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12th September 2021- Sunday 24 of Ordinary Time, Yr B

19th September 2021- Sunday 25 of Ordinary Time, Yr B



Day & Time	Mass or Service	Mass Intention
Sat. 6pm	Sunday 24, Ordinary Time	Martin Bane
Sun. 10.30am	Sunday 24, Ordinary Time	Michael Rowbottom
Mon. 10am	St John Chrysostom, Bp, Dr	Addie Glendenning
Tue. 10am	Requiem: Michael Rowbottom	
Wed. 10am	Our Lady of Sorrows	Margaret Huby
Thur. 10am	Ss Cornelius P & Cyprian, Bp Mm	Penelope Denny
Fri. 10am	St Robert Bellarmine Dr	Clare
Sat. 6pm	Sunday 25, Ordinary Time	Mary Porterefield
Sun. 10.30am	Sunday 25, Ordinary Time	Anna Longato
Mon. 10am	Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, & Companions Mm	Holy Souls FOSS
Tue.	No service	
Wed.	No service	
Thur.	No service	
Fri.	No service	
Sat. 6pm	Sunday 26, Ordinary Time	Charles Moorhouse
Sun. 10.30am	Sunday 26, Ordinary Time	Deceased Catenians

Requiem FOR MIKE ROWBOTTOM

10am, Tuesday 14th September

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE 2021-22

Introductory meeting 11.15am, Sun. 12th Sept.

If your child is in school year 3 or above in September 2021 and would like to participate in the 2021-22 course please complete and return an application form in the church porch or by dropping Fr John an email.

SVP PARISH COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who arranged and supported the hugely enjoyable and relaxing coffee morning last Friday 10th Sept.
Ta too to the secret bakers!

WATCH OUT – CABAORKE III COMING!

7.30pm, Sat. 27th November

The musical extravaganza returns and our fab five-piece stand ready to accompany your singing dreams- mowtown, disco, rock- wherever your voice takes you. We've been royally entertained by a variety of performers previously and look forward to new vocalists joining the ranks.

So if you would like to sing this year please contact Rory using rorymellishollins@hotmail.com, or speak to him after mass. Rehearsals will be given. Doors on the night will open 6.45pm – just bring your own drinks/snacks and a big party spirit!

CONFIRMATION COURSE 2020

The course that had to be suspended in March 2020 will re-start shortly – details to follow.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Sat. 2 – Sun. 3 October 2 (subject to any further government restrictions). Info./booking contact Sarah Holmes bishopsecretary@rcdmidd.org.uk.

Please advise on your room and travel requirements. As usual, it is anticipated there will be coach pick-ups in Middlesbrough and York.

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

EM parishioners generously support many different charities. Any donations you can give to any of the following collections (*=mandatory collections) would be much appreciated.

12 Sept. Home Mission* 24 Oct. MISSIO*
26 Sept. EM SVP 7 Nov. Retired Priests*
10 Oct. CAFOD 21 Nov. Diocesan Youth*

BAR CONVENT STAFF VACANCY

Part-time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

We are looking for someone to help support the smooth running of our Pastoral Centre and contribute to its warm, welcoming and friendly atmosphere. This post will suit someone who enjoys meeting people from a range of backgrounds. You will be one of our front-facing team members welcoming groups and individuals using and visiting the Centre alongside dealing with those contacting us by telephone and email. In addition to reception duties, you will play a key part in the smooth functioning of the Centre undertaking general administrative tasks, in particular, having responsibility for the processing of our Centre bookings and ensuring a good experience for our users. 8.30am-5.30pm, 2 days/week (Mon.& Tue). £11 per hour. Further info/application pack from the Administrator E. admin@stbedes.org.uk T. 01904 464900 or by. Closing date for applications – Fri. 17th Sept. at 5pm. Interviews Thur. 23rd Sept.

Apply to work for Right To Life UK

Are you looking to leave a corporate career and instead use your skills and energy to make a significant positive difference to this world? Right To Life UK are currently hiring highly-skilled, hard-working, professional individuals for a number of positions across media, digital, operations and, in particular, public affairs. Please visit the link below to view the roles they are looking to hire for and learn how to apply. www.righttolife.org.uk/jobs/

FREE online Catholic Bible course.

Ten Wednesdays from 29 September. <https://www.comeandsee.org/>

100 CLUB

29.8.21 J. & V. Smurthwaite (90);
5.9.21 S. Hawkins (50)

Pastoral Letter: The Synod of Bishops

Dear sisters and brothers

During the pandemic, among many of the phrases which have frequently been employed, the fact that *we are all in it together*, stands out. Pope Francis has convened the Synod of Bishops to take place in 2023. The title is “For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission.” And he asks us all to prepare for it. So, what on earth is a Synod? Well, *we are all in it together*, or at least, *we are all journeying together, we are all on the road together*.

To clarify the matter, we can turn to Pope Francis himself. In 2015, on the 50th Anniversary of the Institution of the Synod of Bishops he explained what he meant by “Synod” and “Synodality” very clearly. *What the Lord is asking of us is already in some sense present in the very word “synod”. Journeying together — laity, pastors, the Bishop of Rome — is an easy concept to put into words, but not so easy to put into practice. A synodal Church is a Church which listens, which realises that listening is more than simply hearing. It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn.....: all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, in order to know what he says to the Churches.*

The Synod process begins by listening to the people of God, which shares also in Christ’s prophetic office. The Synod process then continues by listening to the pastors (and) culminates in listening to the Bishop of Rome, who is called to speak as pastor and teacher of all Christians.

The first level of the exercise of synodality begins in the particular Churches. Only to the extent that these organisations keep connected to the base and start from people and their daily problems, can a synodal Church begin to take shape: these means, even when they prove wearisome, must be valued as an opportunity for listening and sharing.

The second level is that of Ecclesiastical Provinces and Ecclesiastical Regions, Particular Councils and, in a special way, Conferences of Bishops. In a synodal Church, as I have said, it is not advisable for the Pope to take the place of local Bishops in the discernment of every issue which arises in their territory. In this sense, I am conscious of the need to promote a sound decentralisation.

So now, I set out our timetable for the Particular Church of the Diocese of Middlesbrough. Firstly, I have nominated the person who will be the facilitator of the process and gather a small group together to help. Canon Derek Turnham has agreed to take on this role. We await a questionnaire to come from Rome, which I hope will have arrived by the time you receive this Pastoral Letter.

However, a template to contextualise the questionnaire has been prepared in advance. In this way there will be no delay in getting it out to the parishes, apostolic organisations and religious houses within the diocese.

The Preamble to the Synod of Bishops opens in October (weekend of 9/10) in Rome and then a week later in the diocese (17th Opening Mass at the Cathedral 10 am.). By this time, I hope that the questionnaires will have created a forum for discussion. It is my expectation that each parish, apostolic organisation, and religious house will elect one representative to come together to share, under the Holy Spirit, whatever has been discerned. This can then be shared with all the representatives and with me, the Bishop of this Local Church, as we listen to what is being said through prayer and the inspiration of the Spirit. Again, as Bishop, I will then begin the process of discernment as to what, in the Spirit and through prayer, should be carried forward to the national level. All this so that eventually the Synod of Bishops as such is able to discern with Peter and under Peter what the Spirit is saying to us now and into the future.

It is important to understand that the Synod, albeit a form of governance in the Church, can only be effective in as much as it is the result of prayerful listening and reflection under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is not about “agendas”, personal or otherwise. It is about discerning the voice and directions of the Holy Spirit. So, please ask the Spirit to guide us all as we prepare to journey together.

Yours in blessed hope, Terence Patrick, Bishop of Middlesbrough.