



Sunday 29th September, 2024

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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The vastness of global struggles like poverty and injustice can feel overwhelming. We might wonder how we can make a difference. Today's gospel reminds us that we are not asked singlehanded to solve everything but simply to respond to the needs we see before us. A cup of water offered may seem insignificant but, Jesus tells us, will not go unnoticed or unrewarded. When we join our effort with those of others, recognizing God's spirit at work in them, together we can respond with compassion to the needs of our global family and begin to build a more just world.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 4th October. Daniel, like many young people in Goma has faced big challenges. Ongoing instability in the DRC and poor infrastructure makes it difficult to get a good education or find work. Daniel took an opportunity to participate in carpentry classes run by CAJED, CAFOD's local partner in Goma. Thanks to the donations of CAFOD supporters, Daniel learned how to make furniture. He now has a small workshop and makes tables, chairs and doors that he sells in his local community. Daniel stands out as a sign of hope for other young people in Goma. Your donations help people like Daniel learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Family Fast Day envelopes are available at the back of church. **There will be a second collection** next Sunday after Mass for the return of the envelopes. Thank you.

We pray for the work of CAFOD and for all who work to bring God's love to others, and we pray for our parish community. May we be grateful for all that we have, willing to share with others and ready to act to challenge injustice so all people may share in the gifts of the earth. 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 on Sunday 6th October 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. If you would like a mission box please take one from the porch outside the parish shop. Thank you for your wonderful support to Missio.

SPUC Petition: Two Child Benefit Cap: Sunday, 6 October 2024 . . . The annual pro-life petition for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) focuses on the two-child benefit cap which you might have heard about recently in the news. Some abortion providers themselves have identified that the government's punitive two-child Universal Credit limit is "**a significant factor**" in many women deciding to abort their children. We would be grateful if you could please sign this petition as you leave church. Thank you

Rome Pilgrimage 2025 . . . "If there is anyone willing to share a twin room with me, Mr. Mike Kennedy (51yrs) on the Rome Pilgrimage please telephone me on my mobile, 07791 000364 or see me at the back of church after Mass."

This Sunday, 29th September, St Patrick's SVP Conference would like to welcome you into the Parish Hall after Mass for refreshments. This is to honour St Vincent De Paul, on the occasion of his feast day on September 27th and a thank you from the Conference to the parish for all the support throughout the year. All Welcome.

26 th Sunday of the Year			
29	Sunday	9.00am	John Goggin (SVP)
31	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Eileen & Craig Chapman & Josie Murphy Medjugorje Rosary for World Peace
1	Tuesday		
2	Wednesday		
3	Thursday	6.00pm	Divine Mercy & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
4	Friday	9.15am	The Franciscan Family
5	Saturday	9.15am	Special Intention
27 th Sunday of the Year			
6	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Recently Deceased:		Margaret Stephens ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Rev William Rooke, Freda Dolan, Geoff Fletcher, Eva Mary Jordinson	
		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 6 th October – Veronica Lindo			
Feast Days: 30 th September: St. Jerome 1 st October: St Therese of the Child Jesus, 2 nd October: The Holy Guardian Angels, 4 th October: St Francis of Assisi			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Holy Guardian Angels

Padre Pio used to encourage those he knew and loved to remember how lucky they were to have their own guardian angel by their side, and in general, all angels. He recommended them never to be tired of praying to their own guardian angel.

If you are able to support Eileen, Sheila and Karen with Sunday Coffee after Mass or Karen with the Church flowers, please speak to one of the team noted, or ring Karen on 07759984586. Sincere thanks.

SPUC Let Life Flourish: Spiritual Bouquet

Please pray in October for an end to abortion in the UK.

Parish Men's Club Social in Parish Hall on Saturday 5th October. 8-10.30pm, with Bingo, Raffle and Quiz. Please bring your own drink. All welcome

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 interested in this role, could you, please email gilrainej@olsb.bhcet.org.uk or call school for further information.

First Steps 2024 ~ Exploring the Catholic Faith. Are you someone, or do you know someone, who is wondering about their relationship with God and not sure where to start? **Welcome to First Steps!** Join Deacon Shaun and the First Steps team on a journey this autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. We gather weekly online via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. This programme is for people new to the faith and to anyone accompanying them on their journey in faith. Starts on Wednesday 2nd October at 7pm for 8 weeks. (First Steps is not an RCIA programme, but we can offer guidance to anyone wishing to continue their journey in faith.) You can register here: <https://bit.ly/DHNFIRSTSteps>.