



Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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

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We are all called to build the kingdom of God, but no two people have exactly the same task. Each of us is called to bring God's love, presence, light and peace into our world. This is our vocation, this is the unique set of talents that has been entrusted to each of us by God. As expressions of God's love, our talents are not intended to be hidden or to remain unused, they are meant to be developed by us as a sign that we appreciate God's love and blessing.

**This Sunday is the Seventh World Day of the Poor** with the theme of 'Do not turn your face



away from anyone who is poor.' We are reminded that poverty comes in many forms; material poverty, emotional poverty, and spiritual poverty. It is not only the lack of material possessions but also the absence of love, faith, understanding and support. As followers of Christ, we are called to address all forms of poverty, promoting a culture of encounter and communion.


*Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters; inspire in us words and actions to comfort those who labour and are burdened. Make us serve them truly, after the example of Christ and at his command, and may your Church stand as a living witness to truth and freedom, to peace and justice, that all people may be raised up to a new hope. Amen.*

**Grateful thanks** to the newly opened "Family Shopper" shop on Lytleton 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 £609.50.** Many thanks for all your donations so far. The collection remains open until 26th November for any final donations. Please place any in an envelope marked 'Clergy Training Fund' and place them in the main collections.

**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. Light refreshment 7.30pm for 7.45pm start.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for November** ~ We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>			
19	Sunday	9.00am	Vincent Rea
20	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Christine Heal Medjugorje Rosary
21	Tuesday	11.00am	Requiem Mass ~ James Gary Sowerby
22	Wednesday		
23	Thursday	11.30am 6.00pm	Funeral Service – Michael Harvey SVP Rosary and Healing Exposition
24	Friday		No Mass
25	Saturday	9.15am	Carter & Lindo Family
<b>Our Lord, Jesus Christ the King</b>			
26	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		John Hughes, Bernadette Duffy	
		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 26<sup>th</sup> November ~ Michael Toole</b>			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			
<b>Feast Days: 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. St Cecilia: 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. St Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Companions</b>			



*Heavenly Father, the Blessed Virgin Mary was dedicated to You by her parents. I ask Mary to pray for the plans You have for my life. Where I have strayed onto a road of my own choosing, give me her hand to guide me back to where You want me. Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for me. Amen*

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**Next Sunday is Youth 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 is a Medjugorje Rosary Group** held in church on a Monday evening at 5.30 pm. Everyone welcome

**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

**There will be a Mass for Deceased Members of the Men's Club on 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.

**Forty Hours Devotion** is being held at St John's Church, Billingham, 23rd-25th November. 7am-10pm on Thursday and Friday, 7am- 5pm on Saturday. All welcome.