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PARTNERSHIP MATTERS . . . The December edition of *Partnership Matters* is now available on the front page of the Diocesan website (www.rcdhn.org.uk). It includes items on future support for Partnerships and an update on the Property and Community Review. The Department for Development and Renewal ceases to exist at the end of December when Tony Sacco concludes his work for the Diocese and Nancy Gash takes on a different role. Thank you for all your support over the past four years and for your contributions to *Partnership Matters*.

St Cuthbert's Catholic Care Advent Appeal 2018: This Advent, we appeal for your support to help fund our community services. Your generosity will help us to continue to distribute good quality clothing, bedding, toys and gifts to some of the most deserving individuals and families across our diocese. Thank you. Full details via our website www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT . . . On this last Sunday of Advent, we quietly reflect on the mystery, awe and wonder at how our God entered our world and came to be with us. We pause to receive the gift offered us: that the Spirit of God will open up our lives and that Jesus will really come into our hearts. May we have watchful hope today, believing what the Lord promises us. Let us pray today, that we might be God's servants, that we might be instruments of God's love for our families and all we serve this week.

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

That in their dialogue with culture people involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find a language that is appropriate to the present time.



**SPUC CLUB DRAW RESULT
16th DECEMBER 2018**

1st Prize	26	Olwyn Lyons
2nd Prize	41	Ann-Marie Wilson
3rd Prize	58	Sarah Knox

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

Joy at Christmas



Oh Holy Night

Love came, held safely within a gentle womb, all the truth, majesty, and creativity of a living God poured into a tiny heart. Just one star shone anew as a handful of people were brought, led by angelic voices and open hearts. A young mother, a faith-filled father, men of wisdom who searched for truth and a group of humble herdsmen. They came to bow before a new life and acknowledge that the Word of God had come alive and the extraordinary transformation of heaven and earth had begun.

Eucharistic Ministers 23rd December

Catherine Dixon Barker, Maurice Ward
Matt Wilson, Margaret Wilson

Ministers of the Word 23rd December

Lauren Railton, David Wright

Home Communion 22nd / 23rd Dec.

Anne Brumpton, Christine Poole
Paul Joynes, Gwen Gallagher

Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg.
17th December - Team 2

Bidding Prayer Rota ~ December
Terry & Patricia Egerton

**HOLOCAUSE MEMORIAL
EVENING**

'TORN FROM HOME'

Guest Speaker Mr Zigi Shipper

Thursday 31st Jan. 2019

7pm ~ St. Michael's Catholic Academy, Beamish Rd., Billingham T23 3DX. Booking essential. Please telephone 0191 265 5290.



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT . . . Pg. 90

23	Sunday	9.00am After Mass	People of our Parish Sacrament of Confession
24	Monday Vigil Mass	6.30pm 7.00pm	Carol Singing Roy Crallan & Eddie Southgate Carol Singing & Midnight Mass at St. Mary's - 11.30pm
25	Tuesday The Nativity of the Lord		Mass at St. Cuthbert's - 10am
26	Wednesday St Stephen	10.00am	Raymond Muldowney
27	Thursday St John	6.30pm	SVP Rosary ~ All Welcome
28	Friday The Holy Innocents		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
29	Saturday St Thomas Becket	9.15am 9.45 - 10.15am	Michael, Dora & Maureen McWilliams Sacrament of Confession

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph. . . Pg. 105

30	Sunday	9.00am	John Bydon
		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, Mike Nertney	
ANNIVERSARIES:		Eddie Southgate, Edward Mooney, Mary Ross	
MASS ATTENDANCE:		23rd December . . . 203	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION:		23rd December . . £407.06 Plus weekly standing orders which currently average £293.25 per week.	

PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS
Please contact Marie by email:
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GENERAL ENQUIRIES AND CHURCH BOOKINGS
Please contact Kathryn Wood in the Parish Office Tel. (01642) 580171

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY INNOCENTS . . . *Holy Innocents, you died before you were old enough to know what life means, pray for all children who die young that God may gather them into His loving arms. Holy Innocents, you were killed because one man was filled with hatred, pray for those who hate that God may touch their hearts and fill them with love. Holy Innocents, your parents grieved for you with deep and lasting sorrow, pray for all parents who have lost young children that God may wrap a warm blanket of comfort around them. Holy Innocents, those around you certainly felt helpless to prevent your deaths, pray for all who feel helpless in their circumstances that they may cling to God for courage and hope. Holy Innocents, you who are now in Heaven, pray for all of us that one day we may join you there to bask in God's love forever. Amen*



CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING

Volunteers are required to help with the Christmas Church cleaning which will take place on **Monday 24th Dec.** from 9am, if you can spare an hour please come along - coffee/tea and mince pies provided.



A big thank you to all at St Patrick's School for the wonderful Carol Service held for parishioners in Church. The evening was filled with awe and wonder at the birth of Christ our Saviour into the world at Christmas. Well done.

THANK YOU A big thank you to the prison visiting team, St Patrick's SVP and all who have supported prisoners in Holme House and Kirklevington Grange Prisons over the last year. Your visits, music, prayer cards, books and rosaries are changing prisoner's lives. May our New Born King bless you all, for your work, support and great kindness, with much appreciation.

Deacon Mick Wood

I was in prison and you visited me. Matthew 25 V36-40

SATURDAY 26th JANUARY in the Parish Centre at 8pm. We welcome back one of the finest singer/musicians in the north of England, **Paul Tilley**



Paul, originally from Middlesbrough now resident in Scarborough is a familiar guest act at the tourist's hotel in the Scarborough region. He will entertain you, singing and playing guitar with a wide variety of the very best of popular music to which you can dance or just sit and enjoy. **Tickets £6**, available via Ken Marr 01642 602336. Please bring your own food and drink.



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