



Sunday 25th June 2023

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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The words "Do not be afraid" in this Sunday's gospel are especially powerful because the one who speaks them is Jesus who really knows us, who loves us. It's he who brings us new heart as, over and over again, he urges us not to be afraid. That doesn't mean that all our fears suddenly vanish but rather that they don't paralyse us, they no longer dominate our lives. Each Mass brings not only an assurance that Jesus has proved himself our friend, but also a promise that he takes away our final fear, the fear of what awaits us beyond death. He tells us that he will speak up for us before the Father, acknowledge us as his friends and so guarantee us a place in that home where all tears are wiped away and all fears finally disappear.

Heavenly Father, the light of your revelation brought the disciples the gift of faith in Jesus your Son. Through their proclamations many came to faith and so we give thanks for that faith we have inherited in Christ Jesus, and for having been enriched by him in knowledge and love. Heavenly Father, we rejoice in the call to belong to the Church, to believe in the Gospel and to be united with the successors of your Apostles. Amen.

First Holy Communion ~ Congratulations to the first group of children who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend. Thank you to Fr. Cooper, Fr Ian Westby, staff of St. Patrick's School and all who prepared the Church. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers so that they may always draw close to Jesus in the Eucharist.


SS Peter and Paul . . . On 29th June the church celebrates the feast day of SS Peter & Paul. Peter's journey was from the weakness of denial to the rock of fidelity. He gave us the ultimate witness of the cross. Paul's pilgrimage was from the blindness of persecution to the fire of proclamation. He made the Word of God come alive for the nations. Their commitment was to create a place for everyone in Christ's church.

We pray for the Successor of St. Peter, our Holy Father, that he be strong in his mission and strengthen the whole Church in faith. We pray for all leaders of the church that they grow in union with Peter, share the zeal of Paul, and lead us by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



The Feast of SS Peter & Paul, 29th June, 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

St. Peter and Paul'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 Thursday 29th June 2023.** All of the pupils in St. Peter and Paul's form groups have prepared this Mass. It will include introduction, readings, reflections 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.

12th Sunday of the Year			
25	Sunday	9.00am	Paul Joynes
26	Monday		No Mass
27	Tuesday		
28	Wednesday St Irenaeus		
29	Thursday SS Peter and Paul	7.00pm	Pat Fenwick
30	Friday		No Mass
1	Saturday		
13th Sunday of the Year			
2	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Recently Deceased:		Fr. Patrick O'Connell ~ May he rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Paul Joynes, Patricia Fenwick, Margaret Sisson, Patricia Addison	
		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 2nd July ~ Maurice Ward			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Bella Canta Ladies Choir are performing at St Joseph's RC Church, Norton on Friday 30th June at 7.30pm. "Broadway meets the West End." Free entry, retiring collection to raise money for refurbishment.

The Parish Shop at rear of the Church is open every Sunday morning. Holy Communion gifts can be purchased in the Church Hall following the First Holy Communion Mass.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Peter's Pence.

St Patricks SVP thank you for your continued support. If you would like a visit or support, or know somebody in need, please contact any SVP member or email in confidence to PresidentC211515@svp.org.uk

The Refugee and Asylum Seeker Project, Stockton, continue to appeal for suitcases, clothing for women, men, and especially children, bedding and all household items for their clients. Please contact Karen Dick on 07759984586 if you are able to make a donation and need assistance with collection. Sincere thanks for your kindness, from all the volunteers at RASPS.

Invitation to Emmaus Youth Village Open Day . . . You are warmly invited to the Emmaus Youth Village on **Saturday 1st July** for a unique opportunity to learn about our new initiatives and redevelopment plans. The day is also a celebration, remembering Fr Dermott Donnelly's significant ministry on the first anniversary of his death. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm by Bishop Emeritus Seamus Cunningham and young attendees will share inspiring stories about the impact of Fr Dermott's ministry. With a barbecue, a bar and music entertainment, it's bound to be a fantastic day out! Barbecue tickets: £10 (free for children under 16). Proceeds for the day will support Fr Dermott's charity "Significance," ensuring his work continues. Please confirm attendance for the Mass and/or barbecue tickets. Accommodation can also be booked. Contact: admin@ymt.org or 01207 592244.