



THE PARISH OF ST. PATRICK & ST. GEORGE



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WEEKLY BULLETIN 23rd – 29th JANUARY 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR C

Sunday, 23rd January	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	<i>Mick & Teresa Moore RIP</i>
Wednesday, 26th January	St Patrick's, Forest Town	9.15 am Mass	<i>Andrew Martin RIP</i>
Sunday, 30th January	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	<i>Robert McGranaghan RIP</i>

ROTAS

Sunday, 23rd January	Mass	Stewards:	Dilys & Volunteer	Reader: Ian
		Minister:	Marion	
		Counters:	Angela & Andrew	Cleaning: Val, Linda & John
Sunday, 30th January	Mass	Stewards:	Cory & Linda	Reader: Angela
		Minister:	Andrew	
		Counters:	Ken & Rosie	Cleaning: Rosie & Sheila

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS:

First Reading	<i>Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10</i>
Response	<i>Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life</i>
Second Reading	<i>1 Corinthians 12: 12-30</i>
Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the Good News to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia!</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 1: 1-4; 4:14-21</i>

Your Prayers are requested for: Janet C; Mary S; Stephanie W; Garry; Malcolm S; Jay; Liz T (Anne's niece); Jackson L (in thanksgiving for a recovery from his operation); Martin M; Rosemary S; Tina T; Mary C, KP (Karen's brother-in-law), Joseph D, Noel De L; Danny De L; Dianna B, Mary M, Theresa D; Ron and Jean M; Claire D and Mrs C. Casey. All those suffering from the coronavirus and those working in the NHS or Care Services; those working in essential services to keep our country functioning. *Please let Fr John know of anyone who would like to be remembered in our prayers.*

TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED AFTER SUNDAY MASS FROM THIS WEEKEND – ALL WELCOME

SUNDAY 23rd January: WORD OF GOD SUNDAY A Prayer you could use Before Reading Scripture

It is good to read a few verses from Scripture each day. Before reading the Bible, pray for the blessings of the Holy Spirit to help us understand what we are reading and so be transformed.

Father, anoint me with your Holy Spirit, so that as I read your eternal word, your word may penetrate my whole being and transform me. Grant me the blessing to be a faithful disciple in believing the Word of God and that I may be a light shining upon all who are in darkness. Amen. *(St Charles Borromeo)*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Saturday, 22nd January – Wednesday, 25th January

Creator of light, illumine our path by the light of Christ who moves before us and leads us.

May he be a beacon for our pilgrimage. Enlighten us and dwell within us. Guide us to discover a manger in our hearts where a great light still shines. We thank you for the gift of that unfading Star, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Heal our divisions and draw us closer to the Light that we may find our unity in him. Amen. Further resources are available on www.ctbi.org.uk (Christians Together in Britain & Ireland)

Mass of Induction: Thank you to everyone who supported this event and especially to those who helped prepare the Hall and bring cakes etc.

SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH: Following the consultation meeting towards the end of last year, the process of closing St George's Church in Rainworth is now under way. A final Mass of De-consecration is being planned for **Tuesday, 15th February** after which the site will be put up for sale. A commemorative booklet which we hope will include a brief history of the church is being prepared and memories or photos of St George's are invited. **If any parishioner has details about the construction of the church or particular events, this information would also be very helpful.** Please send details to kendaly@hotmail.co.uk or bring them to St Patrick's by **1st February** if possible. All photos will be scanned and returned so please put your name on the back.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' COURSE: On Saturday 29th January from 10.45 am to 1.30 pm at St Philip Neri Parish Hall, there will be a training course for new Eucharistic Ministers. These new Ministers will be helping in the parish prior to formal commissioning by Bishop Patrick sometime in the future. Serving Ministers would be welcome to attend if they would like a refresher course. Please contact Mary Watling or the office if you wish to attend.

Food Bank: Thank you for your continued support and the foodbank is very grateful and amazed at our generosity every week of the year. Please continue to donate tinned meat and fish, UHT milk, tinned fruit and vegetables, coffee, fruit juice, nappies, toiletries and cleaning materials. Many thanks for your generosity. Angela.

SCHOOL NEWS: Pupils returned to school last week and following Diocesan advice regarding the current COVID-19 situation, Masses in St Patrick's School resumed on a class basis during the week commencing 17th January. Unfortunately, families and parishioners are unable to attend at this present time. The situation will be reviewed as soon as possible as the school has greatly welcomed the opportunity of inviting you all to Mass. Other school news available on their respective websites.

VACANCIES AT ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY ACADEMY: **Early Years Foundation Stage Leader** and an **Apprentice Sports Teaching Assistant**. Enquiries about the above vacancies are very welcome by contacting the school on 01623 478090.

FUNDRAISING: Congratulations to Cory and Debbie who raised £250.00 with their Christmas lights display. Cory and Debbie are re-introducing Bingo Sessions on a Thursday at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall. Raffle and Scratchcard prizes and refreshments. All welcome. Proceeds to the Emily Harris Foundation for which Cory and Debbie have already raised over £2,300.

FINANCES: Sunday, 16th January

Envelopes £232.00 Loose Plate £206.00 Standing Orders £135.00 Total £573.00
Sick and Retired Priests Fund £47.50 Development Fund £20.00 Mass Offering £10.00

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