



Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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

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Prayer teaches us about what is really important and while it does not always take away our pain, through it we can come to understand a little better how and where God is at work in our lives. Through prayer we reach out to others in love and compassion and we make it possible for God's Kingdom to flourish on earth. In our busy world, where there are so many demands and stresses on our lives, prayer gives us time to slow down, think and reflect on what really matters, our relationship of love with God and with one another.

***Our Father in Heaven*** ~ Father, I sense you in busyness, creativity and frustrations of the workplace, in laughter and tears of the family home, in conflict and peace-making in the world, in the beauty of the sunrise and the sunset. Open my eyes to glimpses of your heaven each day.

***Your Kingdom come*** ~ You call me to be your servant, to be your love in the world, to further your Kingdom on earth. Show me, guide me, how to serve you.

***Give us this day our daily bread*** ~ You provide my needs, my food and shelter; give me strength to serve you, Wisdom and knowledge so I may share your gospel, love and compassion so I may live and work your good news.




**The theme of the Fifth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is '*Blessed are those who have not lost hope.*'** This day seeks to be an opportunity to reflect on how the presence of grandparents and elderly people can become a sign of hope in every family and community. The theme, taken from the Book of Sirach, express the blessedness of the elderly and indicate hope placed in the Lord as the way to a Christian and reconciled old age.

*Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of the elderly and grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents and the elderly constantly in your care.*

**Last Sunday's collection came to £519.76.** Many thanks. The Stella Marris (Sea Sunday collection) now stands at £521.15. If you have any Gift Aid envelopes to hand in for this collection, can you please put them into the main collection bowls as soon as possible.

**The Parish is looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate the Gift Aid.** If you can help with this role, which generates around £6000 a year income for the Parish, please contact Canon Cooper or Martin Driffield for more details. Training will be given for this role, which has been Diocesan computer based for the past 3 years.

**The Men's Club invite you to a Social in the Parish Centre** on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> August. Quiz, Bingo and Raffle. Please bring your own drink. Everyone very welcome

17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year			
27	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
28	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	No Mass Medjugorje Rosary
29	Tuesday		
30	Wednesday		
31	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary & Healing Exposition
1	Friday		No Mass
2	Saturday		No Mass
18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year			
3	Sunday	9.00am	Margaret Bentley
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Thomas Walker, Lynette McCabe, Mavis Casey, Doreen Maureen Hunton, Maurice Robinson	
		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, Chris Bostock	
Reader for Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August – Christine Pope			
<b>Feast Days:</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> July; SS Martha, Mary and Lazarus, 31 <sup>st</sup> July; St Ignatius of Loyola, 1 <sup>st</sup> August; St Alphonsus Mary Liguori			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



We pray for all who have died; we remember our grandparents and all those we loved. May they be at peace with God in his heavenly home. Amen.

#### **Pope's Prayer Intention for July**

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads away from Christ and the Gospel.

**Paulene Major would like to thank everyone** who gave her cards and presents for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima**, together with the relics of SS Jacinta and Francisco Marto. St Joseph's RC Church, Hartlepool, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 9.50am to 4pm.

**Diary Dates for Lady Chapel at Osmotherley:** Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> August ~ Assumption of Our Lady. Rosary at Noon.

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August** ~ Queenship of Our Lady. Rosary, Adoration and Confession at Noon. There will be a Healing Mass at 3pm.

**Catholic Young Adults Group:** A group for Catholic men and women aged 18-35 to meet up, discuss their faith, socialise and build lasting friendships. Events every month, one formal (talks on scripture, film night etc.) and one more laid back (Mass at St. Joseph's Church on Marton Road, Middlesbrough, followed by a pub lunch). Next event is a talk on the introduction to the Gospel of St. John, followed by discussion, taking place Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August at St Joseph's Rectory. If interested, please get in touch with Patrick at [patrick.seargeant@btinternet.com](mailto:patrick.seargeant@btinternet.com). or telephone 07725472699.