



Sunday 9th July 2023

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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The readings this Sunday encourage us to praise God for all of the blessings in our lives. The first reading is a song of praise for the coming Kingdom of God. The second reading tells us to live by the Spirit, for the Spirit will bring life to our mortal bodies through Christ Jesus. In the gospel, Jesus praises the Father and then invites us to follow him, for he helps us when we are stressed and overwhelmed. He acknowledges the burdens we carry, the struggles we face, and He offers to lighten our load. Jesus assures us that the demands of God are not beyond our strength.

Diocesan Listening Exercise: As mentioned in Archbishop Malcolm's pastoral letter two weeks ago, he has begun a listening exercise across the diocese. Three initial meetings have been arranged at different locations across the Diocese. The nearest to our church will be held at English Martyrs and St. Peter & St Paul's Catholic Church, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 9B, on **Thursday 13th July**, at 7pm to finish at 8.30pm.


This Sunday is Sea Sunday. It is a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives. For seafarers, life at sea can be extremely challenging. They are often far from their families and loved ones for long periods of time, working long hours, and facing the threats of accidents, piracy and harsh weather conditions and when they come into port in a foreign land, they know no one. Amid these challenges, Stella Maris provides a beacon of hope and support to seafarers. Its chaplains and volunteers offer the hand of friendship and listen to the concerns of the seafarers they meet. They help seafarers to contact their families back home, take them to Mass, or arrange for a priest to come on board, provide transport to local shops, and help to resolve problems of missing pay or substandard conditions. Just as Jesus offers rest to those who are burdened and weary, Stella Maris offers refuge and support to seafarers who are facing the challenges of life at sea. Its chaplains and volunteers are the hands and feet of Jesus in this world, bringing comfort to seafarers. **There will be a second collection** for Stella Maris this weekend.

We pray for all seafarers and fishers, who work hard on the perilous sea, to bring us so many of the goods that we rely on in our daily lives. May they always feel the loving embrace of our Heavenly Father. We also pray for Stella Maris and its mission to be the hands and feet of Christ, bringing love, kindness and compassion to all those who visit our ports and shores. Amen.



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.

SVP THANK YOU ~ Tea, coffee, croissants and cakes in Parish Hall after Mass this Sunday. All welcome, hope to see you there.

14th Sunday of the Year			
9	Sunday	9.00am	Philip Andrews
10	Monday		No Mass
11	Tuesday <i>St Benedict</i>		
12	Wednesday	12.30pm	Requiem Mass – Michael Williams
13	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary, Service of the Word & Holy Communion
14	Friday		No Mass
15	Saturday <i>St Bonaventure</i>		No Mass
15th Sunday of the Year			
16	Sunday	9.00am	Craig Chapman
Recently Deceased:		David Fenwick ~ May he rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Mary Shaw	
		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 16th July ~ Hilary Boyce			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



July, the Month of the Precious Blood of Christ

Eternal Father, we offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, poured out on the cross and offered daily on the altar. For the glory of your name, for the coming of your Kingdom and for the salvation of all. Amen.

Diocesan Ordinations:

This Saturday, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will ordain Paul Kilduff and Endre Kormos to the Priesthood. Please keep them in your prayers. If you would like to watch the Ordination Mass please visit the Diocesan website.

Mayoral Service at English Martyr's & SS Peter & Paul, Roseworth. Councillor Jim Beall is Stockton Mayor for this year, and he has asked to hold his Mayor's Sunday service in English Martyrs' and St Peter and Paul's Church on Sunday July 30th at 11am. This will be a service of readings and hymns with the theme, "*The River of God- The water of Life*". You are all warmly invited to attend and to share in this act of worship.

Concert at Little Sisters of the Poor . . . The Newcastle Male Chorus will be performing a '*Sounds of Summer Concert*' in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home, Newcastle, (Little Sisters of the Poor) on Saturday 22nd July at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor in St Joseph's Home. Tickets are £8 (interval drink included) and are available from St Joseph's Home, 0191 2731279. Thank you for your support.

The Church's Mission – an event with Cardinal Tagle . . . The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and was President of Caritas International (a global network of Catholic relief and development agencies) and is a fantastic speaker. We invite you to join us online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation** in which Cardinal Tagle will speak on the Church's mission and the fundamental links between evangelisation (sharing Christ and his Good News) and social action. **14 July 7:00-8:30pm** Please go to www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation