



Sunday 11th February 2024

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for the Sick. This is an annual observance that recognizes and raises awareness about the importance of providing care and support to individuals who are ill, particularly those facing chronic or severe health challenges. This day also acknowledges the vital role of healthcare workers and caregivers in delivering compassionate care to patients. The theme chosen for the 2024 is from the Book of Genesis, "It is not good that man should be alone." It was subtitled, "Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships." The sick, the vulnerable and the poor are at the heart of the Church, they must also be at the heart of our human concern and pastoral attention.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, embrace all who are emotionally and physically ill that they may return to good health under your tender care. Let us never forget your special care for the sick that they may also know they are precious and loved. Amen.



Ash Wednesday . . . Ash Wednesday begins the forty-day journey of Lent, It sets us on a time of self-examination and repentance, to wait upon and prepare for the renewal given by God's Spirit in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will spend Lent journeying with Jesus toward the cross, toward the death that ultimately brings Resurrection Life.



Mass times: 12Noon - St. Mary's RC Church, **7.00pm** - St. Patrick's RC Church

Important Safeguarding Update . . . The safeguarding office for our diocese has decided to spread the huge volume of work involved updating several thousand volunteers every 3 years. Accordingly, they have asked parish reps to go through their parish lists and ask everyone who's valid clearance is 18 months old, or more, and are registered with the On-Line Update Service (OUS) to UPDATE NOW! The unregistered can run to the end of their three years, then update as normal. This will mean that a smaller percentage of the diocese will be dealt with NOW and a smaller percentage in 18 months' time. All clearances will be for the usual 3 years. For those who are registered with OUS already, your work is very easy. You will be handed a SAE with one easy form to fill in. It is the form you have filled in numerous times and then you place it in the envelope and post it off. That's it for three more years. Those not registered will continue until their 3 years are up. As always, I will help all who need it. Just let me know. Thanks for all the work you do for the parishes and RASPS.
(Maurice 07531 721 274.)

Diocesan Lenten Reflection Booklets . . . Last year's Lent booklets were very well received. As we prepare to commemorate Jesus' salvific death and resurrection at Easter, we hope that this year's edition will once again foster prayerful reflection on the Scriptures and a renewed sense of purpose and hope amongst the people of the Diocese. The reflections have been written by a variety of people to express the richness of our diocesan community. Please visit the Diocesan website to access the resources.

Cleveland Newman Association . . . On February 21st from 7.45pm in Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall, Coulby Newham, we will have '**A short journey through St Luke's Gospel**'. This will involve short readings, the opportunity for reflection, and music in Taize style (also light refreshments!). We hope that this will be an enlightening and positive experience for all: everyone is welcome!

6th Sunday of the Year			
11	Sunday	9.00am	Doreen Hill (SVP)
12	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Mary Speight Medjugorje Rosary ~ All welcome
13	Tuesday		
14	Ash Wednesday	7.00pm	Special Intention
15	Thursday	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross
16	Friday	9.15am	Special Intention
17	Saturday	9.15am	John & Mollie Cawood
1st Sunday of Lent			
18	Sunday	9.00am	Alan Taylor
Anniversaries:		Tina Bedford, Alan Robert, William Anderson	
		Margaret Devlin, 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, Sheila Kerr	
Reader for Sunday 18th February ~ Catherine Dixon Barker			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Day of Prayer for the Unemployed

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work.. Guide the leaders of our country, that they may make wise decisions which will benefit us all. We ask you, Lord, to guide us in the knowledge that we all have worth in ourselves and that we are all of equal value in your eyes, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Pope's Prayer Intention for February

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

The Stations of the Cross during Lent will be on a Thursday evening, starting on Thursday 15th February, led by St. Patrick's SVP. If any group would like to volunteer to lead Stations of the Cross please contact Deacon Mick or telephone the Parish office, 01642 580171. Thank you



St. Patrick's Men's Club Present 'An Evening with Paul Tilley.' He is a renowned and accomplished musician, composer and singer. **Saturday 24th February**, 8pm to 11pm in the Parish Centre. Order your tickets now (£6). Contact Ken Marr, tel. 01642 602336. Please bring your own drink and food.

SVP Membership Support Officer (MSO) . . . The St Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic lay organisation whose members seeks out and help those in need in the community. It would like to recruit an MSO for the Hexham and Newcastle Diocese to support member recruitment and development, provide general support for members and be the link between groups and National Office. This is a part time, home-based role (22.5 hours per week – 3 days equivalent) working as part of the SVP Membership Team. It would suit someone comfortable giving presentations to large audiences as well working on a personal level with individuals and small groups. It requires the ability to travel around the diocese to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Having your own transport is essential. Travel expenses are paid. For further information and details how to apply contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at lancep@svp.org.uk. Closing date for applications is Sunday 7th April.