

SS JOACHIM & ANNE . . . It was the parents of Mary who nurtured her, taught her, brought her up to be a worthy Mother of God. It was their teaching that led her to respond to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will." It was their example of parenting that Mary must have followed as she brought up her own son, Jesus. It was their faith that laid the foundation of courage and strength that allowed her to stand by the cross as her son was crucified and still believe. We are shaped and fashioned by the lives of those who have helped shape our parents' lives, primarily their own parents. This contributes to us being the sort of people we are. On the 26th July we give thanks for the parents of the Mother of God. They are at the very beginning of the salvation of us all.

Grandparents Prayer . . . Saint Ann and Saint Joachim, parents of Mary and grandparents to Jesus, be with me and all grandparents that we may be wise and loving, may share our time, stories and sense of humour, and may enjoy and not spoil too much the grandchildren who are close to our hearts, for they are the sign of God's life to us. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, be with our grandchildren and all other grandchildren that they may love and respect their grandparents and all older people, may remember to call, visit or write, and grow in wisdom, age and grace before God. Amen



THE MARTYRS OF THE DIOCESE . . . Of the three hundred and fifteen of our Catholic ancestors who sacrificed their lives for the Catholic faith in England and Wales during the religious persecution of the 16th and 17th centuries, twenty-eight can be considered as 'Martyrs of the North' as they were born, laboured or suffered within the confines of Northumberland and Durham. To return to England as a priest was high treason punishable by hanging, drawing and quartering; to shelter a priest was a felony punishable by imprisonment, fines, confiscation of property and in many cases, death. It was only heroes and heroines who could face such ordeals, these are our martyrs.

Eucharistic Ministers 29th July

George Hunton, Edna Early
Eileen Brydon, Chris Edwards

Ministers of the Word 29th July

Terry & Patricia Egerton

Home Communion 28th / 29th July

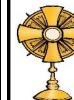
Carole Stansmore, Edna Early
Eileen Brydon, Chris Edwards

Youth Group Rota

Closed for Summer

Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg. 23rd July - Team 1

Bidding Prayer Rota ~ July Christine & Hilary Boyce



**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
**Weekdays at 7am with
the Divine Mercy**

In silence we listen and when all is quiet we hear your voice.



22nd July 2018

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In the Gospel, we see Jesus as he cares in different ways for those entrusted to him: for the apostles by giving them time for rest and nourishment, and for the crowds by teaching them. The desire to be in the presence of the Lord and to listen to his teaching is what draws us together each time we assemble as a church. Today we hear of early groups of people who also had the desire to be with Jesus and how he took pity on them 'because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length'. Let us think about our need to listen to the teachings of Jesus so that they can bring light into our lives.



We pray for ourselves, that in the coming week we may serve others in our work, and find peace when we rest. We also pray for those who are on retreat, that they may rest for a while in the silent peace of Christ. Amen.



PRAYER FOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE ~ 27th JULY

Pilgrimage is traditionally a journey to a holy place, a place where saints have walked, a place where God has met people and blessed them.

Lord, help us to be united in prayer with our pilgrims who are travelling to Lourdes in answer to Mary's call to Bernadette. We pray that during these special days all of us may be drawn closer to you, through the prayers of your Blessed Mother. Bless us, dear Lady, with blessings from heaven; and to our petition let answer be given. Amen

DIVINE MERCY

**SUNDAY 29th JULY 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.



Have you got time for a cup of tea or coffee?
Please come along to the Parish Centre after Mass. Everyone welcome.

16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR . . . Pg. 109

22	Sunday	9.00am	Ann O'Neil (SVP)
23	Monday <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	9.15am	Ana Husband
24	Tuesday <i>The Martyrs of the Diocese</i>		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
25	Wednesday <i>St James</i>		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
26	Thursday <i>SS Joachim & Anne</i>	6.30pm	SVP Rosary ~ All Welcome
27	Friday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
28	Saturday	9.15am 9.45 - 10.15am	Tom Cooper (SVP) Sacrament of Confession

17th Sunday of the Year . . . Pg. 112

29	Sunday	9.00am 7.15pm	People of Our Parish Divine Mercy ~ Crèche
		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:			
MASS ATTENDANCE: 15h July . . . 190			
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 15th July . . . £492.60 plus weekly standing orders which currently average £293.25 per week.			

ST. MARY'S MAJOR STREET OLD GIRLS REUNION

For your Diary **Saturday 8th September**, at 7.00pm in St. Patrick's Parish Centre. Please bring own drinks and something for a shared supper table. Come along, a welcome awaits you all. For more information ring Barbara Critchley 01642 584666.

For your Diary **ROSARY RALLY . . .** A prayerful day out at Minsteracres with celebration of the Eucharist, Rosary Procession through the grounds and Benediction.
Saturday 11th August 12 noon to 4pm.

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK . . . Each month the Holy Father will have a main prayer intention for people to use as part of their daily prayer, and he will also announce an "urgent intention" for people's prayer. A short video based on the main intention is published each month and known as 'The Pope Video'. These videos can be accessed through the Diocesan [YouTube channel](#).

The Holy Father's Mission Intention for July . . . *That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.*

St. Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre . . . In St. Hilda's there is a private room, 'The Milburn Room' which holds old reference books, not for borrowing, but viewed by private appointment. If anyone is doing any research please tel. 0191 2433313 to make arrangements.

46th Annual Blessed John Ingram Walk

Sunday 22nd July. Meeting at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Newgate St. Newcastle. 2.30pm for 2.45pm start. Then to St. Edmund's Chapel, High St., Gateshead for an Ecumenical Service, followed by refreshments. (non-walkers please meet at St. Edmund's at 3.30pm.) Everyone very welcome.

The Collection for the 'Apostleship of the Sea' has so far raised £317.77. If there are still any Gift Aid envelopes to hand back in, please place them in today's collection. Many thanks

Afternoon Tea at Ushaw College . . .

Treat yourself to an Afternoon Tea, also available on a Saturday. £24.95 for two. Tel. 0191 373 8500. Booking essential.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES AND CHURCH BOOKINGS

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