



Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**St. Patrick's R.C. Church**

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It is the man born blind, but who can now see, that is sent to bear the good news. As beggar and sinner the man is not worthy of the miracle but Jesus came to save sinners. In our baptism and confirmation we are anointed. We rejoice for the gift of faith, which enables us to 'see' the wonderful realities of God's Kingdom and play our role in it. It is faith which enlightens our existence by giving meaning and value to all our actions, and even to our sufferings and our defeats. We simply need the eyes of living faith to see Him and the renewed heart to follow Him on the way. Prayer is the fuel which keeps living faith alive and keeps our eyes open to see.

**The Stockton Sing ~** Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm to be hosted at Our Lady and St. Bede's. This is a concert featuring choirs from five of our Stockton - based Trust schools to raise money for The Stockton Hope Project. Tickets are £2 and they can be purchased from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/ourladyandstbede](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ourladyandstbede). This promises to be a wonderful event and we would love to see as many of you as possible on this special evening. Thank you from pupils and staff at Our Lady and St. Bede Catholic Academy.

**Collections are taking place of Red Mission box monies.** If you have a red box and do not have a collector please bring it to St Patrick's Church after Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March or Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – alternatively leave at parish shop. If you would like a red box in your home or to make a donation contact Veronica & John Bowron or go direct to the website [mission.org.uk](http://mission.org.uk).


**The planned giving envelopes for 2023/2024** can be collected from the back of church. If anybody would like a set of envelopes, to Gift Aid contributions or to arrange a Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office, 01642 580171.

**Our Lady and St. Bede School are looking for invigilators for the upcoming exams.** Working as part of a team, invigilators contribute to ensuring a calm environment for the exams, giving candidate's confidence in the process. The public examination period is May and June; however, Invigilators will be required to attend during the year for training and to assist with internal exams. Readers/Scribes are required to support individual students by reading aloud and/or transcribing verbal answers to examination questions. If anyone would be interested in this role, could you please email [gilrainej@olsb.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:gilrainej@olsb.bhcet.org.uk) or call school for further information.

**There will be a meeting for Confirmation candidates** (school age) at St. Cuthbert's RC Church this Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6pm.



Heavenly Father, on this Mother's Day, we thank You for our mothers through whom Your gift of life begins. We lift up all mothers to Your love and care. We pray for them, for their needs of strength and support to continue to nurture a family of love. On Mother's Day look with love on grandmothers who are a source of enrichment to their families. We thank you for mothers, while no longer with us in this life, will live forever with you. Amen

4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent			
19	Sunday	9.00am	Jim Faley
20	Monday <i>St Cuthbert</i>		No Mass
21	Tuesday		
22	Wednesday		
23	Thursday	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross and Exposition
24	Friday	10.30am	Requiem Mass ~ Eileen Chapman
25	Saturday <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9.15am	Denis Watt
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent			
26	Sunday	9.00am	Joe Gallagher
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>		Eileen Chapman, Dave Callaghan ~ May they rest in peace. Amen	
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		James Faley, Michael McManus, Sheila Willis	
		Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Brian Lee, Kathleen Hanley	
Reader for Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March ~ Louise Pope			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Holy Spirit, you spoke to Mary through an angel. Though she questioned how it was possible to become the mother of the Messiah, and she knew she faced rejection, she gave You her 'yes'. With the help of her prayers I want to become fully willing to say yes to my part in giving Christ to the world. Bless me with the grace of hearing the call and the courage to trust in your plan. Amen.

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At the end of the Holy Hour a Prolife Rosary will be said at **St Bede's on 21st March**. This follows the 9:30am Mass. Please come and join us in praying for the unborn and sanctity of life.

**The Readers Group will be leading the Stations of the Cross on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

**The next SPUC Club draw will take place this Sunday, 19th March.** Could you please let Christine, Eileen or Maurice have any outstanding monies? Many thanks.

**On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March (the Solemn Feast of the Annunciation) there will be a Day of Prayer for Life**, in particular for the unborn and for pregnant women, including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and opportunity to venerate the relics of St Gianna Molla at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, following the 10.00am Mass until 4.00 pm organised by Catholic members of SPUC.

**The Vicariate for Faith & Mission has now produced the second booklet of Lenten Reflections**, ahead of the fourth Sunday of Lent. The reflections have been contributed by a mix of clergy, religious and lay people to express the richness and variety of our diocesan community. The dedicated Lenten reflection page can be found by selecting 'menu' on the Diocesan website and then Lent 2023. They will also be releasing further audio versions of the reflections in the next week, beginning with the Annunciation of the Lord and these audio reflections will be available on the link above and on the Diocesan social media pages.