

**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.

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**A Diocesan Day of Reflection for Women . . .** An opportunity to reflect and meditate upon the Scriptures and the writing of the saints and to look at art in order to uncover where women can find themselves reflected in God. **Saturday 17th November**, 10am to 4pm at St. Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, Newcastle. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

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**A Time of Reflection with Mary . . . Saturday 1st December** 10am to 1pm. St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Hall, Darlington. Refreshments at 9.45am. *'Truly I am the Lord's servant. Let everything you have said happen to me.'*

**PARISH SHOP . . .** Thank you for your support for the Parish Shop over the year. Please make a visit after Mass, we now have on sale ~ **Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Christmas Gifts**

**Eucharistic Ministers 21st October**

Christine Pope, Rosanne Delplanque  
Michael Toole, Chris Wilson

**Ministers of the Word 21st October**

Margaret Wilson, Joan Hunton

**Home Communion 20th / 21st Sept.**

Josie Smith, Edna Early  
Christine Pope, Manfred Engel

**Youth Group Rota**

Closed until further notice

**Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg.**  
15th October - Team 3

**Bidding Prayer Rota ~ October**  
Paul Diggins

**The NEWMAN Association**

**Tuesday 30th October**

Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall  
Coulby Newham  
TS8 OTW ~ 7.45pm

**Prof. Stefano Cracolici**

**'Mater Admirabilis: the birth of a global sacred icon'**

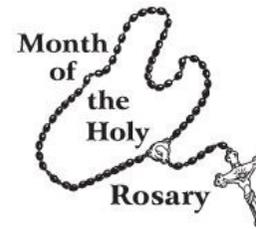
**Coffee/tea from 7.30pm**  
**Everybody very welcome**

**The CAFOD Family Fast collection**

has so far raised a splendid £618.70. If you still have an envelope to return, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Our Lady & St. Bede Open Evening: Tuesday 16th Oct.**

School open from 6pm to 8pm with presentations from the Headteacher, one at 6pm and one at 7pm. All welcome.



**14th October 2018**

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**I**t's worthwhile for each and every one of us to reflect on the two reactions, both from Jesus and the rich man, in today's Gospel. We need to reflect on how uncompromising Jesus is in calling us to deepen our relationship with Him. Just as important, though, we need to reflect on those times when we have chosen to cling to those things and situations that distance us from Christ, and consider how, in the depth of our own souls, we too may have walked away, like the rich man, 'saddened and grieving'. Jesus invites all of us to completely put Him first - to stop placing priority on power, property and privilege ahead of our love of God and love of neighbour. If we truly want to gain eternal life, then that is the path we must follow, the gate we have to enter through. It's the gate that Christ Himself invites us to take. We are asked to look in the right place for our true wealth and riches, in our giving of time and self to others in the relationships of love.



*Lord, those who follow You freely are assured of blessings beyond measure. Let us pray for all to share fully in the blessings God has to give. Amen*

**Today is a day of prayer for prisoners and their dependants.**

Pact calls on individuals and churches in the Christian community to go beyond, and remember in prayer all those affected by imprisonment. Pact is the major Catholic charity providing support for prisoners and their families, working in most prisons across England and Wales. This work is a direct expression of our discipleship and a very concrete expression of our desire to serve the Lord in those who are most vulnerable. In Prison's Week, which runs until 20th October, let us stand together in prayer with those struggling to cope with imprisonment and that all affected will know what it means to find the compassion of God's mercy.



*Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit. Amen.*

28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR . . . Pg. 143			
14	Sunday	9.00am 7.15pm	Sarah Ann Hill Divine Mercy ~ Crèche
15	Monday <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	9.15am	Mary Douglas (Men's Club)
16	Tuesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
17	Wednesday <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
18	Thursday	6.30pm	SVP Rosary ~ All Welcome
19	Friday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
20	Saturday	9.15am 9.45 - 10.15am	Special Intention (St Pio) Sacrament of Confession

**29th Sunday of the Year . . . Pg. 146**

21	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
		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, Mary Talbot	
<b>RECENTLY DECEASED:</b>		Fred Fascia ~ May he rest in peace. Amen	
<b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b>		Cath Rossinelli	
<b>MASS ATTENDANCE:</b>		7th October . . . 189	
<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION:</b>		7th October . . . £382.57 plus weekly standing orders which currently average £293.25 per week.	

 "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." (Sister Lucia dos Santos of Fatima)

**THIRD WORLD GROUP**  
**All money donated in the Third World Box** for the next four weeks will go to CAFOD for the Indonesia Tsunami Disaster Appeal. Thank you

**UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES**  
**PLEASE NOTE:** There will not be a meeting on Monday 15th October.

**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.

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**PRO LIFE HOLY HOUR** ~ The next Pro-Life Holy Hour will take place on **Friday 19th October from 7pm to 8pm following the 6.30pm Mass at English Martyrs & SS Peter & Paul, Stockton.** Members of Stockton SPUC branch look forward to seeing you there.



**SPUC - THE GREAT CUMBRIAN RUN - 7th OCTOBER**

 Christine Pope completed the half marathon on behalf of the Stockton Branch of SPUC in 2hrs 26 mins and **she will be at the back of church** to collect any outstanding sponsorship this weekend. Many thanks to all who supported her.

**Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday.** The Holy Father invites all Catholics to **contribute to a special collection for Missio**, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of peace around the world.

There are Gift Aid envelopes available for those who wish to Gift Aid their donations.

**The Holy Father's Mission Intention for October**

That consecrated religious men and women may actively seek to be present among the poor, the marginalised and those who have no voice.

**GENERAL ENQUIRIES AND CHURCH BOOKINGS**

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

**St. Patrick's Men's' Club**  
**THE PERSUADERS**  
**SATURDAY 20th OCTOBER**  
**8.00pm** - Bring your own food and drink and dance the night away or just sit and enjoy. Tickets £6, telephone Ken Marr 01642 602336

