



Sunday 24th March 2024

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Palm Sunday is significant because it marks the beginning of Holy Week, the day when Jesus began His journey toward the cross. We are invited to follow the footsteps of Jesus from the triumphant beginning to the loneliness of Calvary. The readings for today are an invitation to reflect on how it is that the Passion of Jesus can change our outlook on suffering, our Saviour can be seen as a model of patient endurance and faithfulness.

Missio Red Boxes are due for collection. If you do not have a collector please bring your red box after Mass to the church crèche on Sunday 7th April or you can leave at parish shop with your name and telephone number and we will ring you when it is ready to be picked up. Thank you

Good Friday Children's Liturgy . . . Children's liturgy will be running on Good Friday at 11.00am in the church exploring the Stations of the Cross. All children and families welcome.

The Refugee and Asylum Seeker Project are appealing for donations of clothing, especially men's, size medium/small, and household items and luggage to issue at the weekly drop-in in Stockton. If you have any donations please contact Karen Dick 07759984586. Sincere Thanks.

Our Lady and St. Bede School are looking for invigilators for the upcoming exams. Working as part of a team, invigilators contribute to ensuring a calm environment for the exams, giving candidate's confidence in the process. The public examination period is May and June; however, Invigilators will be required to attend during the year for training and to assist with internal exams. Readers/Scribes are required to support individual students by reading aloud and/or transcribing verbal answers to examination questions. If anyone would be interested in this role, could you, please email gilrainej@olsb.bhcet.org.uk or call school for further information.

 HOLY WEEK LITURGIES 		
Wed. 27th March	Sacrament of Confession	St. Patrick's ~ 6-8.00pm
Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper Sacrament of Confession after Mass Following Mass at St Mary's ~ Watching with the Lord at St Patrick's	St. Mary's ~ 6.00pm Till 11.00pm
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross for Children Celebration of the Lord's Passion Sacrament of Confession	St. Patrick's ~ 11.00am St. Cuthbert's ~ 3.00pm
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	St. Patrick's ~ 7.30pm

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 			
24	Sunday	9.00am	Special Intention
25	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Joe Gallagher Medjugorje Rosary ~ All welcome
26	Tuesday		
27	Wednesday	6pm-8pm	Sacrament of Confession
28	Holy Thursday <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>		After the 6pm Mass at St. Mary's there will be Watching with the Lord at St. Patrick's until 11.00pm
29	Good Friday <i>Celebration of The Lord's Passion</i>	11.00am	Stations of the Cross for Children and Families Celebration of the Lord's Passion is at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Church
30	Holy Saturday <i>Easter Vigil</i>	7.30pm	Lawrie Ryan (SVP)
Easter Sunday 			
31	Sunday	9.00am	Mary Douglas
Anniversaries:		Joe Gallagher, Hilda McAlister, Thomas Cooper	
		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 31st March ~ Michael Toole			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



A second collection for the Catholic community in the Holy Land (Holy Places) will be take place this Sunday.

New stock has arrived at the Parish Shop - gifts and cards for all occasions, prayer cards, medals, Rosary Beads, statues, simple prayer books, crosses etc., please call in.

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.

The planned giving envelopes for 2024 are ready for collection at the back of church. If anybody would like some envelopes, want to contribute from bank or want to Gift Aid their contribution, please contact John on 01642 581798.

SPUC Club Draw Result ~ Sunday 17th March: 1st Prize, No. 8, Sue Dobbing; 2nd Prize, No. 23, Teresa Fawcett, 3rd Prize No. 7, Eileen Brydon. Many thanks to all who contribute to the SPUC Club Draw, your support is greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to take a number please contact Christine Pope on 07980 290432.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour at St. Joseph's, Norton on Sunday 7th April, starting at 2.30pm. Blessing of the Divine Image, Confessions, Benediction and Refreshments.

SVP Society Membership Support Officer (MSO) . . . for the Newcastle and Hexham Diocese to support member recruitment and development, home-based role (22.5 hours per week – 3 days equivalent) It requires the ability to travel around the diocese, own transport is essential, expenses are paid. For further information and details how to apply contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at lancep@svp.org.uk Closing date for applications is Sunday 7th April.