



Sunday 14th April, 2024

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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"Peace be with you." This is the first statement Jesus Christ says to the disciples upon appearing to them after rising from the dead, and it is the statement he says most often when he appears to others after the Resurrection. Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

If you are interested and would like to become a reader at Mass on Sunday morning then please contact Paul Delplanque by email pauldelp1@yahoo.co.uk, text message or call 07743351674 or simply see me after Mass. Currently our volunteer readers are only required to read once every four months.

The collection for the Sick & Retired Priest Fund has so far raised £367.23. The collection will remain open until 28th April for private and group donations. Please put any donations into a plain envelope marked 'Sick & Retired Priests' and either place them in the main collections, or hand them to Martin Driffield. 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.

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.



St Patrick's Men's Club invite you to a dance on Saturday, 11th May, 8pm-11pm. Dance or sit and listen to the music of **'60's or Thereabouts.'** Please bring your own food and drink, tickets £6 Please contact Ken Marr to book (01642 602336) or George Hunton (07929 924302).

Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp . . . There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150. If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this summer please visit our site <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>. If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk

3rd Sunday of Easter			
14	Sunday	9.00am	Lawrie Ryan
15	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Mary Douglas Medjugorje Rosary ~ All welcome
16	Tuesday		
17	Wednesday		
18	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary & Healing Exposition
19	Friday	9.15am	Lawrie Ryan
20	Saturday	9.15am	John Bentley
4th Sunday of Easter			
21	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Recently Deceased:		Sheila Kerr ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Matthew Wilson (Snr), Catherine McIntosh	
		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 21st April ~ Val Railton			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



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

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

During Eastertide we are asked to pray for these intentions: New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; Human Work

Next Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) urgently need to replace some of the kitchenettes and furnishings. Specialist flooring on the main corridors of the care units requires essential upgrades to ensure the safety, comfort, and well-being of the residents and to maintain required standards of infection control. The flooring not only enhances the homeliness and comfort of St Joseph's Home but also plays a crucial role in maintaining the safety of the residents by providing a hygienic and comfortable surface, thus reducing the risk of trips and falls.

A second collection for St Joseph's Home will be taken next Sunday (Good Shepherd Sunday). If you wish to make a private contribution, you can do so by sending cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' to St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure online donations can be made by visiting our website at www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/. The Little Sisters of the Poor are deeply grateful for your continued support and prayers. Your generosity plays a significant role in enabling them to fulfil their mission of providing safe, affordable, and quality care to vulnerable older people in need. Please know that your contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference in the lives of the residents.

Job Vacancies . . . The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

IT Field Engineer (two posts) Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, 9-month fixed term contract. Closing date: 21st April Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.