

**St. Patrick's R.C. Church** Glenfield Road, Fairfield, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 7PJ

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Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. The parable in this Sunday's Gospel contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. This story of Jesus highlights the inequality of rich and poor. Jesus appeals to our sense of justice and goodness. Each needy person that we pass on the street is known to God by name and loved by God. It is not concerned with patterns of good living on the part of Lazarus, nor of evil-doing on the part of the rich man. Jesus is asking his listeners to open their eyes to what is around them, and to open their ears to the simple commands of the Gospel: love your neighbour.



**St Bernadette Relic Tour...** St. Bernadette's relics will visit St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October (arriving at 11.00am) and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October (departing at 11.00am). The visit will provide people across our community of faith with a valuable opportunity for prayer and healing.

'I shall do everything for Heaven, my true home. There I shall find my mother in all the splendour of her glory. I shall delight with her in the joy of Jesus himself. (St. Bernadette)

**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.

**This Sunday is a Day of Prayer in Thanksgiving for the Harvest.** *God we thank you for your harvest which feeds us so many times each day. We are nourished with your forgiveness and hope. We are sustained with your strength and patience. We are filled with your grace and compassion. Creator God, for daily bread, and all who work to bring your harvest home, we bring our thanks today.* 

**Feast of St Vincent de Paul** . . . The SVP society are aware that poverty exists beyond  $HE_LP_{ING}$  where we can see. This could be in prisons, care homes, hospitals or visiting people in their own homes. It is rewarding work seeking and finding those in need, giving support with compassion, and responding where the need is greatest. Please talk to an SVP member if you would like more information about the work that they do in helping others.

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

26 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR				
25	Sunday	[	Lawrence & Eva Jordison	
26	Monday	9.15am	Harry & Elizabeth Joynes & Family	
27	Tuesday <b>St Vincent de</b> <b>Paul</b>			
28	Wednesday			
29	Thursday SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	6.00pm	Pro-Life Holy Hour	
30	Friday <b>St Jerome</b>	9.15am	Hazel Southern	
1	Saturday	9.15am	Peggy Cox (Men's Club) Confessions after Mass	
	27 <sup>ti</sup>	' Sunday o	of the Year	
2	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish	
Anniversaries:		Charlie Boyle, Robert Hall, Frederick Fascia		
REMEN.	IN YOUR SHANYERS	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 Su	Inday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oc	tober ~ Christine Pope	
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003				



Padre Pio used to encourage those he knew and loved, and all those writing and meeting him, to remember how lucky they were to have their own guardian angel by their side, and in general, all angels. He recommended them never to be tired of praying to their own guardian angel.

There will be a Pro-Life Holy Hour at St Patricks on Thursday 29th Sept. between 6-7pm. Please come and join us to pray for the sanctity of life and the unborn.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for Sept. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

**Third World Group** . . . 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.

**This Sunday is a day of prayer for migrants and refugees.** The Pope's message pays particular attention to the care of our common family, which, together with the care of our common home, encourages us to become ever more welcoming. This year's day of prayer for migrants and refugees is an opportunity to pray for those who are displaced by war, poverty and persecution. In the Holy Father's message for this year, he has chosen the theme 'Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees'. You can read the Holy Father's message by visiting www.cbcew.org.uk



**St. Patrick's Men's Club Event** . . Top Teesside 60's/70's band `The Persuaders'. **Saturday 15th October** in the Parish Centre. Order your tickets now (£5). Contact Ken Marr, tel. 01642 602336.

**Future events for your diaries:** Saturday 12th November – Paul Tilley and Saturday 17th December - Christmas Dance with Mosaic.