



Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

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

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**SS. PETER & PAUL . . .** Veneration of the two great Apostles, Peter and Paul, has its roots in the very foundations of the Church. They are the solid rock on which the Church is built. The names Peter and Paul are inseparable: Peter the rock, the outspoken, impulsive follower of Christ who became the chief Shepherd, the first Pope; Paul, the strong, sturdy, tireless preacher and evangelist who took the Good News of God's love in Christ through the known world. Peter holds the keys of authority-binding and loosing. Paul holds the book of the Gospel, Good News for all. Both were instrumental in the establishment and growth of the early church through their boldness, spiritual strength and wisdom.

**First Holy Communion ~ Congratulations** to the final group of children who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend. Thank you to Canon Cooper, staff of St. Patrick's School and all who prepared the Church. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers so that they may always draw close to Jesus in the Eucharist.

**The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)** wish to highlight the importance of the sanctity of life during the General Election campaign period and have shared the following information for consideration:


Recent Government figures reveal a troubling increase in the number of abortions taking place: 252,122 in England and Wales and 18,207 in Scotland in 2022. Despite the staggering scale of this loss of life and the wider consequences for our society, the Catholic Church is almost alone as a major cultural force in recognising the gravity of the deliberate destruction of innocent human life.

SPUC is dedicated to supporting the efforts of the Church in promoting the inherent worth of all human life. During the campaign for the General Election, citizens inevitably consider the values they wish for in their society and we have therefore created resources to enable the importance of pro-life issues to be raised with Parliamentary candidates. We do this in a way which respects the right of voters to hold their own political views on prudential matters.

Recently, the threat of home-induced abortion being decriminalised up to birth was narrowly avoided, but it is almost certain that similar proposals will return in the coming session of Parliament. Similarly, there is growing momentum for legislation to permit assisted suicide. For these reasons, SPUC has launched a campaign to encourage voters to protect the most vulnerable members of our society. We have created advanced tools to support this initiative, which can be accessed at [www.spuc.org.uk/valueyourvote](http://www.spuc.org.uk/valueyourvote).

**The Diocesan Liturgical Formation team are running a day for** readers of all levels of experience to explore the new translation of the Lectionary on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at St Augustine, Darlington, DL3 7RG. This day will provide an opportunity to look at the background of the new Lectionary and to be ready to proclaim the Scriptures. For more information and to book, please visit: [bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents](http://bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents). Details of other Liturgy days are also available on the Diocesan website.

**St. Patrick's Men's Club invite you to a Social Evening** on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00pm, in the Parish Centre. There will be a Quiz, Bingo and Raffle. Everyone welcome.

<b>SS Peter and Paul</b>			
30	Sunday	9.00am	Pat Fenwick
1	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Repose of a Soul in Purgatory Medjugorje Rosary for World Peace
2	Tuesday		
3	Wednesday <b>St Thomas</b>		
4	Thursday	6.00pm	Divine Mercy & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5	Friday	9.15am	Joan Faley (SVP)
6	Saturday	9.15am	Win Broadbent (SVP)
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>			
7	Sunday	9.00am	David Fenwick
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		David Fenwick, Patricia Boyce, Ryszarda Okninski, Jill Bradley, Monica McShane	
		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, Joyce Thomas	
<b>Reader for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July ~ David Wright</b>			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



**Father**, We rejoice in the call to belong to the Church, To believe in the Gospel, and to be united with the successors of your Apostles. As you answer our prayers, Increase our fidelity to the Gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Pope's Prayer Intention for July**

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

**This weekend there is the annual collection** for Peter's Pence and support for the Holy See.

**There will be a Holy Hour** at 4:00pm in St Joseph's on Sunday, 7th July. All are welcome.

**The Refugee and Asylum Seekers Project** are urgently requiring clothing for young men. Any donations please contact Karen Dick on 07759984586. Sincere thanks.

**Youth 2000 is holding an afternoon of prayer & praise**, reflection and social on Sunday 7th July from 2.00pm to 4pm at St Cuthbert's R C Church, Old Elvet. Open to Young people aged 16 to 35, under 16s will need to request a Parent Consent form from [frnickjennings@uwclub.net](mailto:frnickjennings@uwclub.net). Further enquiries email [irishanthony12@gmail.com](mailto:irishanthony12@gmail.com).

Don't forget to book for the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Ampleforth Abbey on August 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 26<sup>th</sup>. <https://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2024>

**The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement UK.** Please join us in beautiful Ampleforth Abbey for our annual conference on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Full weekend £200-£220, with all meals and accommodation included. Day ticket £60 with no meals included, please bring a packed lunch. Please see notice board for programme, registration details and telephone numbers to book a room.