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RECENTLY DECEASED

Clara Pride

ANNIVERSARIES

Marlene Golden, Jimmy Hodgson, Dennis McGough, Terry Donnelly.

MASSES RECEIVED

Dennis McGough, Peter Allan, Jimmy Hodgson, Annie & Jim White, Jim Fiddy, Fr P Murray SM, Malcom Hall, Terry Donnelly, Martin and Margaret McNulty, Doreen and Tom Brown.

REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO OUR LADY

The preparation begins on Friday, 21st February. All Catholics and anyone who wants to join in are invited to begin a personal 33 day consecration to Jesus through Mary following the method of St Louis de Montfort. The parish has received some sfree booklets called '33 Days to Morning Glory' by Fr Michael Gaitley. Please take one home and use it each day. I strongly encourage everyone to take part. This is an excellent opportunity to help bring our country, our parish, our families and ourselves under the powerful protection of Our Lady.

SPUC - "STRINGS ATTACHED"

Thank you to everyone who attended the SPUC film night. The Middlesbrough branch of SPUC began to meet again last year on the second Monday of the month at St Thomas More's at 7 pm. They also have a Holy Hour on the last Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to go along and support this important work.

LOURDES MASS

For The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes for our Registered Pilgrims, Hospitalite and all are welcome, Tuesday, 11th February 2020, at 6.30 pm at The Cathedral. Refreshments.

FUNDRAISING GROUP MEETING

Is on Thursday, February 11th at 6.30 pm in the parish hall.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

A one day conference and training event hosted by SPUC on Saturday, 7th March 9.30 am—4.00 pm at Tyneside Irish Centre. £30 person including lunch and refreshments.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

MASS ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK = 371

MASSES AND SERVICES THIS WEEK

DAY	TIME	PLACE	INTENTION	FEAST
Saturday	6.30 pm Vigil	St. Andrew's	Jimmy Hodgson	
Sunday	9.30 am	St. Andrew's	Marlene Golden	5th Sunday
	11.00 am	St. Anne's	Ann & Jim White	
	12.15 pm	St. Peter's	William Chapman	
Monday	9.15 am	St. Andrew's	James Pepper	St Scholastica
	12.00 noon	St. Peter's	Maureen Wentworth Requiem	
Tuesday	9.15 am	St. Andrew's	Bill Hudson	Our Lady of Lourdes
Wednesday	9.15 am	St. Anne's	Peter Allan	
Thursday	9.15 am	St. Andrew's	Mary & Tom Cockett	
Friday	10.30 am	St. Andrew's	Eugene Twohig	St Cyril & St Methodius
Saturday	9.15 am	St. Andrew's	Fr Peter Murray SM	Votive Mass of Our Lady

CONFESSIONS: Each Saturday, 9.45-10.15 am & 5.30-6.00 pm at St. Andrew's Church

LOURDES SOCIAL EVENING

Friday, 27th March to help finance school children who are valuable helpers to travel to Lourdes. Tombola & Raffle prizes would be appreciated. Tickets available shortly.

ROMERO PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY ISLAND

On Saturday, 4th April. A celebration of the life of St. Oscar Romero as we reflect on the 40th anniversary of his martyrdom. Welcome gathering and prayer at 11.00 am. Take a picnic lunch or buy food on the island. See notice board for more information.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGES - MAY 2020

1. BY LUXURY COACH with Mgr Morgan on Friday May 22nd — Saturday, May 30th. Limited seats available. For more info contact Sue Golden on 01642 465020.

2. BY AEROPLANE
Flying from Durham Tees Valley Airport on Friday, May 22nd — Friday, May 29th. More information available from Keith Tillotson on 01642 324043 or e-mail: pilgrimage@rcd.org.uk

THE PARISH CAN HELP...

Anyone who would like to nominate a parishioner who would benefit from joining either of the above Pilgrimages please contact Fr Michael as soon as possible. Special consideration will be given to those who are ill & who have not been before.

