



Sunday 23rd April 2023

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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The disciples who were on their way to Emmaus first met Jesus in the Liturgy of the Word as the Scriptures are broken open and explained to them. Secondly, they met him in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. What Jesus did for us through his suffering, death and resurrection is remembered with thanksgiving. He will appear on our road and share the journey giving encouragement and hope, then if we invite him to stay with us he will reveal himself to us in many ways.

Lord, as we walk our earthly path be with us on the road, accompany us and encourage us in all we do. Amen.



St. Patrick's 60th Anniversary Mass



You are invited to join us at our
**School's 60th Celebration Mass on
Friday 28th April at 9.15am in Church,
followed by refreshments in the
Parish Hall.**



Prayer to St. George

Heavenly Father, St. George honoured your Son, Jesus, by refusing to deny him. Please grant me the strength and courage you gave St. George. When my faith is being misrepresented, give me the words to defend it. When I am tempted by evil, help me to stay on the right path. I ask this through the intercession of St. George and in the name of your beloved Son. Amen.

St Patrick's Parish Missio Red Boxes . . . A big thank you to all who over the past year 2022 have donated to Missio either by red box collection or online. Our parish total for the year is £4,469.96p. Thank you to all supporters and collectors. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more about how your support changes lives for the better.



Thank you to all who support the Parish Shop. A donation of £2,000 has been given to Parish funds. Thank you to Kath Joynes who throughout the year keeps the shop well stocked for all occasions for over 40 years. Thank you to Kath and Maureen Taylor who man the shop each Sunday and to all who help when needed. Lots of new stock of gifts and cards for first Holy Communion and Confirmation are available. Please continue to support.

Thank you to the Coffee Morning Group, Kathryn, Sheila, Karen and Eileen, for the generous donation to St Patrick's SVP and to all the parishioners who regularly support and attend the coffee mornings and the weekly SVP collections. **A special thank you** to the gentleman parishioner who donated £40 towards the Easter Flowers. (St Patrick's SVP)



3rd Sunday of Easter			
23	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
24	Monday St George	9.15am	Mary Douglas
25	Tuesday St Mark		
26	Wednesday		
27	Thursday	6.00pm	Pro-Life Holy Hour
28	Friday	9.15am	Thanksgiving ~ St. Patrick's School 60 th Anniversary
29	Saturday St Catherine of Siena	9.15am	Anthony Ward
4th Sunday of Easter			
30	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Anniversaries:		Mavis McQuillan, Cecily Waters	
		Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Brian Lee, Kathleen Hanley	
Reader for Sunday 30th April ~ Rosanne Delplanque			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			

The initial collection for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund has so far raised £291.91. The collection remains open until 5th May for Private and Group donations. Please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Sick & Retired Priests' and put it in the main Sunday collections, or hand it to Martin Driffield. Many thanks.

A Pro-Life Holy Hour will take place on **Thursday 27th April** at 6pm. Please come and join us to pray for the unborn and the sanctity of life.

Next Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There will be a special collection taken for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

CAFOD Fix the Food System . . . The world is facing a food crisis, CAFOD works with small farmers around the world. For hundreds of years farmers have freely used and shared their own seeds, but laws are being passed to limit what they are allowed to do with their own seeds. Salina, a small farmer in Bangladesh, is writing a letter to the World Bank which has lots of influence over agricultural issues, asking them to protect the rights of small farmers to use and share their own seeds, otherwise it would give them little choice but to buy expensive seeds from large companies. **Please sign Salina's letter on the way out of Mass.** Thank you for your support of CAFOD's work.

SPUC National Prayer Campaign . . . Stockton Branch is organising a local Prayer Relay on Thursday, 27 April, 55th Anniversary of the Abortion Act, in support of a National Prayer Campaign to pray for an end to the culture of death and for a flourishing of the culture of life in this country. This day will be divided into 15 minute time slots and the prayers can be said at home or in church. **If you would like to take part please sign up on the form at the back of church. Many thanks.**

Pro-Life Chains . . . The SPUC annual Pro-Life Chain to commemorate the 55th anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act will take place on Saturday, 29 April, from 11 am to 12 pm on Marton Road, Middlesbrough. If you would like to join us please meet in the car park at St Thomas More's Church, Middlesbrough, at 10.50 am. For further information please contact Eileen on 07890 721444.