



Sunday 18th February 2024

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As we begin our Lenten journey we need to recall and remember that we are not setting out on these next forty days on our own. God is with us walking by our side every step of the way. When we are tempted, we need to follow the example of Jesus. He did not rely on his own strength, He turned to God and asked for help which he received. We too need God's help, support, guidance and protection. Whenever we feel tired or ready to give up or to give in, we need to turn to God for encouragement. We know that God will be with us during Lent as God was with Jesus when he was in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. God will never leave us in our struggles and His love for us never comes to an end.




CAFOD Family Fast Day (Friday 23rd February) . . . James is a fisherman and when his family had no food, he faced a terrible choice; stay home and stay hungry or put everything on the line to go out onto the water in his small canoe. Five fishermen a month, many he called 'brothers', were dying in storms at sea. Just like him they couldn't afford the life jackets, compasses and other equipment they needed to stay safe at sea and get a good catch. Your support for CAFOD this Fast Day helps hardworking people like James to return home safely and feed their families for good. Thank you for your support. **Envelopes are at the back of church** and a second collection will be taken on Sunday 25th February to collect your donations. The envelopes allow for you to Gift Aid your donations, where appropriate. If you have any queries regarding this collection, please do not hesitate to speak to Martin Driffield (07854 056391).

Loving God, when our boat is rocked by poverty, illness or disaster you quiet the waves and lead us safely to shore. When we work hard, but still go hungry, you walk beside us calling "cast out your nets," there is enough for all. Lead us, Lord, to play our part in calming the storm and sharing your gifts so all people may look to the future with hope. Amen.

Worldwide Day of Prayer . . . Previously the Women's World Day of Prayer, this is a global event where every country around the world takes part in the same service on the same day. Each year the service is written by women of a different country. This year the material has been prepared by the women of Palestine with the theme '*I beg you, bear with one another in love*' taken from Ephesians Chapter 4:1-7. The service for 2024 was an opportunity to reflect on continuing challenging times, encouraging Palestinian Christian women to keep searching for a deeper understanding among all the people who share the land, trusting for and hoping in the humanity of one another. There will be a service **on Friday 1st March at 2pm**, hosted by St. Mary's Church, Norton Green. There will also be a Fairtrade stall of goods from Palestine to buy.

Cleveland Newman Association . . . On February 21st from 7.45pm in Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall, Coulby Newham, we will have '**A short journey through St Luke's Gospel**'. This will involve short readings, the opportunity for reflection, and music in Taize style (also light refreshments!). We hope that this will be an enlightening and positive experience for all: everyone is welcome!

1 st Sunday of Lent			
18	Sunday	9.00am	Alan Taylor
19	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	For Healing Medjugorje Rosary ~ All welcome
20	Tuesday		
21	Wednesday		
22	Thursday <i>The Chair of St Peter</i>	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
23	Friday	9.15am	Mick Finn
24	Saturday	9.15am	Alfie McAndrew
2 nd Sunday of Lent			
25	Sunday	9.00am	Nicola Holmes
Anniversaries:		Alan Taylor, Sheila Norman, Irvin Eeles	
		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, Sheila Kerr	
Reader for Sunday 25 th February ~ Christine Pope			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



The Chair of St Peter is a relic conserved in St Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. The relic is a wooden throne that tradition claims the Apostle St Peter used as Bishop of Rome. In 2012 Pope Benedict XVI described the chair as "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity."

Pope's Prayer Intention for February

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

The Stations of the Cross this week will be led by the Medjugorje Rosary Group. The Stations will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7pm. If any group would like to volunteer to lead Stations of the Cross please contact Deacon Mick or telephone the Parish office, 01642 580171. Thank you.

Paulene says a big thank you for all the generous donations of baby wool left in the church porch

St. Patrick's Men's Club Present 'An Evening with Paul Tilley.' He is a renowned and accomplished musician, composer and singer. **Saturday 24th February**, 8pm to 11pm in the Parish Centre. Order your tickets now (£6). Contact Ken Marr, tel. 01642 602336. Please bring your own drink and food.



Raised on Songs & Stories (ROSS) . . . Buffet lunch with Irish entertainment in St. Patrick's Hall on Friday 23rd February, 12.30pm – 2.45pm. Free entry, everybody very welcome. ROSS is a project for older folk with an Irish heritage or affinity organised by the Tyneside Irish Cultural Society in North East England. It is supported by the National Lottery Community Fund and the Government of Ireland's ESP Fund.

