



YOUTH MINISTRY INVITATION . . . All those concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-worker's meeting at the Emmaus Village on **Sunday 8th July at 3.00pm.** (Tea, coffee and cake from 2.15pm). YMT will present a number of opportunities including the national 'Flame' event which happens in March 2019 and this will also be a time to share good practice with people from other parts of the Diocese. Please let YMT know if you are coming, tel. 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org

FAITH IN ACTION AWARD . . . The national Catholic award scheme for school years 6-11, encouraging young people to reflect on their faith and put it into action, can be carried out in both school and parish groups. Two training sessions will take place for those who would like to run the Award: Thursday 5th July 7pm to 8.30pm, St Aloysius Parish Hall, Hebburn, and Friday 6th July 1.30pm to 3pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn. To book a place please contact admin@ymt.org.

Do you know someone over 75 who lives alone and finds it difficult to get out and about? If so, the Stockton Branch of Contact the Elderly might be just the tonic and currently have vacancies. Our group organises monthly Sunday afternoon Tea Parties for small groups of older people, offering a regular and vital friendship link every month. Transport is provided and the service is free. Please contact Jan Cawood, on tel. 01642 804129.

Eucharistic Ministers 1st July
Catherine Dixon-Barker, Maurice Ward Matt Wilson, Margaret Wilson
Ministers of the Word 1st July
Val Railton, Hilary Boyce
Home Communion 30th / 1st July
Anne Brumpton, Edna Early Paul Joynes, Gwen Gallagher
Youth Group Rota
Friday 29th June ~ Closed
Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg. 25th June - Team 2
Bidding Prayer Rota ~ July Christine & Hilary Boyce

**SPUC CLUB DRAW RESULT
18th JUNE 2018**

£150	42	Sue Hepworth
£50	10	Pat Kennedy
£20	22	Val Turner

Many thanks to all who support the Club Draw, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Everybody welcome to tea and coffee in the Parish Centre after Mass

**GENERAL ENQUIRIES AND
CHURCH BOOKINGS**

Please contact Kathryn Wood in the Parish Office Tel. (01642) 580171



24th June 2018

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THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

It is very rare in the Church to celebrate the birth of a saint. The only births we celebrate in the Church year are the Birth of Our Lord Jesus, the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the birth of St. John the Baptist. This feast signifies the important and irreplaceable role of St. John as the one to announce the coming of the Saviour. What is the significance of John the Baptist and his message for our lives? When God acts to save us He graciously fills us with his Holy Spirit and makes our faith come "alive" to his promises. Each and every day the Lord is ready to renew us in faith, hope, and love. Like John the Baptist, the Lord invites each of us to make our life a free-will offering to God.




All loving God, you chose Elizabeth and Zachariah to be the parents of John and you gave them the grace to give him in service to you. Grant us generous hearts to serve all those you send us, that in serving them we may serve You in gladness. Amen.

DIVINE MERCY . . . THIS SUNDAY at 7.15pm in the Crèche at St Patrick's Church. 'An Evening with the Merciful Jesus', followed by the Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

PRO LIFE HOLY HOUR ~ The next Pro-Life Holy Hour will take place on **Thursday 28th June from 6.30 to 7.30pm** at St. Patrick's R.C. Church. Members of Stockton SPUC branch look forward to seeing you there.




FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ~ **Congratulations** to the children who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. Thank you to Fr. Cooper, staff of St. Patrick's School, Musicians and those who prepared the Church and served the refreshments. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers so that they may always draw close to Jesus in the Eucharist.

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24	Sunday	9.00am 7.15pm	George Littler Divine Mercy ~ Crèche
25	Monday	9.15am	Andrew Brydon ~ For Healing
26	Tuesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
27	Wednesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
28	Thursday <i>St Irenaeus</i>	6.30 to 7.30pm	Pro-Life Holy Hour
29	Friday SS Peter & Paul Holy Day of Obligation	7.00pm	10am - Mass at St. Cuthbert's 12.05pm - Mass at St. Mary's Dennis Lindo
30	Saturday	9.15am 9.45 - 10.15am	Harry & Elizabeth Joynes Sacrament of Confession
13th Sunday of the Year . . . Pg. 100			
1	Sunday	9.00am	Evelyn Hobson
		Riska Okninski, Mary Douglas, Monica McShane, Anne Yale, Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning (nee Mockler), Christopher Brown, Rosie Owens, Joan Kent, Rachel Cole, Andrew Brydon, Luke Casey, Mavis Casey, Paul Lindo	
		ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Tunney, Margaret Sisson, Terry Daley	
MASS ATTENDANCE:		17th June . . . 173	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION:		17th June . . . £399.65 plus weekly standing orders which currently average £293.25 per week.	

The collection for 'Day of Life' came to £227.17. Many thanks for your generosity.

The Lay Training Fund Collection has now closed and the **final total came to £257.11.**


 **Lord, we pray for those who have been baptised recently.** We welcome them into our parish family and ask you to watch over and protect them. Amen

 **UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES**

MONDAY 25th JUNE at 7.00pm
St. Patrick's Parish Hall

This week **Scott Hahn** gives a talk on **The Creed and Communion**. This is the last talk in the present series but well worth the effort to come and see what we are all about. We shall start a new programme in September.

THE FEAST OF SS PETER & PAUL
Holyday of Obligation




On 29th June the Church celebrates the above Feast Day. As we look at Peter and Paul, we see that God called them to use their personalities to spread the Gospel, Peter to use his impetuous love to look after the flock, and Paul to use his training as a Pharisee and his strength of character to ensure that the non-Jews would be welcomed into the church. It is a reminder to us that our talents and our weaknesses too can become God's means of helping others, if we allow. We don't have to be perfect for God to work through us, God can work through us, faults and all, as he did with Peter and Paul. This reminds us that God accepts us as we are, with our limitations.

God our Father, you call all kinds of people to belong to your Church and each one shows a little of your love and power. We want to work with you and for you, like Peter and Paul. Help us to be what you want us to be. Amen

Mass times for the Feast of SS Peter & Paul are: St. Cuthbert's R.C. Church ~ 10am / St Mary's R.C. Church ~ 12.05pm / St. Patrick's R.C. Church 7.00pm. **There will be a second collection next weekend** in support for the Holy See and Papal Charities.

PEACEFUL FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION PETITION

 **SUNDAY 1st JULY ~** We urgently need your signature after Mass as moves are being made in Britain to prevent peaceful protesters from praying quietly outside abortion centres and offering essential support to women who may not want to proceed with an abortion. Over the years countless babies' lives have been saved in this way and mothers have been protected from the harmful effects of abortion. **Please sign the petition on your way out of church** calling upon the Home Secretary to oppose any moves to restrict peaceful pro-life people freedom of expression and freedom to pray outside abortion clinics. It will only take a moment of your time and could save a life! Many thanks for your support.