TODAY IS RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The theme of this year's *Racial Justice Sunday* is 'You are at the heart of the Church' and celebrates the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales'. Historically, Gypsies, Roma and Travellers have experienced discrimination both in the wider society and, sadly, within the Church. The aim of this *Racial Justice Sunday* is to celebrate the contribution that the Travelling Communities make within our parishes and to encourage parishioners to be more welcoming towards fellow Catholics who come from a Traveller background. Pope Francis challenges us to address discrimination.

"You are not on the margins of the Church...you are at the centre... You are at the heart of the Church" (Pope St Paul VI at Roman traveller site).

CONFIRMATION — JUNE 2020

Young people in Year 9 and above who would like to be confirmed by the Bishop please let Fr. Michael know asap. Applicants need to be Baptised, to have made their First Confession and Holy Communion and attend Sunday Mass.

J&K TRAINING

Have booked Room 2 in the hall an extra 2 days per week to provide maths and English classes Tuesday to Friday to unemployed people, starting Tuesday, March 5th to year end.

DIARY DATES

Friday 13th March: Irish Night at St Gabriel's with Janie St John
Tickets £5 (incl Pie & Peas) Raffle, tombola, Bingo.

COUNTING TEAM: This week 'C' Next week 'A'

THIS WEEK'S HALL DIARY

Mon: Weight Watchers 9.00—11.00 am Room 8
Bingo 5.30 — 8.00 pm Main Hall
Tues: J&K Training 8.30 am — 4.30 pm Room 2
Mother's Prayers group 10.00 — 11.30 am Room 3
MAP Asylum Seekers Noon — 2.00 pm Main Hall
Labour Party meeting 6.30—9.30 pm Main Hall
Meditation Group 7.00 — 8.30 pm Room 3
Wed: J&K Training 8.30 am — 4.30 pm Room 2
Parent & Toddler group 9.30 — 11.30 am Main Hall
Weight Watchers 5.00 — 7.00 pm Room 8
Sync Dancing 7.30 — 10.30 pm Main Hall
Thurs: Legion of Mary 10.00 — 11.30 am Room 3
Bingo 1.30 — 4.00 pm Main Hall
Swing Fit 7.00—8.00 pm Main Hall
Fri: St. Gabriel's School 9.00 am—10.00 pm All rooms
Sat: Baby Shower 1.00 — 4.00 pm Main Hall

CLEANING ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Cleaning at St. Andrew's church is tomorrow (Monday) after 9.15 am Mass and once a month thereafter. The team would welcome any new volunteers with open arms. Just come along between 9.45 and 10.00 am. There might even be a cuppa and a biscuit on offer too!!

BONUS BALL DRAW

Wednesday, February 5th: **No — 1 —**

£30 each goes to: **Brian Mackin and Phil**

Contact Paul Terry with your winning ticket to claim your prize.

300 CLUB JANUARY RESULTS

1st £90: Margaret Thomas number 222; 2nd £15: David Jameson number 103; 3rd £10: Doreen Dunn 298. Drawn on Thursday, February 6th. See Paul Terry to claim your prize.

STILL TIME TO JOIN FOR FEBRUARY DRAW

Thank you to everyone who have renewed or joined this year. We didn't get enough members to keep up the prizes from last year so the prizes for this year will be **£90, £15 and £10**. You can still join in time for the February draw, **£11 for the remainder of the year** for a monthly £1 draw
Envelopes are at the back of all our churches. If you are not a member why not consider joining and asking your family and friends and give yourselves a chance of winning one of the three monthly prizes.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST SCHOLASTICA — MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY



Saint Scholastica was the twin sister of St Benedict and shared the same ideals. Both established religious communities within a few miles from each other in Italy. Born in 480 of wealthy parents, Scholastica and Benedict were brought up together until he left central Italy for Rome to continue his studies. Little is known of Scholastica's early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino. The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse as Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters. According to the *Dialogues* of St. Gregory the Great, the brother and sister spent their last day

together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close at hand and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day but he refused not wanting to be away from his community, so she prayed and to God and a severe storm prevented him from travelling. She said if he wouldn't grant her wish, she knew God would! They both gave priority to God, deepening their friendship with him through prayer. They sacrificed some of the opportunities they would have had to be together as brother and sister in order better to fulfil their vocation to the religious life. In coming closer to Christ, however, they found they were also closer to each other.

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