



Sunday 11th May 2025

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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May, the Month of Our Lady ~ This month we can seek to understand more deeply, the pivotal role that the Blessed Mother played and continues to have in the unravelling of Salvation History. It is a month, too, in which we can intentionally focus on loving Our Lady as our true Mother just as Jesus intends us too. While he hung upon the Cross, He spoke those precious words which continue to reach out across the millennia to our own time and, in a very personal way, to our own hearts, "Behold your Mother". When we give ourselves to her and allow her to teach and guide us, we can more effectively be her hands and feet in bringing others to Jesus. We will be better able to make Jesus known to the world at large because that is what Our Lady does.

This Sunday marks the 62nd anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to *"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest"* While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates her attention on raising up shepherds for God's people, vocations to Holy Orders (the priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious life - while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call. **This Sunday** there would have been a second collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Under the new system the Parish will make a donation instead. If you wish to contribute please put your donation into the main collection. Thank you

Pope's Prayer Intention for May . . . For working conditions ~ Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

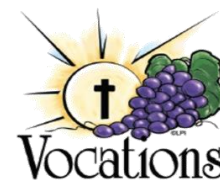


Please join us for a 'Bake Sale Fundraiser' in support of Leo's Neonatal Charity on Saturday 17th May, 2-4pm in St. Patrick's Church Hall. There will be tea, coffee, cakes and a craft stall. Everyone very welcome.

St Patrick's RC School would welcome volunteers to help with the school garden. Please telephone 01642 589850 if you can help, your time would be greatly appreciated.

Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris will hold its annual Pilgrimage to Holy Island, Lindisfarne, on Saturday 31st May 2025. Now in its 21st year, this year's Pilgrimage is held as part of the charity's activities for the Jubilee Year of Hope and will include special prayers for seafarers and fishers who find themselves trapped in modern slavery. As with previous years, the Pilgrimage will begin with Prayers on the Green at 12.00 noon followed by a buffet lunch. Mass will be celebrated at 2.00pm, led by Bishop Paul Mason, Stella Maris Bishop Promoter and Bishop of the Forces. All are welcome to join in. For more information, please contact Stella Maris regional chaplains, Steve Willows on 07793 488971 or Peter Barrigan on 07713 924504. This is a free event.

4 th Sunday of Easter			
11	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
12	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Special Intention Medjugorje Rosary
13	Tuesday		
14	Wednesday St Matthias		
15	Thursday	6.00pm	SVP Rosary & Healing Exposition
16	Friday	9.15am	Michael Stansmore (Men's Club)
17	Saturday	9.15am	John Brydon
5 th Sunday of Easter			
18	Sunday	9.00am	Paul Joynes
Anniversaries:		Tony McCormack, John Brydon, Henry Healy	
		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 18 th May – Nathan Cornfield			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest. Inspire, in the hearts of your people vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith. Amen.

The Parish shop has new stock of communion cards and gifts. Please pay us a visit.

Prayer for children preparing for their First Holy Communion . . . Loving God, we thank you for the gift of children who bring so much light and love into the world. We thank you for this opportunity to think about how to help them grow in faith. May we support the children of St. Patrick's, and their families, by our prayers as they journey towards their First Holy Communion. Amen.



Science and Faith: An Invitation to Conversation . . . Rev Prof David Wilkinson and the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) warmly invite anyone interested in the conversation between science and faith to an open meeting on **Wednesday, 28th May**, at the **Emmaus Youth Village, 5:30–6:45 pm**. We want to connect with those involved in science, technology, engineering, healthcare and education, recognising, as Rev Prof David Wilkinson explains, that: *"At ECLAS and YMT we value the work and vocation of those who work in science, technology and engineering; we value this as a gift from God and as an opportunity for the mission and ministry of the church. We would like to talk with those who are involved in science at whatever level in university, industry, schools, or the health service about the possibility of doing work in local churches in the diocese."* This is an open invitation to begin a conversation and explore how these gifts can enrich the life and mission of our parishes. All are welcome! For more information, please contact phillipsalkeld@ymt.org or 01207592244

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue and Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will visit Middlesbrough Cathedral, Coulby Newham on Saturday June 7th and Sunday June 8th. This latest event is a particular remembrance of the apparition to Sister Lucia, the oldest Fatima seer, which took place in December. More details are available from the Middlesbrough Diocese website.