



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

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Sunday 30th January 2022

This Sunday's gospel tells of the harsh reception Jesus experienced in his home town of Nazareth. The way Jesus was treated was in sharp contrast to the love that St Paul recommends in today's second reading, "Love is always patient and kind." Jesus displayed love all through his entire mission and ministry. If love is always patient and kind, it has to face impatience and unkindness. If love takes no pleasure in other people's sins, then it has to face those who delight in the weaknesses of others. Love is a tough and demanding calling but we do well to follow and imitate the example of Jesus and let his forgiving, tolerating, empowering and saving love be our way to.

*Lord, thank you that you are a loving, gracious God and that you've offered us forgiveness and the gift of new life in you. We ask for your help in reminding us that the most important things are not what we do outwardly, it's not based on any talent or gift, but the most significant thing we can do in this life is simply to love you and to choose to love others. Amen*




### **World Leprosy Day is observed on the last Sunday of January every year to increase public awareness of leprosy.**

This year St Francis Leprosy Guild is asking the Catholic community to reflect upon and pray for the work of the Catholic nuns who dedicate their lives to caring for people with leprosy. It is amazing to think that throughout the world, working in remote or impoverished locations, Catholic nuns, with hearts of compassion and dedication, are caring for people with leprosy, visiting those that are alone or isolated and restoring dignity. The best-known Catholic nun in recent times is Saint Teresa of Calcutta, founder of the *Order of Missionaries of Charity* but most Catholic nuns are not in the public eye and it is right that we offer up our thanks, appreciation and prayers for those dedicated Sisters who commit their lives to nursing the sick and in the service of others.

*Lord, we remember the many people around the world afflicted by leprosy. May we follow the example of your Son, Jesus, and St Francis of Assisi and show them love and compassion. We pray that they may be freed from the disease and its stigma. We give thanks for those who have been cured. We give thanks for every Catholic nun who is caring for people with leprosy and we pray that you will bless them with everything that they need to serve those in their care and sustain them in their mission. Amen.*



<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>			
30	Sunday	9.00am	Teresa Carrick (SVP)
31	Monday <b>St John Bosco</b>	9.15am	Moyra McGloin
1	Tuesday		
2	Wednesday <b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>		
3	Thursday		
4	Friday	9.15am	Maureen Gander Confessions after Mass
5	Saturday <b>St Agatha</b>		No Mass
<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>			
6	Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>		Catherine Burke ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Brenda Nolan, Noreen Morley, Timothy Finn,	
		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, Dave	



### **Presentation of the Lord**

*Eternal Father, your humble servant Mary presented Jesus to you in the Temple. Through Jesus and Mary may the Church be animated by a pure faith, strong hope and ardent love. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Amen.*

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

- **First Reading ~ Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 70:1-6, 15, 17**
- **Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13**
- **Gospel ~ Luke 4:21-30**



Lord, thank you that your love is patient. Help us show patience with those around us.

Lord, thank you that your love is kind. Help us to extend kindness to others.

Lord, thank you that true love is not jealous. Help us cast aside feelings of jealousy or hatred towards others.

Lord, thank you that your love bears all things, believes all things, endures all things, thank you that your love never fails.

## PLEASE NOTE

**IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING UPDATE . . .** Three years ago we held a number of workshops after the Sunday morning Masses to renew the DBS clearances for those parish volunteers who needed it to continue their role. This year those clearances will expire. Those who signed up to the DBS Online Update Service (OUS) will have a very quick and easy renewal, just one form to fill in and no need to bring identity documents. Those who didn't sign up will have to renew as before. The Diocese Safeguarding Department is now urging everyone who needs clearance to renew as soon as possible and sign up to the OUS so that in three years' time, renewal will involve minimal work for everyone.

**The Diocese would now like everyone who needs clearance to contact them either directly or through me, Maurice, and tell them if you are signed up or not.** The diocese cannot check your OUS status without your permission because of the data protection laws. The phone number is 0191 243 3305. My number is 07531 721 274. Please, everyone who intends to continue their role do this as soon as possible. It will reduce parish costs from £10 per person to nothing. Even if your clearance has several months before it expires, still do it now. If you need any help with anything, I will be only too pleased to help since this will cut my work down a huge amount in the future.

*Thank You*

**APF MISSIO - Proud to be the Pope's Charity for the World Mission.**

**Thank you to Veronica and John Bowron for volunteering to take over from Marie Davis as parish representatives to the APF Missions,** it is much appreciated. Thank you also to Marie for her time as parish representative. Veronica and John will be in touch in due course. Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need.

**Do you know anyone who God is calling to be a Priest? . . .** The Diocesan Vocations Team have organised an overnight retreat for men aged 18+ to discern whether God is calling them to the Priesthood.

**Date:** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 5.00pm to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February (after lunch)

**Place:** Minsteracres Retreat Centre, Minsteracres, Consett, DH8 9RT

**Cost:** £50 (including meals and accommodation)

Spaces are limited. Please contact Fr Shaun Purdy to book a place or for more information: [vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk) Tel:01670 812 200

**Bookings to be made by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February.**

**SPUC YOUTH CONFERENCE . . .** Why not join people from around the country at the SPUC 2022 Youth Conference (18 – 30 years) which takes place from **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> February** at the Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, Stone, Staffordshire. The Conference aims to educate, inspire and empower our young people to work for the pro-life movement. Cost for the weekend is £135 and there is some sponsorship still available. For further details please see poster at back of church or contact Christine Pope, SPUC Stockton Office, 01642 602842.

## **Ushaw ~ Room on the Broom Activity Trail ~ Now Open!**

Ushaw is cast under a spell in 2022. Is there Room on the Broom? Yes! Hold onto your hat as this fun, family adventure takes you through magical woods, meadows, gardens and by the lake at Ushaw. Fly around Ushaw's truly magnificent gardens with your small people, explore and play together in nature to complete the official trail based on Julia Donaldson's and Axel Scheffler's '**Room on the Broom.**' From the creators of The Gruffalo, Room on the Broom is based on the bestselling picture book by writer Julia Donaldson and illustrator Axel Scheffler and adapted for screen into a BAFTA winning animation by Magic Light Pictures. **21<sup>st</sup> Jan to 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2022.** Entry to 'Room on the Broom' is free for Ushaw annual pass holders and is included with daily admission. If you do not have an annual pass you can purchase one by visiting <mailto:events@ushaw.org>.

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