



Sunday 7th April, 2024

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY . . . There will be a Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday, 7th April at St. Patrick's, beginning with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. All welcome. When Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina he also, on the same day, established Divine Mercy Sunday as a feast day for the entire Church. On that day, Pope John Paul II declared, "This is the happiest day of my life".

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.




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 this 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

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.

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.

This is a Year of Prayer, called by Pope Francis to prepare for the Jubilee Year 2025. He asks that during 2024 we focus on the words of the Our Father, and try to get back to what it really means to pray the Our Father. The book, 'Our Father: Reflections on the Lord's Prayer' by Pope Francis (ISBN: 9780525576112) can be purchased from Amazon or Waterstones or other good booksellers.

The Cleveland Newman Circle . . . 'Catholic Ecumenical Engagement: a failure of a blessing for our churches?' Fr Tony Curren, Secretary to the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission. **Wednesday 24th April** in Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall TS8 OTW at 7.45pm (coffee/tea from 7.30pm). For more details telephone 01642 645732 or p.egerton123@gmail.com. All welcome.

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)			
7	Sunday	9.00am	Fred & Bessie Cain
8	Monday <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9.15am 5.30pm	Leo & Irene Mulholland Medjugorje Rosary ~ All welcome
9	Tuesday		
10	Wednesday		
11	Thursday St Stanislaus	6.00pm	SVP Rosary
12	Friday	9.15am	John Bentley (SVP)
13	Saturday	9.15am	Jack Buglass
3rd Sunday of Easter			
14	Sunday	9.00am	Lawrie Ryan
Anniversaries:		Dennis Lindo, Veronica Conway	
		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 14th April ~ Joan Hunton			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



The Annunciation of the Lord

Almighty Father, You have revealed the beauty of Your power by exalting the lowly virgin of Nazareth and making her the mother of our Saviour. May the prayers of Mary bring Jesus to the waiting world and fill the void of incompleteness with the presence of the Child. Amen.

Please keep the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion, and their families, in your prayers.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April ~ For The Role Of Women ~ Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

After Mass this Sunday there will be a Special Collection for the Northern Brethren Fund. (Sick & Retired Priests). The Sick and Retired Clergy Support Service provides care and support for clergy in times of ill health and in their retirement and old age, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His People. They also provide emotional and practical support to those considering or planning for retirement.

We pray for the retired priests of our Diocese that they may experience peace and joy for the countless years of service they have provided to the people in their parishes. We also pray for sick priests, may they find consolation in your healing presence. Amen.

Minsteracres Retreat Centre ~ Day Of Consolation With Chris Smith ~ Wednesday, 1st May from 10am to 4pm, led by Chris Smith. An opportunity to join us on this poignant retreat day, for people who have experienced bereavement, grief, loss or significant change, giving them an opportunity to share a safe space, to be heard, to share with others who have had similar experiences and finding courage, hope and consolation. Lunch and refreshments included. Suggested donation £30. To make a booking type Minsteracres Retreat Centre into the search engine where you will find the link to the booking site.