



Sunday 9th October 2022

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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In this Sunday's Gospel ten lepers met the Lord because they went searching for Him. Before they found him, they believed in Him, they placed their trust in Him before they actually saw him. All ten believed that Jesus had the power to help them. There are many things we ask God, big and small. We pray for calm in the midst of stress, we pray for comfort when we are afraid. Sometimes, we cry out for healing like the lepers in our story today. We pray with the hope and faith that God will hear us, that Jesus will have an answer for us. What distinguished the leper who returned from the other nine was that he recognized his healing as a gift, and he further recognized God as the source of this gift. Gratitude is the response to being gifted. A great deal of what we really value in life is gift, coming to us from beyond ourselves.



Prisoner's Sunday ~ A Fresh Start . . . In the gospel story this Sunday the lepers call out to Jesus and he heals them, restoring them to their communities. At Pact, this story resonates for us. We respect the dignity of each person, supporting those affected by imprisonment to make a fresh start together with their family and be restored to the community. Prisoners' Sunday also marks the beginning of the ecumenical Prisons Week. Reflecting the gospel reading, Prisons Week this year focusses on thankfulness. Pact is the national Catholic charity that supports prisoners, people with convictions and their children and families. They provide caring and life-changing services at every stage of the criminal justice process. If you would like to make a donation visit www.prisonsworld.org.

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families, friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ, in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

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.

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. 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.

SPUC Club Draw Result ~ 18th September 2022: 1st Prize, No. 18, Christine Pope: 2nd Prize, No. 24, John Joynes, 3rd Prize No. 37, Margaret Ward. Many thanks to all who contribute to the SPUC Club Draw, your support is greatly appreciated. If you would like to join the Club Draw please contact Christine Pope on 01642 653673.

28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
9	Sunday	9.00am	Doreen Moffatt (SVP)
10	Monday St Paulinus of York		No Mass
11	Tuesday		
12	Wednesday St Wilfrid		
13	Thursday	6.00pm	Holy Hour ~ Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
14	Friday		No Mass
15	Saturday St Teresa of Avila		No Mass
29th Sunday of the Year			
16	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Anniversaries:		Clifford Brown, Robert Atkinson	
		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, Pauline Mileson	
Reader for Sunday 16th October ~ Maurice Ward			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



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.

Friday 7th October was a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World (Family Fast Day). Please return your CAFOD envelopes this Sunday or use the scan code on lanyard pinned to notice board to make a donation.



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.

Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Osmotherley . . . This Sunday, 9th October, 11.00am to 3.00pm. All are welcome to attend a Pro-Life Pilgrimage, there will be prayers and reparation for the Sanctity of Human Life. Please meet at the Post Office (Osmotherley Community Centre) at 11am to pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, Way of the Cross and Angelus on the walk up to the Shrine. A picnic lunch will follow with tea and coffee provided. Holy Hour is at 1.30pm, followed by Mass at 2.45pm.

Rival Arts Craft Fair. Enjoy a day out for the family with gardens, exhibitions, the wonderful Chapels and of course lots of Art, Crafts, Gifts and catering options to tempt you in the Refectory. Ushaw Historic House, DH7 9RH. Admission for this event is free, 10am to 12 Noon.

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