

Sunday 5th October, 2025

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

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Faith is a relationship of trust with Jesus Christ, He is the one we can trust in for forgiveness. Faith receives the presence of Christ into our hearts. Our Lord takes on our sin, our sadness, our fears and anxieties. In return we receive his grace, forgiveness, love and new life. When we understand that faith is trusting God, we can begin to live out that trust through discipline and humility, becoming true servants of God who do the work He gives us to do. In the end faith grows in surprising ways. God is at work all the time, supporting us in varied and heartfelt ways.

**Every Sunday** there are printed sheets available in the porch (near where you can pick up copies of this Newsletter) containing the **Readings and Prayers for that Mass** – in the new translation. Do pick up to use it, then take it home to read through again.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Assissi,** 19<sup>th</sup>–23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026, coinciding with the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of St. Francis. It also involves an opportunity to visit the shrine of our newest saint, Carlos Acutis. If you are interested in taking part in this Parish Pilgrimage please see Canon Cooper.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October was a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World (Harvest Fast Day). highlighting CAFOD's work with communities in Ethiopia, helping build more water tanks in communities where women have to walk for hours to get water. This is alongside their continued response to urgent needs in the Holy Land, Ukraine and Sudan through trusted local church partners. Your support enables them to provide practical assistance for the most vulnerable brothers and sisters worldwide. Further information about the Family Fast Day appeal can be found at <a href="mailto:cafod.org.uk/parish.">cafod.org.uk/parish.</a>, There will be a second collection this Sunday for the return of the CAFOD envelopes. Thank you.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for October** ~ *For collaboration between different religious traditions.* Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

**Fr Dermott Donnelly founded the charity 'Significance'** to enable young people to become all that God has created them to be. Significance supports YMT and the ongoing development of the Emmaus Village and also provides grants for particular projects which provide opportunities to young people. To raise funds, Significance has launched a Grand Draw: First prize is 2 tickets for a 'Britian's Got Talent' live semi-final in 2026, first class LNER travel and overnight staying in a London hotel and there are other exciting prizes. Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday,  $23^{rd}$  November, 2025. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. Raffle tickets can be sent to you by contacting significance316:gmail.com



**St. Patrick's Men's Club Event** . . . You are invited to the next dance evening featuring 'Mosaic' on Saturday  $18^{th}$  October, 8pm-11pm. Dance the night away or sit and enjoy the music. Please bring your own food and drink, contact Ken Marr to book (01642 602336). Tickets £6.

| 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  |           |  |                              |
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| 5  | Sunday    | 9.00am   | Eileen Fisher (SVP)          |
| 6  | Monday    | 5.30pm   | No Mass<br>Medjugorje Rosary |
| 7  | Tuesday   |  |                              |
| 8  | Wednesday |  |                              |
| 9  | Thursday  | 6.00pm   | Rosary & Healing Exposition  |
| 10   | Friday    |  | No Mass                      |
| 11   | Saturday  | 9.15am   | Caroline and Barry Hughes    |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  |           |  |                              |
| 12   | Sunday    | 9.00am   | People of our Parish         |
| Anniversaries:   |           | Fred Davis, Pat O'Brien, William Southall,<br>Clifford Brown, Robert Parkinson   |                              |
| Seaward Man And Andrews Andrew |           | Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning,<br>Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens,<br>Andrew Brydon, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Brian<br>Lee, Kathleen Hanley, Samuel Kiberu, Brian Wetherell,<br>Joyce Thomas, Chris Bostock |                              |
| Reader for Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October – Rosanne Delplanque  |           |  |                              |
| Feast Days: <b>7</b> <sup>th</sup> October; Our Lady of the Rosary, <b>9</b> <sup>th</sup> October: St John Henry Newman, <b>10</b> <sup>th</sup> October; St Paulinus or York   |           |  |                              |
| For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003   |           |  |                              |



Our Lady of the Rosary, you care for each of us with tender motherly love. You wish us to truly turn to you so that you may care for us as a mother. Please bring all of our needs before the throne of your Divine Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that we and all people may grow in true devotion to you. Amen.

**Holy Hour** St. Joseph's RC Church at 4.00pm on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> October. All are welcome.

Please visit the Parish Shop, new stock is arriving for Christmas.

**Next Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer** for Prisoners and their Dependants. This year's theme for Prisons Week is 'Jesus looked at him and loved him'.

**St John Henry Newman** (Feast Day 9<sup>th</sup> October) . . . Pope Leo XIV officially declared John Henry Newman a 'Doctor of the Church' on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2025, recognising his significant contributions to Catholic theology and doctrine. This recognition that the writings of St John Henry Newman are a true expression of the faith of the Church is of huge encouragement to all who appreciate not only his great learning but also his heroic sanctity in following the call of God in his journey of faith, which he described as 'heart speaking unto heart'. Very few people in the history of the Church have been given this title, beginning with some of the early Church Fathers like St. Ambrose and St. Augustine, up until St. Therese of Lisieux. St. John Henry Newman becomes only the thirty-eighth Doctor of the Church.

**Missio Red Box collections are due**. Please see Veronica and John Bowron with your box or you can leave them at the Parish Shop. Thank You.

**Open Scroll** is a six-session series on understanding the Book of Revelation. Taking place on Zoom on the second Monday of the month, the talks start in October, 7-8.30pm. If you'd like to be part of the talks, please contact Mia Fox (mia.fox@diocesehn.org.uk) to join the WhatsApp group to receive the Zoom links. These talks are not being recorded.