



Sunday 5th May, 2024

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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The most important thing Jesus asks of us, and commands us to do, is to love one another. The one requirement that goes with us receiving the gift of God's love is that we must commit to sharing that love with others. Love for those whom we can see brings us as close as is possible on earth into the love of God whom we cannot see.

Creator and Redeemer God, through the Resurrection of Jesus, you summon us to a new way of living. As we look to the future, inspire us with faith and courage, to work and pray that our lives will be rebuilt on the foundations of love for one another. Amen.

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.

A big thank you to all who saved used postage stamps for assistance dogs at Christmas and beyond. I would be grateful if you would continue to save any used stamps and put them in the box in the porch. Many thanks. (Gwen Gallagher)




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).

Diary Date: Corpus Christ . . . The Feast of Corpus Christi falls on Sunday 2nd June. Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. There is no charge for this event, but please visit Ushaw's website to register your interest so that they have an idea of the numbers attending.

World Day for Children 2024 . . . On 8th December 2023, Pope Francis announced that the first "*World Day for Children*" would be held in Rome on 25th – 26th May 2024. This is so that all children can hear and live out the Gospel enabling them to meet Christ. As well as resources, the Diocese will be launching an art competition to allow children to explore their understanding of God and his Kingdom. They hope that they will be able to share the winning entries in future copies of the Diocesan Newsletter.

Pope's Prayer Intention for May: *For the formation of men and women Religious and Seminarians.* Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

6th Sunday of Easter			
5	Sunday	9.00am	Dennis McGloin
6	Monday	9.15am	Bernadette Mulholland No Medjugorje Rosary
7	Tuesday		
8	Wednesday		
9	Thursday <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	7.00pm	Sheila Kerr
10	Friday		No Mass
11	Saturday	9.15am	Lawrence and Eva Jordison
7th Sunday of Easter			
12	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Anniversaries:		Diane Drewery, Dennis McGloin, Ann McGowan, Jennifer Simpson, Anthony Ward	
		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, Joyce Thomas	
Reader for Sunday 12th May ~ Karen Dick			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



May, the Month of Our Lady

“Mary is the Mother who points to the path we are called to take in order to be true disciples of Jesus. In each mystery of the Rosary we feel her closeness and we contemplate her as the first disciple of her Son, for she does the Father’s will.” (Pope Francis)

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

Next Sunday, World Communications Day, there will be a **second collection**.



The Liturgy for the Ascension celebrates the entry of Christ into heaven with our human nature glorified and the pledge of our glorification with Him. We remember that the Risen and Ascended Lord Jesus is never far from us. He is with us in the Sacred Word, the Holy Sacraments and in one another

The Ascension of the Lord, 9th May, is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass times are:
10am - St. Cuthbert’s RC Church: **12 Noon** - St. Mary’s RC Church: **7.00pm** - St. Patrick’s RC Church

Parish Shop . . . New stock is now on display in Parish Shop. Cards for all occasions, Gifts, Statues and First Holy Communion Gifts. All welcome.

Workshop on Synodality: On Saturday 8th June, Ushaw will be holding a day workshop on what the Synod on Synodality means for us. There will be sessions on the current stage of the worldwide Synod, including an opportunity to look at some of the outputs of last October’s General Assembly in Rome. The workshop will also look at some practical examples of Synodality in our local parishes and church groups. The workshop costs £10. The day starts with welcome and refreshments at 10.30am, and will finish by 4pm. Bring a packed lunch or you will be able to buy lunch in Ushaw’s café. You can book for the workshop on Ushaw’s website at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-atushaw/>. For those who are new to synodality and would like to find out more about what the Synod is, and why it is important for our local church, there will be an optional introductory session starting at 9.30am.