



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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In this Sunday's Gospel, we are reminded of how we can and should treat others. Not only is it a parable of forgiveness, it carries undertones of justice. There is no limit to the Lord's love for us, nor is there a limit to His desire to forgive us. The only limits there are to love and forgiveness in our lives are the limits we put on ourselves. In His love, God knew that our conscience needs to be freed from guilt and condemnation. He knew that forgiveness of sins was our greatest need. In the ultimate act of love, God not only suffered the pain of our wrongs, but also paid for their consequences in order that we may have forgiveness offered to us when we sin. All we need to do is to accept His free gift of forgiveness.

Loving God, forgive those things we have done which caused you sadness, and those things we should have done that would have brought you joy. In both we have failed ourselves and you. Bring us back this Lent to that place where our journey began when we said that we would follow the way You first walked. Lead us to the cross and meet us there, Jesus our Lord and our life. Amen




HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper Watching at the Altar of Repose at St. Patrick's until 10.00pm	St. Mary's ~ 6.00pm
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion	St. Patrick's ~ 11.00am St. Cuthbert's ~ 3.00pm
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	St. Patrick's ~ 8.00pm
Easter Sunday		St. Patrick's ~ 9.00am
CONFESSIONS		
Wednesday of Holy Week	St. Patrick's	6.00pm – 8.00pm
Good Friday	St. Cuthbert's	After the Celebration of the Passion



The SVP, along with Des Murray accompanying them with music from his Passion Play, will be leading the Stations of the Cross next Thursday.

5 th SUNDAY OF LENT			
3	Sunday	9.00am	Michael Nertney
4	Monday	9.15am	Fred & Bessie Cain
5	Tuesday		
6	Wednesday		
7	Thursday	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross and Exposition
8	Friday	9.15am	Sheila Barr
9	Saturday	9.15am	Dennis Lindo
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord			
10	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Anniversaries:		Dennis Lindo	
		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 keep the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion, and their families, in your prayers.

Lord Jesus, be with our children as they prepare to encounter you more deeply in the celebration of the Eucharist. 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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



To read a Lenten Reflection from Pat Kennedy MPS visit the Diocesan website, select Liturgy and Prayer and then it can be read by choosing Prayer Resources.



St. Joseph's Refurbishment Appeal . . . There is a concert at St. Joseph's RC Church, Norton, on Saturday 23rd April at 7.30pm. Bella Carta Ladies Choir will be singing and there will be a retiring collection, raffle and refreshments.