



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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

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In this Sunday's gospel Jesus reveals to us that he is present in the needy and the vulnerable. Jesus is present in the Eucharist and he also offers to meet us in the hungry and thirsty, the stranger and the sick, the poor and the prisoner. This gospel passage challenges us to see the broken body of Jesus in the brokenness and vulnerability of people around us.

*God, Father of the poor, your Son Jesus was born among us poor, humble and dependent. Open our eyes, our hearts and our hands to honour him now as our Lord and King by welcoming him in those who are hungry and thirsty, in all who are abandoned and lonely, in refugees, in the poor and the sick. Let our love become free and spontaneous, like the tenderness you have shown us in your Son. Welcome us in the everlasting Kingdom prepared for us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

**This Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, Pope Francis invites the global Church to celebrate and pray for young people.** The theme this year is '*Rejoicing in Hope.*'

"Youth is a time full of hopes and dreams, stirred by the many beautiful things that enrich our lives. From Jesus, from his resurrection, our lives take on light. With him, we see everything in a new light. Do not be afraid to share with others the hope and joy of the risen Christ! Nurture the spark that has been kindled in you, but at the same time share it." (Pope Francis)




**Grateful thanks** to the newly opened "Family Shopper" shop on Lyttleton Drive, off Dunedin Avenue, Hartburn. Thanks to the two parishioners who have made it happen, the SVP now have a box for food donations in the shop, which will greatly help those in need. Thanks to all who are donating food in the church porch for those in need in Stockton.

**The Clergy Training Fund collection now stands at £629.50.** The collection closes after Mass this morning. Please put any final donations in an envelope marked 'Clergy Training Fund' and put them in the main collection, or give them to Martin Driffield. Thank you.

**The Newman Association Cleveland Circle ~ 'Dorothy Day, a new saint for our times?'** Talk by Angela Wills: Dorothy Day was an American journalist, social activist and anarchist who, after a bohemian youth, became a Catholic without abandoning her social and anarchist activism. Pope Francis said, "Her social activism, her passion for justice and for the cause of the oppressed, were inspired by the Gospel, her faith and the example of the saints." Angela was born in Middlesbrough but has lived in Reading for the last 54 years. She spent ten years in the Pastoral Formation team of Portsmouth Diocese and now works with their Spirituality Formation Team as a Spiritual Director. The talk is at St Mary's Cathedral Hall TS8 0TW on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. Light refreshment 7.30pm for 7.45pm start.

**There will be a Mass for Deceased Members of the Men's Club this Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November.** Anyone interested in joining us in the Hall after Mass for a glass of wine and pie and peas, please contact George Hunton, Mike Bowles or Bill Douglas in order to confirm numbers.

<b>Our Lord, Jesus Christ the King</b>			
26	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
27	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Nicola Holmes Medjugorje Rosary
28	Tuesday		
29	Wednesday		
30	Thursday <b>St Andrew</b>	6.30pm 7.00pm	SVP Rosary Deceased of Men's Club
1	Friday	9.15am	Living & Deceased Ladies of St. Patrick's
2	Saturday	9.15am	Leo & Irene Mulholland
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>			
3	Sunday	9.00am	Mavis Casey
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Pauline Davies, Agnes Borg, Malcolm Hall, Joseph Hargan, Chris Marwood, Callum McDonagh	
		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, Samuel Kiberu, Betty Kimmins, Brian Wetherell	
<b>Reader for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December ~ Louise Pope</b>			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



We pray on Youth Sunday for all our youth and all involved in their education and for our Diocesan Youth Service. May our young people experience their voices being heard and may we become a Church where young people can grow free from harm to maturity in Christ Amen.

**This Sunday** there will be a second collection for the Youth Mission Team to enable them to offer more opportunities to the young people of our Diocese.

**There will be a Prolife Holy Hour** on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary's from 11-12noon, before the 12noon Mass. Please come and join us to pray for the unborn and the sanctity of life.

**Thank You from CAFOD . . .** Thank you so much in organising the Family Fast Day collection, your parish of St Patrick's raised £514 this Harvest. Many thanks to your fellow parishioners for your support so more families like Meera's can get help from doctors and other local experts when they need it most.

**Bella Canta Ladies Choir Concert** on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm at St Joseph's, Norton. Be superbly entertained with a Christmas programme, including Fr Mark's, by special request, 'Ave Maria'. Free entry, donations to the Norton based Headlight Project charity which aims to reduce the number of deaths due to suicide in the Teesside area.

**Invitation from the Sacred Heart Sisters in Fenham . . .** The Society of the Sacred Heart has spent the last year giving thanks and celebrating their arrival in England on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1842. This year the celebration of our 180 years in this country draws to a close on **December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. We, the sisters in Fenham, would like to invite those who have shared our mission of Education in Fenham over the years as students, pupils, staff and friends from the Sacred Heart schools or St Mary's Teacher Training College to join us for Mass in **St Robert's Church, Bolbec Rd, Fenham at 600pm.** on that day. Come along and meet old friends. Bishop Seamus will be the celebrant as he was the College Chaplain for many years. To have some idea of numbers for the Mass leaflets please RSVP to rscjfenham@yahoo.com by **November 30<sup>th</sup>** or leave a message on 0191 422 3840