



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 18th September 2022

The context for this Sunday's gospel is the right use of money, it should be used to help the poor. True wealth consists not in what we keep but in what we give away, possessions are a great responsibility. The Lord expects us to use them honestly and responsibly and to put them at his service and the service of others. We are God's servants and all that we have belongs to him. God loves generosity and he gives liberally to those who share his gifts with others. Love of money and wealth crowd out the love of God and love of neighbour. Jesus makes clear that our hearts must either be possessed by God's love or our hearts will be possessed by the love of something else.

The Third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday*. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. The first thing is to pray for this work, to pray for our bishops in their outreach in all of these areas and their ministry. *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* provides us with the opportunity to focus on spreading the Gospel in our local areas. Often when we hear the word 'Mission' it is associated with the valuable work of sharing our faith and helping people in other countries. Whilst this is still important, the Home Mission Office helps Catholics to share their faith with those they love, know and meet in their own environment. **There will be a second collection** this weekend.

Christ sent his disciples to proclaim the Good News to all the world. In all that we do may our lives bear witness to our love of Christ and our trust in His Word. Amen.



Thank you to all collectors and supporters of Red Missio Boxes. St Patrick's collections are taking place in October. If you have a red box that needs emptying and do not have a collector you may bring it along to the crèche after Mass on - Sunday 2nd and 9th October.




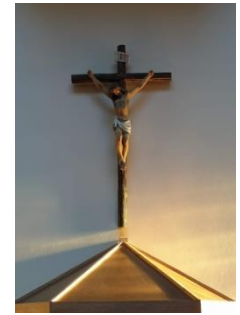
If you would like a red box or need to arrange your red box to be picked up or to make a donation to Missio come along to the crèche on the above dates or contact Veronica or John Bowron 01642 581788.

St Patricks SVP invite you to join them for coffee and cakes after Sunday Mass on Sunday 2nd October as we celebrate the feast of St Vincent de Paul.

SPUC Club Draw . . . The next Club Draw will take place this Sunday, 18th September. I would be grateful if any outstanding monies can be given to Christine, Eileen or Maurice. Many thanks.

Newman Association . . . Our first talk will be given by Margaret Turnham who will tell us about "**Another Prophet has arisen - the birth pangs of the Diocese of Middlesbrough**". As usual the talk will be given in St Mary's Cathedral Hall, starting at 7.30pm with refreshments from 7.00pm. There is no charge but voluntary contributions are welcome. We look forward to welcoming you on **Wednesday 21st September**.

25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
18	Sunday	9.00am	Theresa Kiberu (SVP)
19	Monday	9.15am	Christine Smith (Sick Person)
20	Tuesday		
21	Wednesday <i>St Matthew</i>		
22	Thursday	6.00pm	Holy Hour ~ Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
23	Friday <i>Padre Pio</i>	9.15am	Enid Henry (Men's Club)
24	Saturday <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	9.15am	Kevin McWilliams (SVP) Confessions after Mass
26th Sunday of the Year			
25	Sunday	9.00am	Lawrence & Eva Jordison
Anniversaries:		Mary Sykes, Gillian Richardson, Michael Sandbrook, Denis Ansbro	
		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, Pauline Davies	
Reader for Sunday 25th September ~ Catherine Dixon Barker			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Lord, we ask for a boundless confidence and trust in Your divine mercy and the courage to accept the crosses and sufferings which bring immense goodness to our souls and that of Your Church. May we receive You with great faith and love in Holy Communion, and allow You to act in us as You desire for your greater glory. Amen. (Padre Pio)

Kathryn, Shelagh and Moffatt family would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the British Heart Foundation in lieu of flowers in memory of Doreen Moffatt. £137.00 was raised.

Third World Group . . . Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, submerging vast areas of land and leaving six million people in need of urgent help. **All donations placed in Third World box at back of Church in September and October will be sent to CAFOD for the Pakistan Floods Appeal.** Thanks to your generosity £500 has also recently been sent to CAFOD.

Our world needs our prayers - and the time for these, during the Mass, is at the Bidding Prayers. At the Bidding Prayers we are invited to consider specific needs of the world and to pray to God for his help and support, which we know he wants to give us. We can be invited to pray for the whole Church, its clergy and all the people. We can be invited to pray for the world and its leaders, including international issues (like war, floods and famine), or national matters. We can be invited to pray about problems in our local community, like hardship in our town or parish. We can be invited to pray for the people (families, children, senior citizens) we know who need our prayers for different reasons and occasions, and also for those who have died. Obviously the needs we recognise can change from week to week, so we should have Bidding Prayers that reflect this - and have them updated every week. The parish desperately needs more people to contribute to writing Bidding Prayers! If we have a bigger team, then the time each one gives to the job will be correspondingly smaller..... Please consider helping to contribute to our parish Liturgy in this way (full support and advice will be given). **Your parish needs you!** Please contact Terry or Patricia on tj.egerton@virgin.net or 01642-645732. Thank you!