

SVP KERALA APPEAL . . . A big Thank You to the Sunday morning coffee group for the kind donation of **£1,000** to the Kerala Appeal which will make a difference to the lives of our brothers and sisters in great need. The SVP collection over the last two weeks for the Kerala flood Appeal has raised £500. Thank you for your kindness. So far we have sent **£1,500** to the SVP Appeal. **We will keep the SVP collection box for the next two weeks for Kerala.** Thank you and God bless you. The brothers and sisters of St Vincent de Paul.

The Discipleship Conference is being held on **15th September** at Sacred Heart High School, Fenham from 10.00am - 3.30pm. This one day event is for anyone involved in Partnership development, including those in key areas of ministry within their parishes who are looking to be inspired and equipped for the task of moving forward as church. There will be an inspiring key note input from David Wells. To find out more information and to book your place (required), please contact Amy McDonagh at adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or call 0191 243 3316 as soon as possible. Thank you

ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - There is a safeguarding update at the back of Church. Please fill in the simple form (just one box to tick and signature etc.) and post it to the diocese in the enclosed SAE. Thank you

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9th Sept. 2018

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When Jesus reached out to the poor, to sinners and those on the margins he was bringing into focus the kind of world God wanted. His was a love that included everyone and which could not be bought. In commanding that the ears of the deaf man be opened there is a message to us all. Our ability to really hear the good news can be limited by many things, especially closed minds and hearts. As individuals and as a community our prayer this week might be that we are open to all the transformation that God wants to work in us.



Education Sunday is a day of celebration for all those involved in education. For over a century it has been part of an ecumenical celebration in which the Catholic Church participates. The Catholic Education Service's theme for Education Sunday 2018 is *'Ephphatha - Be Opened!'*. Coinciding with the start of the academic term it is an opportunity for us to give thanks for all the students, staff and parents who work so hard in and for Catholic schools. It is also a chance for us to reflect upon the contribution that Catholic education makes to our communities. **The second collection taken today is vital in enabling our schools to continue to thrive.**

Let us pray for all those working in schools at the start of this academic year: may they be an example of Christ's love and create a welcoming home for all students. Let us pray for all students: may they grow in their love and understanding of learning, and learn to nurture all the talents the Lord has given them to the best of their ability. Let us pray for all parents and family, may the Holy Spirit guide them as they continue in their important task of nurturing a love of Christ in their children. Amen.



Eucharistic Ministers 16th Sept.
Christine Pope, Rosanne Delplanque Michael Toole, Chris Wilson
Ministers of the Word 16th Sept.
Edna Early, Louise Pope
Home Communion 15th / 16th Sept.
Josie Smith, Karen Dick Christine Pope, Manfred Engel
Youth Group Rota
Closed until further notice
Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg. 10th September - Team 3
Bidding Prayer Rota ~ September Maurice Ward

THE NEXT SPUC CLUB DRAW will take place on Sunday 16th Sept. please let Christine have any outstanding monies as soon as possible. Many thanks for your support. If you would like a number please contact Christine or Eileen.


The Men's' Club Social Events Resume on SATURDAY 29th SEPT. 
 We are pleased to present local band 'TUMBLEDOWN'
 Tickets £4, please bring your own food and drink. Contact Ken Marr on 01642 602336

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION . . . For children entering **YEAR 9** this year and any older children who have not been confirmed, parents should see Fr. Cooper and enrol their children for the preparation course. **Confirmation will be on Wednesday 7th November**

23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR . . . Pg. 129

9	Sunday	9.00am	Michael & Maureen Bowles Diamond Wedding Anniversary
10	Monday	9.15am	Jim Faley
11	Tuesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
12	Wednesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
13	Thursday <i>St John</i>	6.30pm	SVP Rosary ~ All Welcome
14	Friday <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
15	Saturday <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9.15am 9.45 - 10.15am	Maureen Lucey (SVP) Sacrament of Confession


24th Sunday of the Year . . . Pg. 132

16	Sunday	9.00am 7.15pm	Edward & Ethel Casey Divine Mercy ~ Crèche
		Riska Okninski, 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, Paul Lindo	
ANNIVERSARIES:		Iliza Lawler, Nora O'Connor	
MASS ATTENDANCE:		2nd September . . . 211	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION:		2nd September . . . £459.37 plus weekly standing orders which currently average £293.25 per week.	

Congratulations to Michael and Maureen Bowles as they celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

 **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
Weekdays at 7am


O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Amen.



 **DIVINE MERCY . . . NEXT 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.

 **ST PATRICK'S TEA DANCE . . .** The Tea Dance resumes on **Tuesday 14th September at 2pm** in the Parish Centre. **Everyone is welcome to join us on Tuesdays.**

PARTNERSHIP MINISTRY MORNING ~ On Saturday 29th September, 9.30am to 1.00pm at English Martyrs Sixth Form College, Catcote Road, Hartlepool. Kathryn Turner from the Spirituality Department of the Diocese will lead us in a reflection on Pope Francis' latest exhortation 'Gaudete ex Exultate' on the call to holiness today and help us see our different ministries in the light of the call to holiness. For more information, please take the green brochure from the back of church.

 **Martin Driffield is going to be away from the Parish for approximately five weeks from late in October.** Whilst the Counting Team is sorted for that period Martin and Bill Douglas need help in looking after the Church premises, especially the Parish Hall, both during this period of absence and looking to the future. Hopefully by then the grass will have stopped growing but the rest of the premises need to be kept an eye on. Knowledge of the CCTV equipment, alarms and keys is required. If you can assist Martin and Bill with these duties, please let Martin know (tel. 01642 653649) or speak to him or Kathryn Wood at Church. Thank you.

THE COFFEE GROUP, who have raised over **£6500** since Sunday morning coffees began, have given the St. Patrick's SVP Group a **cheque for £1000** towards their Appeal for the Kerala Flood victims in India. As well as bringing a community spirit to the Parish, the Coffee Mornings continue to support good causes. Many thanks to David, Margaret and all the volunteers for supporting the coffee mornings, to which all are welcome to come in for a cuppa and a chat in the Hall after Sunday Mass.

The Holy Father's Mission Intention for September
That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

There will be a second collection next Sunday for **Home Mission Sunday.** This is an opportunity to inspire Catholics and help them to engage with the mission of the Church.