



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

## **St. Patrick's R.C. Church**

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In this Sunday's gospel Jesus' words remind us clearly that we are called to treat others with love and care, by being merciful and by not judging. We don't always do this, yet Jesus is clear, as God has loved and cared for us, and shown us His mercy in so many ways, so we are called to do this for one another. God wants us to love each other in the same way that He loves, unconditionally. Love is the most powerful force in the world, in dealing with individuals as well as in building communities.

**Bishop Stephen Wright will be visiting St Patrick's School** on Wednesday 12th March. There will be a school Mass at 10.00am followed by a Celebration in the Parish Hall afterwards. All Welcome.

**The Stations of the Cross during Lent will be on a Thursday evening, starting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.** If any group would like to volunteer to lead Stations of the Cross please contact Deacon Mick or telephone the Parish office, 01642 580171. Thank you


**Date for your Diary!** On Monday, 17th March, St. Patrick's Day itself, it will be exactly fifty years since St. Patrick's Church was opened. To mark the occasion there will be a concelebrated Mass that evening, followed by a light buffet reception in the church hall. All are welcome, and feel free to invite former parishioners who may wish to join in the celebrations. Talented people are needed to help with the event! Do you have skills in mounting presentations to help showcase the history and role of the church in parish life? Or could you take some good quality photographs to mark the event? If so, please contact Paul Diggins on 07917 087394. Would you be interested in singing in a parish choir as part of the concelebrated Mass? If so, please contact Karen Dick on 07759 984586.

**Liz Reid is currently running the Mums & Tots Classes in the Parish Hall** on a Tuesday morning in term times. She would prefer either to hand the classes over to someone else to run, or to share running the classes together with another person. We regard the Mums & Tots classes as a good way to get the children used to using the Church facilities and are, therefore, keen to keep the classes running. If you feel you can help please contact Martin Driffield on 07854 056391, or by email to: [driffieldmartin@gmail.com](mailto:driffieldmartin@gmail.com)

**The Cleveland Newman Circle:** A Talk by Prof. Karen Kilby, "The Blessed Trinity Mystery and the Search for Understanding" Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February at St Mary's Cathedral Hall, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough TS8 0TW at 7.45pm, Refreshments 7.30pm. All welcome.

**The World Day of Prayer Worship Service** (Women's World day of Prayer) has a special annual theme which is developed by women of a different country each year. A national committee then prepares an order of service on that theme. The theme for 2025 is based on the Cook Islands and Psalm 139 '*I Made you Wonderful.*' **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**, St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Hardwick at 2pm. There will be light refreshments after, everyone welcome.

**St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD . . .** The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> June in London. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. For any queries, please contact [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk)

7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year			
23	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
24	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Susan Walker (SVP) Medjugorje Rosary for World Peace
25	Tuesday		
26	Wednesday		
27	Thursday	6.00pm	SPUC Pro-Life Holy Hour
28	Friday	11.00am	Requiem Mass – Catherine Wheatley
1	Saturday St David	9.15am	Denis Watt
8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year			
2	Sunday	9.00am	John and Audrey Bentley
Recently Deceased:		Catherine Wheatley ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Irvin Eeles, John Leslie Shaw	
		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 9 <sup>th</sup> March – Patricia Egerton			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Mary, we entrust the sick, healthcare workers and all those who generously assist our suffering brothers and sisters. From the Grotto of Lourdes and her many other shrines throughout the world, may she sustain our faith and hope and help us care for one another with fraternal love. Amen.

Loving God, We ask you to look with favour on your servant Francis as he faces his illness. Help him to bear any pain with grace and help him to heal quickly. We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.

**Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp - Volunteering is a Work of Heart . . .** Holy Island Children's Camp is looking for new volunteers to help in their Holiday Centre on Holy Island. They are in need of young adults to help the children have a great week's holiday on the island in Summer 2025. Full training and support will be given and would suit someone wanting to give back to the Community by helping 9–12-year-olds have fun for a week. If you could find a few days in term time to help out with serving meals, prepping salads and washing dishes they would be truly grateful. By running term time camps, Summer Vinnies Holidays for children can be sustained. Further information can be found at <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp>.

**Youth Helper for the Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025 . . .** Are you interested in joining our Lourdes Pilgrimage in 2025 as a youth helper? Now is the time to register and secure your spot. By registering, you will receive all necessary forms that need to be completed as soon as possible. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to serve and experience a unique spiritual journey. Registration Deadline: End of March 2025. Sign up today at [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org) and be a part of this unforgettable experience. Hurry, spaces are filling fast!

**Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year . . .** You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. To sign up visit <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

**Please Note** that future phone calls for St Mary's should be directed to St Cuthbert's Church 01642 674321. The email address remains the same.