



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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In every generation there have been members of the Christian community who made the Gospel real and alive in a variety of ways. Today we honour them. We think of those whose stories are well known; St. Patrick, St. Cuthbert and St Vincent de Paul. The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known, all lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home.

They may have not done anything spectacular that warranted special recognition, but they were people who lived a humble lifestyle, who remind us of that to which we are called, and what it is possible for us to be. The quiet humble heroism of people who do extraordinary things in their lives are saints because they are living witnesses of God's unchanging love.

God of life, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints, and we celebrate our continuing communion with them whenever we worship. We look forward to being part of the crowd around your throne in heaven on the last day. In the meantime keep us looking to Jesus and help us to keep giving a clear witness to him, living the holy lives you have called us to live by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen



During this time of sacred remembrance, we bring before God the names of our loved ones who have passed from this life. We acknowledge our enduring love; we express our hope that they be eternally blessed, and we share our desire to be reunited with them in the everlasting glory made possible through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. They may not be famous, their statues are not in churches but their pictures are in our homes and their stories alive in our community and in us. We know of their goodness and their struggles. We pray for them, and remember them with love, celebrating in faith their journey to God, now within the great communion of saints.

We pray in thanksgiving for all our departed family, friends and community members and for the many ways in which they touched the lives of everyone around them. May their memory always live on. Amen

We pray for all those who are sick or suffering and especially those who are near death that they would experience a happy death, free from pain and loneliness. Amen.

Please note that there will be a Mass at St. Patrick's this Tuesday, 2nd November at 7pm, for the Holy Souls.

| ALL SAINTS' DAY | | | |
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| 31 | Sunday | 9.00am | People of our Parish |
| 1 | Monday | 9.15am | Irene Hunt |
| 2 | Tuesday <i>The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed</i> | 7.00pm | Holy Souls |
| 3 | Wednesday | | |
| 4 | Thursday <i>St Charles Borrowmeo</i> | | |
| 5 | Friday | 9.15am | Enid Henry |
| 6 | Saturday | 9.15am | Lawrence & Eva Jordison Confessions after Mass |
| 32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | | | |
| 7 | Sunday | 9.00am | John & Mollie Cawood |
| Anniversaries: | | Dorothy Dinsdale, Maureen Henderson, Richard Conway, Patricia Skelton | |
|  | | 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, | |



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 23:1-6**
- **Second Reading ~ 1 John 3:1-3**
- **Gospel ~ Matthew 5:1-12**



SPECIAL BIRTHDAY . . Our very best wishes to Teresa Carrick who is celebrating her 100th Birthday this weekend. *Congratulations.* God Bless you always from all at St Patrick's.

Pat Kennedy MPS has shared a Reflection 'Soup and the Stone', which you can read by visiting the Diocesan website. www.rcdhn.org.uk.

MEMORIAL MASS - Remembering those who died since the Pandemic began.

Since the Pandemic began, the ways in which we have been able to say goodbye to our loved ones and to celebrate their funerals have been severely restricted. This applies to those who died with the Coronavirus and to those we have lost through other circumstances. Every family and parish is finding ways to express their loss. As part of our Diocesan family approach to these difficult times we shall especially dedicate the month of November to our remembrance.

For November, every parish is invited to prepare a 'Book of Remembrance' to contain the names of all those who died during these difficult days. These Books of Remembrance will be brought to Saint Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, so that all those named may be remembered at a Solemn Requiem Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert at **11.00am on Saturday 27th November**. Representation from the parishes will be invited to this Mass while respecting the ongoing need for distancing.

You are invited to add the names of deceased relatives and friends who have died during these difficult days to St Patrick's 'Book of Remembrance.' If you would like to include a deceased name for remembrance who has died from January 2020 to the present day, please email the deceased's name and date of death to stpatricks.fairfield@btinternet.com or post details through the parish office letter box. May they all rest in peace. Amen



The Rt Rev Robert Byre CO will celebrate a Requiem Mass at the Church of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Billingham on Thursday 25th November at 7pm.

RED MISSIO BOXES . . . The Red Boxes would normally be emptied in November. Unfortunately due to personal reasons, this cannot be done on this occasion. The Autumn Missio magazine can be collected from the back of St. Patricks Church. There is information on inside back page of the magazine which explains how you can deposit your money or donate online, text or via phone. Marie Davis (Missio Co-ordinator)



PLEASE HELP!

Parish Hall . . . We are currently undertaking a risk assessment, due to Covid restrictions, with a view to re-opening the Hall for certain activities. We will update you when this has been completed. However, Martin Driffield will be unable to organize a Diary for Events and supervise the Hall, for a period of time, due to personal circumstances. If you have spare time to help run the Hall over the coming months, please contact the Parish Secretary on 01642 580171, or speak to Martin on 01642 653649. Thank you.

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