



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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The main message of The Prodigal Son is that it doesn't matter how far we stray from our Heavenly Father, or how much we squander the gifts he provides, he is always delighted when we turn back to him. His unconditional love is waiting for us to return home where he greets us with open arms.



Loving God, you have reconciled us in Christ Jesus and have given us the ministry of reconciliation. We pray for all those from whom we are estranged. Bring healing to strained or broken relationships. Forgive us for the times we have wronged others, whether by ignorance, neglect, or intention. Grant us the courage and the grace to seek their forgiveness and opportunity to make amends. Where others have wronged us, grant us a gracious spirit that we might forgive even as we have been forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Next Thursday, 31st March, Stations of the Cross will be led by St. Patrick's School.

THANK YOU . . . Your SVP conference at St Patricks would like to thank you all for your very generous donations to our recent Ukraine collection. We have sent £1050 to the main SVP Disaster Fund which will be sent to help the people of Ukraine in their time of great need. We will continue to help them in the future when we are able to. We continue to help asylum seekers in Stockton and local families in need. Once again thank you for your wonderful donations and may God Bless you all.


(From the Sisters and Brothers of St Patricks SVP Conference)

Great news about safeguarding. The diocese have said that for everyone who is continuing ministry they will register them on the Online Update System if they ring them as soon as they receive their clearance certificate, even if they don't have an email address because they will create one for them. This is a great offer so remember you have only 30 days after the date of the certificate to get registered before the DBS gateway closes. Please, please do this and it will save you a lot of paperwork and save the parish and diocese a considerable amount of money. The safeguarding telephone number is 0191 243 3305.



We thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other. Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers who cared for us when we were helpless, who comforted us when we were hurt and whose love and care we often took for granted. Today we pray for those who are grieving the loss of their mother, and for families separated by war or conflict. Lord give them special blessings. Amen.

Correction . . . The Pro-Life Holy Hour took place on Tuesday, 22nd March, at St Bede's, Stockton, and therefore will not be taking place this coming Thursday, 29th March, as printed on last week's bulletin notice. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

4th SUNDAY OF LENT			
27	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
28	Monday	9.15am	Leo, Irene & Bernadette Mulholland
29	Tuesday	2.00pm	Requiem Mass Michael McManus
30	Wednesday		
31	Thursday	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross and Exposition
1	Friday		No Mass
2	Saturday		No Mass or Confessions
5th SUNDAY OF LENT			
3	Sunday	9.00am	Michael Nertney
Recently Deceased:		Michael McManus ~ May he rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Thomas Cooper,	
		Billy McGuiness, 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	



Mary, on this day when we honour all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Dear mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Amen.

Pilgrimage . . . If anybody is interested in a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, 18th September to 25th September 2022, please see Fr. Cooper.

St Patricks Planned Giving envelopes for 2022-23 are ready to collect from the church porch. If you would like a set of envelopes, or to donate through the bank or to gift aid your donations, please contact the Parish Office, 01642 580171, or telephone 01642 581788.

SPUC CLUB DRAW RESULT ~ 13th March 2021 ~ Many thanks to all who support the Club Draw, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

1st Prize No. 54 Sheila Knox: 2nd Prize No. 32 Terry Johnson: 3rd Prize No.148 Christopher Pope.

Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk (Mark Maughan, CAFOD)