

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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

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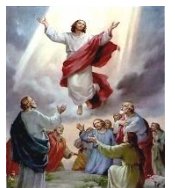
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In this Sunday's gospel Jesus promises he will send the Holy Spirit from the Father. Jesus is present to all of us, within all of us through the Holy Spirit. We can keep asking the Spirit to fill our thoughts, words and deeds so that our relationship with the Lord will continue to deepen.

**Mission Appeal ~ Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May . .** St. Patrick's Missionary Society, better known as the Kiltegan Fathers, will be making a Mission Appeal at Mass next Sunday. With your faith and generosity they continue the work of spreading the Gospel, following the words of Jesus: "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full."

**The Ascension of the Lord . . .** On the feast of the Ascension we are called to rejoice both in Jesus' victory over sin and death and in the glorious life that he has secured for us. Jesus goes to the place which is rightly His and he prepares places for all of us. Though we are sinners, we have been forgiven and redeemed. We are now fully loved and accepted as God's children and we will live with him forever. We pray that we would experience the new life that is ours in Christ.

*Lord Jesus, you became man and came to live among us. For love of us, you suffered and died for us. Because you are God, you conquered death and rose on the third day. Today you return to your Father and our Father, but you promised to remain with us till the end of time, and to send us the Holy Spirit. We rejoice and thank you, Lord Jesus. Come Holy Spirit, purify and transform us, kindle within us the fire of your love. Amen.*



**The Ascension of the Lord, 18<sup>th</sup> May, is a Holyday of Obligation.** Mass times are:  
10am - St. Cuthbert's RC Church, 12 Noon - St. Mary's RC Church, 7.00pm - St. Patrick's RC Church

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION . . .** This is a very special time as we prepare to receive Jesus on our First Holy Communion day. We are collecting names of parishioners who are praying for us. A prayer vine wall is being prepared at school. Your names will be added to colour paper grapes on the display, these represent home, school and parishioners prayers being offered for us. Please pray for us and add your name to the list at the back of church. They will be included on the display. Thank you for your prayers.



St Patrick's First Holy Communion children ~ *May Christ be seen in us.*

The Liturgical Formation Team will be holding a **Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023, 10.30am-3.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am. The venue for this event will be St Michael's, Durham Road, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8NF and will cost £10.00 per person. Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. To book your place visit [bit.ly/LiturgicalCoursesAndEvents](http://bit.ly/LiturgicalCoursesAndEvents). Booking Deadline: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.

<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>			
14	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
15	Monday	9.15am	John Brydon
16	Tuesday		
17	Wednesday		
18	Thursday <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	6.30pm 7.00pm	SVP Rosary Brian Coyle
19	Friday	9.15am	Lindo & Carter Family
20	Saturday	9.15am	Pauline Mileson
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>			
21	Sunday	9.00am	Eileen Chapman
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		John Brydon, Henry Healy	
		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	
<b>Reader for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May ~ Gwen Gallagher</b>			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



### **Prayer for Students taking exams**

Lord, as I take my exams I thank you that my value is not based on my performance but on your great love for me. As I take my exams bring back to my mind everything I have studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked. Help me to remain focussed and calm, confident in the facts and my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens you are there with me. Amen.

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**Parish Shop** ~ Lots of new stock of gifts and cards for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Thank you for your support.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for May . . .** We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

**Postponed:** The Story of Fr Robert Benson lecture mentioned on last week's bulletin by Professor Eamon Duffy due to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> May has had to be postponed due to the death of his wife, Jenny. He will give the lecture later in the year.

**Annual Charity Concert for Alzheimer's Society** on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May in Greens Lane Methodist Church. Music by the Bella Canta Ladies Choir, starting at 7.30pm, free entry, retiring collection for the charity.

**Stella Maris invites you to join their Annual Day of Prayer and Pilgrimage** on Holy Island, Lindisfarne, on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Prayers on the grass (outside St Mary's Church) will be at noon. Holy Mass will be at 3.00pm in St Mary's Church, Safe crossing times on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June are between 10.00am to 6.00pm. For more information contact Stella Maris regional Chaplain: Deacon Peter Barrigan (Tees, Hartlepool & Seaham) on 07713 924504.

