

Sunday 7th August 2022

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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This Sunday's gospel is concerned with preparation and our role in spreading the Good News. Jesus reminds us to be watchful, making sure we are awake when the Master comes into our lives, in a way and at a time we do not expect through events and persons. The Lord knocks on our door to be welcomed into our lives, and knocks on the door of our heart to get out and through each of us, bring his love to the world. We spread the Kingdom in simple ways every day - care, hospitality, work for justice, compassion, with the gifts and talents we have. He has given us the gifts; we are to use them in His service.



SVP Fatima Statue - if you would like Our Lady of Fatima statue in your home for a week, please add your name to the list on the notice board in the porch. Pick up from church porch on Sunday, to return the following Sunday. If unable to pick up, a member of the SVP will arrange to bring Our Lady of Fatima statue to your home.

Thank You


St Patrick's SVP - The SVP would like to thank you for your generous support. If you know of anybody in need, who would like a chat, or any support in any way, please contact any member of the SVP or telephone 01642 581788. All calls will be in strictest confidence.

Can you help? . . The Bidding Prayers at our Parish Masses are an important part of the liturgy, where we encourage everyone to pray for the particular needs of our families, our communities, our church and our world. They are meant to be up-to-date and relevant to local concerns so should be written by people in the parish. BUT at present there are ONLY TWO LOTS of people involved with writing them for St Patrick's parish. We write them 2 months on and 2 months off, - and would be very pleased if more people would get involved, and so share this responsibility! Can you help? You will get full advice and support. Please contact Terry or Patricia Egerton on 01642-645732, or on tpj.egerton@virgin.net. Thank you!

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage from Lourdes to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near to their home. Individuals and groups are warmly invited to register their attendance at their chosen church or cathedral on the Relic Tour website: stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/



The relics will be at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on 1st to 2nd October

19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
7	Sunday	9.00am	Patricia Fenwick
8	Monday St Dominic	9.15am	Pat Jackson
9	Tuesday St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross		
10	Wednesday St Laurence		
11	Thursday St Clare of Assisi	6.00pm	SVP Rosary Nb No Exposition
12	Friday	9.15am	Bob Matthews
13	Saturday	9.15am	Lyn Smith
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
14	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Anniversaries:		Ritano Betti, Susan Brown, Paul Lindo, Joyce Wild, Ezra Allcock	
		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, Pauline Davies	
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			

Tea and coffee in the Church Hall has recommenced after Sunday Mass. This is an excellent opportunity for all members of the parish to briefly meet together. More importantly to develop the community spirit within the parish, recently compromised by the Covid Virus. Following what I hope is a lovely, and well deserved, summer break for you all, may I take this opportunity to ask for volunteers who would support us in continuing to provide and develop this parish activity. Any enquiry please ring me, (Karen Dick) on 01642 864993.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August

We pray for small and medium sized businesses, in the midst of social and economic crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

Abortion Coercion Petition . . . A recent BBC Poll found that 15% of British women had experienced pressure or coercion to have an abortion that they did not want. Join us in calling on the Secretary of State to urgently commission research into the area of abortion coercion, and to recognise it as urgent and immediate threat to women's health and wellbeing by **signing the petition this weekend at the back of church.** Many thanks for all your support



CAFOD Holy Island Pilgrimage ~ Saturday 3rd September

10:30am – Meet at Purdy Lodge café, A1 and travel in convoy to Holy Island

11am - Meet at Holy Island causeway to walk & reflect on the Fix the Food System / CAFOD. This is approx 2-3hr walk. Please note non-walkers are welcome to join others for private prayer in the Catholic Chapel. **3pm** – Mass at St Mary's Church **4pm** – Depart Holy Island

Saturday 3rd September – Safe to cross between 10.55 until 18.35

Further details are on the Church Noticeboard.