



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 27th November 2022

As we begin a new church year in Advent we are reminded of our main purpose in life, to be ready and looking forward to our eventual home with the Lord. As we look ahead to the feast of Christmas Jesus asks us to "Stay Awake." We are enlightened by Our Lord and empowered to reflect the light of his love and peace all around us. This can be done by words of compassion and deeds of kindness and care.

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity. Amen.



'Raised on Songs & Stories' (ROSS*) ~ **Wednesday 30th November.** Buffet Lunch with Irish entertainment. 12.30pm – 2.45pm. Free entry – **St. Patrick's Parish Centre**, Glenfield Rd., TS19 7PJ. ROSS is a project for older folk with an Irish heritage or affinity, organised by the Tyneside Irish Culture Society in N.E. England.


St. Patrick's SVP invite you to a Christmas Coffee Morning next Sunday in the Church Hall after the 9am Mass. Sit back, enjoy a coffee, cakes and mince pies and listen to Nativity music. All welcome.

The Vicariate for Faith & Mission have produced a series of reflections on the readings used throughout our Advent preparations. The reflections have been written by members of the Diocese and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect. The first and second week of Advent reflections can be downloaded from bit.ly/DHNAdvent2022 or by visiting the Diocesan website and selecting 'Liturgy and Prayer' and then 'Season Reflections, Advent.' The second part of the Advent reflections will be available shortly.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes . . . Can you help the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year? We need nurses, healthcare assistants, doctors and volunteers to provide care to the assisted pilgrims who travel with us. Previous helpers have found it is a rewarding and spiritually uplifting week. We plan to travel on Friday 28 July. If you would like to find out more information please email or look at our website www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk or email lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk

The tickets are now sold out for the St. Patrick's Men's Club Christmas Dance on Saturday 17th December. The ticket price is £6.

Fairtrade Christmas . . . There will be a Fairtrade Stall on Sunday 11th December, 11am to 1.30pm in Ropner Park, Stockton at their Christmas Fare. Your support would be very much appreciated.

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
27	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
28	Monday	9.15am	Deceased Members of St. Patrick's SVP
29	Tuesday	5.30pm	Received into Church ~ Billy McGuinness
30	Wednesday St Andrew	12 Noon	Requiem Mass ~ Billy McGuinness
1	Thursday	6.00pm	Holy Hour ~ Divine Mercy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
2	Friday	9.15am	Arthur McQuillan (Men's Club)
3	Saturday St Francis Xavier	9.15am	Paul Joynes (SVP) Sacrament of Confession after Mass
2nd Sunday of Advent			
4	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Recently Deceased:		Ron Mazzey ~ May he rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Agnes Borg, Malcolm Hall, Joseph Hargan, Chris Marwood	
		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 4th December ~ Paul Delplanque			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



In faith and in hope we begin Advent this week by lighting the first candle. With Mary and Joseph we wait for Christ.

During the month of the Holy Souls we remember the deceased members of the clergy and thank God for their generosity in responding to His call and for their faithful witness and service to God's people.

Parish Shop: Christmas Cards and Gifts, Advent Calendars, Diaries and Cards for all occasions, on sale after Mass. Thank you for your support.

The Funeral Service for Ron Mazzey (RIP) will be in St. Mary's RC Church, Stockton, on Wednesday 30th November at 10.30am.

Priest's Training Fund . . . The collection remains open until 27th November for Private and Group donations.

USHAW . . . Handmade Christmas Craft Fair, Friday 9th December 11am to 3pm. Twenty nine talented local crafters, come along and enjoy an array of stunning handmade gift stalls, festive treats from the Refectory Café and browse our lovely new gift shop for extra special gifts this Christmas. Admission is totally free and an exclusive 10% off in the Refectory Café and our Gift Shop.

After a two-year absence due to the pandemic, Stella Maris will once again hold its popular Christmas Carol Service for Seafarers on Tuesday 13th December. The service will take place at the coastal parish of St Edward in Whitley Bay at 7.00pm, with the church choir leading in the singing of carols. Children from the local Stella Maris School will also join in and help with the readings and carol singing. All are welcome, admission is free. Please contact Stella Maris Northumberland, North and South Tyneside regional port chaplain Paul Atkinson for details and to confirm your attendance. Mobile: 07906 212426, Email: paul.atkinson@stellamarismail.org.