

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2025

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

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As we celebrate All Saints' Day, we remember that God calls each of us to be saints. God created each of us for life with Him. This day is a celebration of all Christian saints, particularly those who have no special feast days of their own. Saints are holy people and human people who led extraordinary lives. Each saint the Church honours responded to God's invitation to use his or her unique gifts. God calls each one of us to be a saint.

A plenary indulgence can be gained from midday on Sunday until midnight on Monday by going to Confession, then a visit to a church reciting the Creed, Our Father and a prayer for the Pope's Intention.



**On All Souls Day** we pray for all people who have died. We ask God to bring them to the joyful banquet of heaven to be with Him and the saints forever. We pray for them and remember them with love, celebrating in faith their journey to God, now within the great community of saints.

**Congratulations to Stewart, Jess and Ian** who are received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church this Sunday. We welcome them into St. Patrick's Parish family. May the Holy Spirit guide them and bring them great joy. May they be nourished wit the body of Christ as they receive the Eucharist. Please join Stewart, Jess and Ian following Mass for cake and refreshments in the Parish Centre.



**The parish urgently needs people** to join the team who write the Bidding Prayers for our Sunday Masses. At the moment we each contribute the Prayers for the Sundays of one month; so, depending on the number of volunteers, this need not be a major responsibility for any individual person. It is a privilege, and not really burdensome, to draft the Bidding Prayers. If a team can get together, there will be full advice and support given. There will be an initial meeting (without commitment) to share information, to discuss and to answer questions. **So please consider offering to help!** Please contact Patricia Egerton on 01642-645732; or by e-mail to p.eqerton123@qmail.com.

**SPUC Urgent Request for Prayers . . .** As you know, two terrible bills are presently being debated in the House of Lords. One to totally decriminalise Abortion, the other to legalise Assisted Suicide. If these bills are both successful, we will end up with the worst abortion laws in the ENTIRE world and a euthanasia law that will become like that in the other nations. We have just been informed that, in Canada, the disabled are pressured to opt for euthanasia EVERY time they have a doctor's appointment! Your prayers are so urgently needed. Thank you.

**Teesside Catholic Young Adults** are a community of young people (18-35) looking to grow in faith and friendship. They meet regularly for social events, scripture and faith discussion. You are welcome to join them for Mass and lunch once a month. Phone Patrick on 07725472699.

All Saints' Day			
2	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
3	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	All Souls Medjugorje Rosary
4	Tuesday		
5	Wednesday		
6	Thursday	6.00pm	Divine Mercy & Healing Exposition
7	Friday	9.15am	Thanksgiving
8	Saturday	9.15am	Josie Murphy & Mary Speight
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica			
9	Sunday	9.00am	Nicola Holmes
Anniversaries:		Carol Stevenson, James Sowerby, Pauline Mileson	
NOUR ANN ERS		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 9 <sup>th</sup> November – Gwen Gallagher			
Feast Days: 3 <sup>rd</sup> November: The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed,			



Almighty and everlasting God, we honour all the saints who rest in your presence. Through their intercession may we find the courage to bear witness to Your love and truth. Strengthen our hearts to remain steadfast in faith, no matter what trials we face. Amen.

## SPUC Thanksgiving Mass

A Thanksgiving Mass for forty years of SPUC Stockton Branch will be celebrated at 9am on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> November. You are all invited to join us for Holy Mass, followed by light refreshments in the parish hall.

## **Last Sunday's main collection** came to £426.72. Many thanks.

4th November: St Charles Borromeo, 7th November: St Willibrord,

For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003

- The collection for the CAFOD Family Fast has come to a final total of £889.44. On behalf of CAFOD, many thanks.
- The collection for World Mission Sunday has so far raised £456.89. This collection closes this Sunday. Please put any final Gift Aid donations in the Gift Aid envelopes and place them in the main collection. Thank you.
- The collection for Clergy Training Fund has so far raised £347.77. The collection remains open for private and group donations until 23<sup>rd</sup> November and pink Gift Aid envelopes are in the Lobby for private donations.

**Steam, Wheels 'n' Rails** . . .**Coming soon to St Patrick's** is this exciting musical play, chronicling the story of the birth of the railways right here in our region over 200 years ago. The S&DR200 Community Players will perform this abridged period costume drama on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets are £10 and are available to reserve from <a href="mailto:briancoady@hotmail.co.uk">briancoady@hotmail.co.uk</a>. Please leave your selected date and ticket quantity request. Your tickets will be available to collect and pay for at the door on your chosen night.