



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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

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The gospel this Sunday affirms that in whatever darkness we encounter, the light of God's enduring love is greater, so that we may have life and have it to the full. Prayer is the time we allow ourselves to become aware of the light of God filling us with love, forgiveness and healing. The light of God in each of us spreads to others, and it is through God's people that His light shines in the world. As Holy Week approaches we relive, once again, the saving events of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection, which gave us life and showed in an unmistakable way how much we are loved.

**The CAFOD Family Fast collection has so far raised £689.73.** The collection will close on 10th March. Can you please hand in any remaining donations as soon as possible by CAFOD envelope or ordinary envelope marked CAFOD, in the main collections, or by hand to Martin Driffield. Many thanks.



**St. Patrick's School ~ Parishioners are invited** for refreshments and entertainment after Mass next Friday. It will be a St Patrick's Day celebration for school.

**St. Patrick's form groups from Our Lady and St. Bede RC School** would love to invite you all to a very special Mass, which will take place here in school at 2.20pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. All of the pupils in St. Patrick'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.

**Summary of Listening Exercises, result of questionnaire and Bishop Stephen's response.**

On our diocesan website <https://diocesehn.org.uk/> you will find all the summaries from the various listening exercises that have been running since the summer of 2023, and the results of the Questionnaire for the Dicastery of Bishops Report from March 2023. These are together with Bishop Stephen's response to what has been presented to him. He reflects on the past, present and our future together. The documentation is necessarily lengthy, too lengthy for a pastoral letter.



**Lord, we thank you for the gift of mothers,** for their love, guidance and care. Please bless them with Your grace, strength and wisdom as they continue to nurture and support their families. Surround them with Your love and peace and let them know how deeply they are appreciated. We pray for mothers who have died, help us to find peace in the knowledge that they are now in your loving embrace, and that we will one day be reunited with them in heaven. Amen.

**The Vicariate for Faith and Mission has now produced the second part of the booklet of Lenten reflections** which offers reflections on the daily readings, from the Fourth Sunday of Lent until Easter Sunday.

4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent			
10	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
11	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	No Mass Medjugorje Rosary ~ All welcome
12	Tuesday		
13	Wednesday		
14	Thursday	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
15	Friday	9.15am	Dave Callaghan
16	Saturday	9.15am	Deceased of Love, Mockler & Hanley Families
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent			
17	Sunday	9.00am	Norman & Hunton Families
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>		Fr John McElhone ~ May he rest in peace. Amen.	
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		John Ferguson, Michael Watts, David Callaghan, Joseph Lowther	
		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, Joyce Thomas	
Reader for Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March ~ John Bowron			
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Mary, on this day when we honour all mothers, we turn to you. Dear mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Amen.

#### **Pope's Prayer Intention for March**

*For New Martyrs ~* Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

**Next Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, there will be a special collection for Survive-Miva.** This is a Missionary charity providing vehicles for missionaries.

**Congratulations to the children** who made their First Confession last week. We continue to pray for them as they prepare for their First Holy Communion in June.

**The Stations of the Cross this week will be led by St. Patrick's School children,** followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7pm. The Reader's Group will lead the Stations of the Cross on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

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

**Cleveland Newman Circle . . . 'Madonna House' spirituality ~** more than meets the eye! The speaker is Jeanne Guillemette of Madonna House, Robin Hood's Bay. The talk is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March in Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall, TS8 OTW at 7.45pm. (coffee/tea from 7.30pm). All welcome. For more details tel. 01642 645732 or e-mail: [p.egerton123@gmail.com](mailto:p.egerton123@gmail.com)