



Sunday 25th May 2025

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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In this Sunday's gospel we continue to read the words of Jesus to the disciples at the Last Supper. Jesus' death is imminent, but his concern is for the disciples rather than himself. He reassures them that they will not be alone and promises them peace. He offers hope, not only to his immediate disciples, but also to all who love him and keep his word. Home is the place where we live with loved ones, a place where we love and are loved in return. Jesus' making of a home in us comes through our growth in development and love. The loving marriage and family, the loving friendship, the heart that cares for others, these are what makes Jesus feel at home.

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, 29th May, is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass times are:
10am – St. Cuthbert's Church: 12 Noon – St. Mary's Church: 7.00pm – St. Patrick's Church.



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.

A huge thank you from the Edward's family for your love and support at the charity bake sale last weekend. Together we raised an amazing £2000 for "Leo's Neonatal" We really appreciate everyone's kindness.

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.

Corpus Christi – Blessed Sacrament at Ushaw. On Sunday 22nd June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Tea and coffee will be available after the service. There is no charge for this event but please visit the Ushaw What's On site and express your interest to help Ushaw estimate numbers.

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.

6 th Sunday of Easter			
25	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
26	Monday	9.15am	Margaret Engel No Rosary
27	Tuesday		
28	Wednesday	10.00am	Requiem Mass ~ Sharon Robinson
29	Thursday	7.00pm	Mike Stansmore
30	Friday		No Mass
31	Saturday	9.15am	Special Intention
7 th Sunday of Easter			
1	Sunday	9.00am	Kathleen Quigley
Recently Deceased:		Sharon Robinson ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Ian Richie, Iodalia Allan, Margaret Mooney, Kathleen Cooper	
		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 1 st June – Alfred McAndrew			
Feast Days: 26th May – St Philip Neri: 27th May - St Augustine of Canterbury 29th May - The Ascension of the Lord: 31st May – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Prayer for Students taking exams

Lord, pour out your Spirit of wisdom on these students. Help them to keep calm, to attend carefully to the questions asked, to think clearly and to remember accurately. Grant that they may reflect on the best of the work they have done and the best of the teaching they have received. May your love be upon them, Lord, as they place all their trust in you. Amen.

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

Please note that the next Pro-Life Holy Hour will be on Thursday 12th June at 6pm. Please join us to pray for the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

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**. 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, contact phillipsalkeld@ymt.org or 01207592244.

This year's Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture is by His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP on the theme: '*Hope in a Time of Darkness*'. Monday 23rd June, 2025, from 7.45pm in the Galilee Chapel, Durham Cathedral. The respondent is Professor Anna Rowlands (Durham University). Everyone welcome. Please visit the Diocesan website and choose 'What's On' to reserve a place.

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.