

Parish of St. John Henry Newman



Social calendar 2023



Message from Fr Darren

Dear all I hope that you are all well at this time.

Lately, the world seems to be lurching from one crisis to another. We've experienced a global pandemic, dramatic changes to how we conduct our daily lives, economic uncertainty, and political and social turmoil, as well as an array of natural disasters. Then there are personal traumas that people are also dealing with, such as the loss of a loved one, declining health, unemployment and much more. For many of us, this is a time of unprecedented struggle and upheaval.

Arriving here in September 2021, I knew that there would be a lot to do coming out of the other side of the pandemic, and since then it seems to have been one thing after another. Nevertheless, as a parish we have been taking small but important steps in rebuilding this parish community. I am gratefully for all the help and support I have received in making these small but important steps. People have been and continue to work hard behind the scenes, ensuring events and social occasions are made available and are enjoyable. In the last year we have made available a number of events but have resisted from having an expanded programme as we are always mindful that people are still, even now, a bit nervous and reluctant to mix; COVID has not gone away. Nearly a year ago, the government published the document entitled 'Living with COVID' and so, a year on, we are still adapting and being careful, ensuring that we protect each other.

Over recent times, so many things that we once knew have either been put on hold or have now become something we used to do years ago. I feel that it is time that we begin to turn our small steps into bigger steps in moving forward as a parish community.

I met with the social committee a few weeks ago and together, we have looked at a programme for the coming year. I am really grateful for the social committee's enthusiasm and commitment in being the driving force in making opportunities available.

I really encourage all of you to attend these social events, not every event will be everyone's cup of tea and that why we have come up with a variety of different events to try and offer something for everyone.

Prayers and best wishes Fr Darren



WEEKLY

TEA AND COFFEE: Every Sunday, tea and coffee after the 10:30am Sunday Mass, St Mary's Parish Hall.

PLAYGROUP: Every Monday, playgroup, 10am - 11.30am in St Mary's Parish Hall.

LEGION OF MARY: Every Tuesday at 10am, St Patrick's

LECTIO DIVINA: Every Friday at 1:30pm in St Mary's Presbytery.

FORTNIGHTLY

CUPPA AND CHAT: Every other Monday, cuppa and chat, 10:30am - 12 noon, St Patrick's

BEREAVEMENT GROUP: Every other Monday, Bereavement Group, 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Mary's Parish Hall.

BINGO: Every other Tuesday, 1:30pm, St Patrick's



SOCIAL CALENDAR 2023



**FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY, 7.30PM,
QUIZ NIGHT, ST MARY'S PARISH
HALL**

Teams of four, if possible, entry £4-00 a team, bring your own bottle and nibbles. Sign-up sheets at the back of church this weekend.



**TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
AFTER 11AM MASS, PANCAKES,
TEA AND COFFEE**

Tickets now available for Shrove Tuesday 21st February £1 per ticket. Come and join us for some pancakes after the 11am Mass (the Mass time on this day will change from 10am to 11am) at St Patrick's Church. All welcome, bring a friend. The ticket price includes a couple of pancakes, with fillings, tea, coffee or a soft drink. There will also be a quick game of bingo and a quiz.





**THURSDAYS DURING LENT
AFTER THE 12:10 MASS
SVP LUNCH, FIRST
THURSDAY 2ND MARCH**

The lunch will take place after the 12:10 Mass starting Thursday 23rd February. Homemade soup and bread will be served, any donations will be donated to Mary's Meals.

The work of Mary's Meals is beautifully simple; they provide one good meal every day for hungry children at school in developing countries. Their vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things. Working together with those who share their vision, they believe there is no good reason why this cannot be realised.

Thursday 2nd March will be the normal SVP lunch.



**FRIDAY 17TH MARCH,
ST PATRICK'S EVENING AT
ST PATRICK'S, 7PM**

Tickets for St Patrick's night will be £2 each, a buffet will be provided, bring your own drink.



AND MUCH MORE ...



FRIDAY 21ST APRIL, 7PM, PARISH
VOLUNTEERS GATHERING.

This will be an evening to give thanks to all those people who volunteer in our parish, there will be a buffet and drinks provided.



SATURDAY 24TH JUNE, CREAM
TEA AFTERNOON AT ST
PATRICK'S 2PM-4PM



SATURDAY 8TH JULY, PARISH
SUMMER FAIR AT ST PATRICK'S,
12-3PM

We will need to involve different groups from within the parish as well as individuals to run stalls, more details to follow soon. Please let us know if you have any ideas.



**FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER,
ST MARY'S CHURCH FEAST DAY
OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

More details to follow.



**SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER,
CREAM TEA AFTERNOON AT ST
MARY'S PARISH HALL**

Come and join us for the afternoon



**ST MARY'S FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER,
PARISH FEAST DAY 7PM EVENING
MASS FOLLOWED BY DRINKS AND
BUFFET IN THE PARISH HALL**



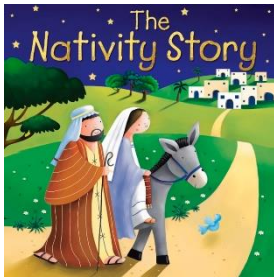


THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER,
HOLY SOUL MASS 7PM ST
MARY'S RECEPTION AFTER
MASS IN ST MARY'S PARISH
HALL

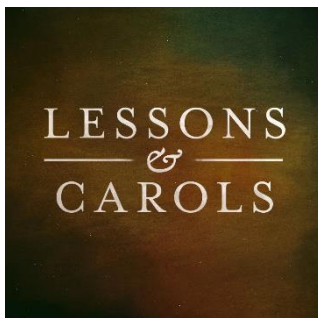


CHRISTMAS FAIR, SATURDAY
9TH DECEMBER 12-3PM

We will need to involve different groups from within the parish as well as individuals to run stalls, more details to follow soon.



SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER, ST
PATRICK'S SCHOOL NATIVITY
2:30PM



SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER,
CAROLS AND LESSONS, 3:45PM,
ST MARY'S

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies (tea and coffee also available).
Come and join us for carols and lessons for this festive season.