



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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The message of the transfiguration of Jesus is that there is a connection between suffering and death on the one hand and resurrection and glory on the other. Jesus heard from Moses and Elijah about the suffering and death he would have to experience as part of God's plan. The brilliant light and the voice from heaven give re-assurance that God will be with him on the journey.

The season of Lent presents an opportunity, along with prayer and fasting, to allow the brightness of God to shine into us and through us with love, compassion and kindness. We all grow brighter the more we try to be the God-like image that we are meant to reflect. The transfiguration is about letting the glory of God shine through us so that others can catch a glimpse of that glory.

Lord Jesus, give us grace to receive from you all that we need for today and the coming week. Bring rest and refreshment when we're exhausted; hope and faith when we're despondent and doubt you; and the assurance of your love and forgiveness when we're overwhelmed by our own weaknesses and failures. Inspire your church today with a renewed vision of your glory so that we and all your people may walk as children of light and, by your grace, reveal your presence in the world. Amen.





St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick preached all over Ireland for forty years. Over these years he worked many miracles. He also wrote of his love for God in his 'Confessions.' The people in Ireland at the time were pagans or Druids and did not have any Christian education. St. Patrick learned the language of the people as well as their culture and traditions. While he was held captive, St. Patrick grew in his prayer life, turning to God for solace and comfort. As he grew older, he felt called to share his faith with the people of Ireland who did not know Christ or the One, True God. His understanding of the Irish people helped him to communicate with them and reach them in a way they could relate to. It is important to remember St Patrick is a saint who knew all the trials of life on a painful journey. He is a saint who understands our trials as we walk with Jesus and one another, and is a willing intercessor on our behalf.



Lord, St. Patrick taught the people of Ireland about God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Thank you for those who faithfully teach others about You in churches, schools and communities across the world today. We pray for those teaching in challenging circumstances, places where there is conflict, hunger and persecution. God of Mission hear our prayer. Amen.

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT			
13	Sunday	9.00am	Deceased of Hunton and Norman Families
14	Monday	9.15am	Pat Corking
15	Tuesday		
16	Wednesday		
17	Thursday St. Patrick 	9.15am 6.00pm	St Patrick's Living & Deceased Stations of the Cross and Exposition
18	Friday		No Mass
19	Saturday St Joseph	9.15am	Jim Faley Confessions after Mass
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT			
20	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Anniversaries:		Mary Boyle, James Faley	
		Billy McGuinness, 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, Pauline Davies	



Please pray for the children who are preparing for their First Confession next week.

Loving God, help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Amen.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 26:1, 7-9, 13-14**
- **Second Reading ~ Philippians 3:17-4:1**
- **Gospel ~ Luke 9:28-36**



Next Thursday, 17th March, Stations of the Cross from the Divine Will group. They are written by servant of God Louisa Picaretta whose cause for beatification is ongoing in Rome. If any group would like to volunteer to lead Stations of the Cross please contact Deacon Mick.

Please place your donations for CAFOD in the basket provided at the back of church. Thank you.

SPUC CLUB DRAW . . . The next draw will take place this Sunday. Could you please let Christine, Eileen or Maurice have any outstanding monies? Many thanks.

MENS' CLUB SOCIAL originally scheduled for Saturday 19th March. Owing to the Boro vs Chelsea cup tie being re-scheduled to an evening kick off on that day and many of our regulars being season ticket holders our social has been postponed until the following Saturday (March 26th) to enable those wishing to do so can attend both functions.

PARISH CENTRE . . . The Parish Centre is important to the parish and with restrictions now being removed the time is right to get it going again. It is not quite straightforward though. Since its opening the running of the hall, cleaning, maintenance, booking, administration and finance has been carried out by a small group of volunteers. Some of the group are no longer active because of changes in circumstances etc. and in many respects we are almost starting from scratch, but this does give an opportunity for new faces to become involved.

So: Rebecca Bousfield has agreed to manage the hall bookings.

Karen Dick would like to do the coffee after Sunday Mass, but a rota is also needed as she is not always available due to other commitments.

Gemma Stevenson has started the Mothers and Toddlers Group on Tuesday mornings.

Ladies' Keep Fit will be starting again shortly on two evenings a week (watch this space for further information.)

The hall will need a weekly clean, so if you are interested in forming or joining a cleaning rota, or indeed would like to get involved in any of the activities mentioned above, please get in touch with Parish Secretary, Kathryn, on 01642 580171.

As part of the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist the Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council invites you to a time of reflection on **Saturday 9th April 10.30 – 12.30am via zoom.** This morning of reflection aims at widening our understanding about the connection between the Eucharist, food justice and the ecological crisis we are in. It will explore how we are nourished by the Eucharist and are invited to nourish others and the whole of creation. The Speaker is Fr. Chris Hughes and there will be an opportunity for sharing. Please register using the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/finding-jesus-in-the-eucharist-the-poor-and-creation-tickets-276896313327>

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle . . . The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a new Senior Administrator in the Safeguarding Team. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle and is full-time. Closing date for applications: 23rd March 2022. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301

Stations of the Cross

Fourth Station ~ Jesus meets His mother

The words of the angel must seem a distant memory for Mary; her hopes for her son now appear dashed as she sees Jesus in pain. Since his birth she has cared for him; now, as he carries his cross, she can do no more than watch.

Lord, remind me that love costs and to value it above all things. Foster in me a loving, grateful and humble heart, ready to listen and grow.



Fifth Station - Simon helps Jesus carry His cross



Simon didn't want to get involved. He was just trying to pass through the crowd and get on with his day. He was picked out and forced into helping. He did and it changed his life forever.

Lord, help me to trust that when others ask for my help they believe I can make a difference. Give me the courage to step forward and get involved.

Sixth Station - Veronica wipes Jesus' face

Little is known of Veronica, all we know is that she stepped from the crowd. It was her sense of compassion that was too strong to stop her offering the little care she could give.

Lord, foster in me a compassionate heart, brave enough to share another's pain, and big enough to shelter their hopes, ready always to care.



I love you, Jesus, my love above all things: I repent with my whole heart for having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again. Grant that I may love you always, and then do with me what you will.

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