



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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

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John the Baptist preached forgiveness, this is one of the special gifts of God, and one of the big celebrations of Advent. That is why Advent is such an appropriate time to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. There we encounter the all-embracing love of God who never ceases to offer us new life and hope. The voice of John the Baptist reminds us that we also carry the important task of making Jesus Christ known to others. By the example of our faithfulness in prayer and worship and by our acts of kindness towards all with whom we share our lives we become witnesses for Jesus Christ.



**Our Lady and St. Bede Catholic Academy invite you to the following**



**St. Joseph'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 14<sup>th</sup> December. All of the pupils in St. Joseph's form groups have prepared this Mass. It will include introduction, readings, reflections and bidding prayers. Our school Praise and Worship group will be leading the music and Fr. Mark will be celebrating the Mass. 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.

**Our Advent Liturgies** for the community will be taking place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6pm on both evenings. All parents, carers, parishioners and members of our wider school community are warmly invited to join us for a special evening of music, drama and reflection. We would ask you to book your places using the link attached so we know how many people would like to attend. [www.ticketsource.co.uk/ourladyandstbede](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ourladyandstbede). We are asking for a small donation of £1 per ticket. All proceeds will be donated to the 'Significance Fund', which has been set up in memory of Fr. Dermott Donnelly who worked so hard for the formation of young people in our diocese.

**Our Lady and St. Bede School would like to warmly invite you to a Christmas Afternoon Tea on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** at 2.00pm in St. Mary's Hall. Please book as many places as you would like to by using the following link. <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ourladyandstbede> There is no charge for the Afternoon Tea, everyone is invited, and we would love to fill our hall for this special occasion.

### **Christmas Masses and Carol Services**



**St. Cuthbert's RC Church** (Christmas Eve) **Carols ~ 6.00pm** **Vigil Mass ~ 6.30pm**

**St. Mary's RC Church** (Christmas Eve) **Carols ~ 11.30pm** **Midnight Mass ~ 12.00**

**St. Patrick's RC Church** (Christmas Day) **Mass ~ 10.00am**



**The children and staff of St Patrick's School would like to invite you** to join them after Mass on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December for some refreshments and entertainment. All welcome.

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>			
10	Sunday	9.00am	Paul Joynes
11	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Kevin McWilliams Medjugorje Rosary
12	Tuesday	11.00am	Requiem Mass ~ Betty Kimmins
13	Wednesday		
14	Thursday	6.00pm	SVP Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
15	Friday	9.15am	Mavis Casey
16	Saturday	9.15am	Kath Callaghan
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>			
17	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Mark Holmes, Sheila Walker, Peter McLouchlin, Helen Genery, Kathleen Ferguson, Thelma Brown, Ron Massey	
		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 Brian Wetherell	
<b>Reader for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December ~ Val Railton</b>			
<b>Feast Days: 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. St Lucy: 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. St John of the Cross</b>			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



### **Today is Bible Sunday**

Your disciples walking on the road to Emmaus began to sense your presence as you explained the Scriptures to them. As we study the Scriptures today may our hearts burn too, kindled by the Spirit, with the love of God, and the delight of your teaching, that we may see with your eyes, heal with your hands, walk in your ways and love with your heart. Amen

**St Patrick's Men's Club invite you to their Christmas Dance** featuring 'Mosaic' on Saturday 16th Dec., 8pm-11pm. Dance the night away or sit and enjoy the music. Please bring your own food and drink, contact Ken Marr to book (01642 602336). Tickets £6.

**Please Note: There will be a Vigil Mass** for the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December in St. Mary's RC Church at 4pm.

**Consultation on Admission Arrangements for 2025/26** ~ St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Lingfield Road, Stockton on Tees, TS19 7PL: Where changes to admission arrangements are intended, all schools are required to consult before these are determined and published. The proposed changes are as follows:

Remove the following over-subscription criteria 'Catholic Children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice who are resident in the parish of St Patrick's and replace with 'Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Patrick's. The policy for consultation for 2025-26 is available on the school website. The consultation will run from 8 December 2023 to 19 January 2024. Response forms should be returned to the school by 19 January 2024.

The Directors of the Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust will consider all comments received before they determine the arrangements for 2025-26. (Mr S Williams, Headteacher)

**SPUC Club Draw . . .** The SPUC Club Draw will take place on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December. Could you please let Christine, Maurice or Eileen have any outstanding monies. Thank you.