



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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

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In today's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, "*Listen to him.*" The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them and experienced Jesus in glory. They left the mountain with a new appreciation for the importance of Jesus' words, even if they did not yet understand everything that he had taught them. During Lent, we are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another. In the pace and noise that often characterises life, we need to find time for quiet prayer.

*At the Transfiguration, Father, You showed Jesus in glory, a glimpse of what His disciples would see in His risen life. Bless us in our humanity with an awareness of Your presence, leading us to share in Your divine life, even in our daily struggle. Help us to deepen our knowledge of the Law and the Prophets, channels of Your grace throughout history and signposts for our journey. Amen*



**The collection for the CAFOD Turkey/Syria Appeal remains open for donations until this weekend.** Please use the CAFOD envelopes at the back of Church, filling in the Gift Aid form therein, if you wish to Gift Aid your donation, or use a plain envelope marked CAFOD and put them in the main Sunday collections, or hand them to Martin Driffield. Thanks for your great support so far.

**Third World: Syria - Turkey Earthquake . . . For the next week** all donations placed in our Third World box will be forwarded to CAFOD for their emergency Syria-Turkey Appeal. Thank you for your continued support. God Bless


**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.

**The Vicariate for Faith & Mission has now produced the first booklet of Lenten reflections.** The reflections have been contributed by a mix of clergy, religious and lay people to express the richness and variety of our diocesan community. They can be found on the diocesan website where you will find a link to Liturgy and Prayer.

**A Special Mass of thanksgiving is to be held at St. Patrick's next Saturday, 11th March at 12noon,** to celebrate Canon Cooper's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary into the Priesthood, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Everybody welcome.

**Congratulations to Canon Cooper** on his Golden Jubilee to the priesthood. We thank God for his 50 years' service to his people and the Lord.

**Congratulations** to the children of St. Patrick's School who made their First Confession this week.

2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent			
5	Sunday	9.00am	Denis Watt
6	Monday	9.15am	Hazel Southern (Youth Group)
7	Tuesday		
8	Wednesday		
9	Thursday	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross and Exposition
10	Friday	9.15am	Paul Joynes
11	Saturday	12 Noon	Thanksgiving
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent			
12	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>		Rosa White ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		John Cawley, Terence Murphy, Sarah Todd, John Ferguson	
		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 12 <sup>th</sup> March ~ Hilary Boyce			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



### Stations of the Cross

If any group would like to volunteer to lead Stations of the Cross please contact Deacon Mick or telephone the Parish office, 01642 580171. The Medjugorje Group will be leading the Stations of the Cross this Thursday. The Readers Group will be leading the Stations of the Cross on Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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### SPUC Club Draw

The next draw will take place on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March. Could you please let Christine, Eileen or Maurice have any outstanding monies? Many thanks.

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



**The Parish Men's Club present Teesside top pop/rock band 'Striking Back'** on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March**, 8.00 – 11.00pm in the Parish Centre. Order your tickets (£6) via Ken Marr 01642 602336. Striking Back are a "band in demand" and tickets will go fast so make sure you're not disappointed.

**The National Novena to St. Joseph will take place from 11<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup> March** at St. Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St. Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their society's missionary outreach and for the intentions of all those who support their work.



The Masses are Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am. and Monday to Friday at 7.30pm. If you would like to join these Masses from home they will be available to follow on Zoom via the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena). You are welcome to send in your petitions or if you would like to request a Novena Prayer booklet please write to the Novena Director, 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7GZ and enclose a stamped addressed envelope.