

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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

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Like the Samaritan woman in this Sunday's gospel we thirst for everything that we need. We long for peace of mind and heart; we thirst for real joy which is inner peace. We thirst for silence and rest and to be freed from pains and disturbances. We thirst for something that will last and only in God can we find that. If we are filled by God, we can also be a source of life for others and share its freshness and fullness.

*Almighty and ever-living God, you are the water of life that fills and refreshes us always. May our faith be always life-giving like the water that the Samaritan woman discovered and drawn from Jesus, the Saviour of the world. May we also become life-giving and life-nurturing to the people of the world. Amen.*

**St. Patrick's form groups from Our Lady and St. Bede RC School** would love to invite you all to a very special Mass. The Mass will take place here in school at 2.20pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. All of the pupils in St. Patrick's form groups have prepared this Mass. It will include introduction, readings, reflection and bidding prayers. We would love to see as many of you as possible at this Mass and we thank you for always showing us your care and support.




**St Patrick is a great example of a dedicated missionary** who, above all else, put the spread of Christ's message as his only purpose in life. He did not flinch in the face of the many people who opposed his efforts; he was threatened by a number of powerful chiefs, lords and kings. Despite such tribulations, St. Patrick accepted it all with grace and did not abandon his mission. He persisted in converting as many of Ireland's people as he could until the end of his days. St. Patrick was an intensely human person and offers us a challenge to live our own Christian life today in changing and turbulent times. He gives to us the Celtic vision of the intimate presence of God in creation, in the church, in people and in Scripture.

*I bind unto myself today, the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same. The Three in One and One in Three. (Breastplate of St Patrick)*

**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).

**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.

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent			
12	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
13	Monday	9.15am	Brian Coyle (SVP)
14	Tuesday		
15	Wednesday		
16	Thursday	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross and Exposition
17	Friday <b>St Patrick</b>	9.15am	St. Patrick's School and Parish
18	Saturday <b>St Joseph</b>	9.15am	Special Intention
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent			
19	Sunday	9.00am	Jim Faley
Anniversaries:		Joseph Lowther, Mary Boyle	
		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 19 <sup>th</sup> March ~ Michael Toole			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



### Stations of the Cross

St Patrick's School Mini Vinnies will be leading the Stations of the Cross this Thursday and the Readers Group on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

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

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### There is a meeting for Confirmation candidates

(school age) at St. Cuthbert's RC Church on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6pm.

**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. 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).



*Faithful Joseph: Teach us to listen and not be afraid to trust as you did in God's promise.*

**Cleveland Circle of the Newman Association . . .** The next talk will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March in St Mary's Cathedral Hall, Middlesbrough. Deacon Neil Galloway will talk on "Camino de Santiago - a healing for the broken". Deacon Neil leads pilgrimages for those damaged by war experiences. As usual the evening will start with tea/coffee at 7.30 pm and the talk will start at 7.45pm. There is no charge although a voluntary contribution to cover costs is appreciated. All welcome.

**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.

**Ushaw . . . Charity Gala Concert ~ Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm.** Join us for an evening of choral and instrumental music. **Music for a Royal Occasion ~ Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm.** In this coronation year join us for an evening of choral music linked to royalty. Visit whats-on-at-ushaw to make a booking.