

To mark the occasion of the canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero in Rome in October, Bishop Seamus will celebrate a **Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 13th October** at 11am in St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. All are welcome to attend. Archbishop Romero was assassinated in 1980 while offering Mass in San Salvador. He embraced a simple lifestyle; he was a popular preacher and responded with real compassion to the plight of the poor.

The Annual Mass for Altar Servers will be held on Saturday 3rd November at 11am in St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Seamus. All welcome.



THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS . . . God, in His great love for us, gives each of us our own unique guide, a guardian angel, to keep us going in the right direction on our path towards heaven. Guardian angels watch over us and pray for us.

Dear Angel, in His goodness God gave you to me to guide, protect and enlighten me, and to bring me back to the right way when I go astray. Encourage me when I am disheartened, and instruct me when I err in my judgement. Help me to become more Christlike, and so some day to be accepted into the company of Angels and Saints in heaven.



30th Sept. 2018

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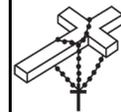
CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 5th OCTOBER

Just one world

On Family Fast Day CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water. On Family Fast Day CAFOD invites us to eat simply, perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal, and give the money we save to help people like Longora.

Gift Aid envelopes are attached to this week's bulletin for you to **gift aid your donation to CAFOD as part of next Sunday's second collection.** Please only use the envelopes if you are gift aiding, otherwise just put your donation into the second collection as usual. If you have any queries in this respect please speak to Martin Driffield.

We pray for our sisters and brothers who live in poverty, that God may increase our respect and concern for them and grant us the grace to carry out our practical actions to support them, as we bear witness to God's love for all. Amen.



ROSARY UNDER THE CROSS ~ SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER ~ (Feast of the Holy Rosary) Start 2.30pm - 4.00pm. The following is the final arrangements for this day of Reparation for the sins and Godlessness of our Nation. Those wanting to take part have two choices.

- ✚ **You can meet at Seaton Carew Bus Station at 2.30pm.** Pauline Dwyer will lead this group with the official liturgy booklet from the Walsingham Shrine. Pauline's mobile no. 07434723422.
- ✚ **Meet at St. Cuthbert's Church, Stockton at 2.30pm.** Fr. Cooper will lead this group using the same official liturgy booklet assisted by Eileen Brydon. Eileen's Tel. No. 01642 873036. All very welcome.

Eucharistic Ministers 7th October

George Hunton, Edna Early
Eileen Brydon, Chris Edwards

Ministers of the Word 7th October

Patricia & Terry Egerton

Home Communion 6th / 7th Sept.

Carole Stansmore, John Bowron
Eileen Brydon, Chris Edwards

Youth Group Rota

Closed until further notice

Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg.
1st October - Team 1

Bidding Prayer Rota ~ October
Paul Diggins

INTERGENERATIONAL HEALING MASS

Tuesday 2nd Oct. ~ 6.30pm



Celebrated by Fr. Jeffrey Dodds at **St. Joseph's Church, Norton.** Individual Prayer Ministry will be available after Mass if

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

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| 30 | Sunday | 9.00am | People of our Parish |
| 1 | Monday <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i> | 9.15am 7.00pm | Pamela Fitzpatrick Understanding the Scriptures ~ Parish Hall |
| 2 | Tuesday <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> | | No Mass or Eucharistic Service |
| 3 | Wednesday | | No Mass or Eucharistic Service |
| 4 | Thursday <i>St Francis of Assisi</i> | 6.30pm | SVP Rosary ~ All Welcome |
| 5 | Friday | 9.15am | Cath Rossinelli |
| 6 | Saturday | 9.15am 9.45 - 10.15am | Fred Davis Sacrament of Confession |

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| 7 | Sunday | 9.00am | Dennis McGloin |
|  | | 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: | | Freda Dolan, Fred Davis | |
| MASS ATTENDANCE: | | 23rd September . . . 177 | |
| OFFERTORY COLLECTION: | | 23rd September . . . £394.60 plus weekly standing orders which currently average £293.25 per week. | |

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION . . . The Preparation Course for the Sacrament of Confirmation begins on **Wednesday 3rd October, 7pm**, at English Martyr's & SS Peter & Paul's R.C. Church. It will be held every Wednesday during October. **Confirmation will be on Wednesday 7th November.**

UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES

MONDAY 1st OCTOBER at 7.00pm
St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Our new course is '**Catholicism**' written and presented by Bishop Barron. It is an outstanding and Bible based ten week series which goes to the root of our faith. It gives the message of 'Hope' in difficult times. The second episodes entitled **Happy are We: The teachings of Jesus**. Everyone welcome.



SPUC LETTER WRITING SESSION . . . Thank you to all who completed and returned the SPUC postcards. Well done! This contributed to the recent pro-life victory on buffer zones/freedom to pray outside abortion clinics. However, we really need your help again in the biggest battle we have ever fought in the last 50 years. **Please join us for a few minutes after Mass this weekend in the Parish Centre** to write a brief letter to your MP concerning a proposed bill to decriminalise abortion. This would remove legal protection for mothers and babies and be a return to back street abortions. We cannot let this happen. We will have paper, pens, envelopes and stamps - all you have to do is choose a few sentences from the list of key points to help you with your letter. Personal letters are still the best way to influence your MP and this will be one of the most important letters you have ever written. **Thank you for all your support. Eileen Brydon**

SPUC CARLISLE HALF MARATHON ~ Christine Pope is running the Carlisle Half Marathon **this Sunday, 7th October**, on behalf of the North East Region of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. This is the main fund raising event of the Stockton Branch and enables us to continue our work in schools and to support girls and women in crisis pregnancies. **Christine would be very grateful if you could sponsor her - please see sponsor form at the back of church.**



Martin Driffield is short of a volunteer to help him count the collection after Sunday Mass in the Crèche on the first three Sundays in October. Counting usually takes about half an hour and training on the job will be provided, as necessary. If you can help Martin our, please speak to him after Mass this morning, or telephone him on 01642 653649. Thank you.