



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 2nd October 2022

In this Sunday's gospel the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus replies saying that faith is not measured by its quantity, but simply by its presence. Faith will not change the circumstances of our lives, instead it changes us. Living in faith does not shield us from the pain and difficulties of life, it is the means by which we face and deal with the circumstances of life – the difficulties and losses, the joys and successes, the opportunities and possibilities. For faith to be effective it must be linked with trust, loving obedience and total commitment.

St Bernadette Relic Tour. . . St. Bernadette's relics will visit St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle this Saturday 1st October (arriving at 11.00am) and Sunday 2nd October (departing at 11.00am). The visit will provide people across our community of faith with a valuable opportunity for prayer and healing. Visit the Diocesan website www.diocesehn.org.uk then select 'St Bernadette Relic Tour' where you will find changes to booking times and service times during the Relic visit.



Next Friday is CAFOD's Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World (Harvest Family Fast Day). Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be worse than any we've lived through. This is a crisis created by other disasters: climate change, coronavirus, and conflict in Ukraine, mean food prices are skyrocketing. All around the world, including here, in the UK, families are finding it harder than ever to put food on the table. In northern Kenya, Ethiopia, and South Sudan, up to 20 million people face devastating drought and grain shortages. Together, as one global family, we have the power to help. It takes love – from all of us. CAFOD works with local experts in East Africa and across the world who know how best to respond and your donation means they can help stop this crisis getting even worse. Envelopes are available at the back of Church, there is also a scan code on lanyard pinned to notice board which is available for donations.



We pray for all those who do not have enough to eat. May God grant us the gift of compassion, that we might be moved to share our bread with the hungry and work with all our strength to end food poverty. Amen.

Thank you to all collectors and supporters of Red Missio Boxes. 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 this Sunday 2nd and Sunday 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.

Our Lady and St. Bede Parish Mass: The pupils and staff from all of our St. Mary's Form Groups would like to invite you to join them for a special celebration of **Mass in St. Mary's RC Church on Friday 7th October.** Mass will start at 1.45pm. Pupils have been working very hard and they have created the introduction, reflection, bidding prayers and have also chosen the hymns for the Mass, to ensure it is a special Mass for all who attend. It would be lovely if you were able to attend and support our young people.

27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
2	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
3	Monday	9.15am	Caroline & Barry Hughes
4	Tuesday St Francis of Assisi		
5	Wednesday		
6	Thursday	6.00pm	Holy Hour ~ Divine Mercy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7	Friday Our Lady of the Rosary	9.15am	Joan Smith (SVP)
8	Saturday	9.15am	Joan Lutener (SVP) Confessions after Mass
28th Sunday of the Year			
9	Sunday	9.00am	Doreen Moffatt (SVP)
Anniversaries:		Rev William Rooke, Freda Dolan, Geoff Fletcher, Eva Mary Jordinson, Fred Davis, Pat O'Brien, Nora Kennedy, William Southall	
		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	
Reader for Sunday 9th October ~ David Wright			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and tender Mother of all people, I consecrate myself to your Immaculate Heart, and recommend to you my family, my country, and the whole human race.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October.

We pray for the church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the gospel. May the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Third World Group

All donations placed in Third World box at back of Church in October will be sent to CAFOD for the Pakistan Floods Appeal.

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) are aware that poverty exists beyond where we can see. The aim of the SVP is to tackle poverty in all its forms through providing practical assistance to those in need. Inspired by the Gospels, its members seek and find those in need and offer them sincere friendship. This includes visiting people who are sick, lonely, in prison and offering additional practical support such as food, furniture and financial help when needed. If you want to know more please talk to an SVP member. **St Patricks SVP invite you to join them for coffee and cakes after Mass this Sunday as we celebrate the feast of St Vincent de Paul.**



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.

Manfred and Margaret Engel ~ If anyone would like to contact them please telephone Maurice Ward on 07531 721274.