a walk of 7 to 10 miles through the beautiful countryside around Minsteracres with time for prayer, reflection and sharing of the beauty of creation. You will need suitable walking boots and warm waterproof clothing. 10am to 5pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £15.

Please visit the above website to book a place for both of these days.

**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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