

THIRD WORLD . . . Thank you to everyone for the wonderful support we have received during 2018. **The amount raised this year totalled £2451**, collected from our Third World Box and including a £200 donation from Tea Dance members, £130 donation from Weigh-in-Class and a private Christmas Donation of £250. **We sent donations totalling £2,100 during the year as follows:**



THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS (Third World Group)

Brother Michael's Mission (St John of God) Malawi	£300	CAFOD Famine Relief	£500
John Bradburne (leprosy)	£200	Fr. Cooper, Home for Disabled Children	£450
CAFOD Indonesian Tsunami	£450	CAFOD Indonesia	£200



ARE YOU IRISH OR OF IRISH DESCENT? Irish Cultural Afternoon on 29th March, 12.30 to 2.30pm in St. Patrick's Parish Centre. The Tyneside Irish Cultural Society runs a project called ROSS (Raised on Songs and Stories) exploring the rich legacy of our Irish heritage. We are inviting older Irish people or people of Irish descent to attend our lunchtime meeting at St. Patrick's. This will be a chance to meet for a **free meal, live Irish music** and a **friendly chat**.

To help us with numbers please contact Barbara Flynn to book your lunch on 0191 2610385 or email: tyneirishcs@gmail.com

Eucharistic Ministers 27th January

Catherine Dixon-Barker, Maurice Ward
Margaret Wilson, Matt Wilson

Ministers of the Word 27th January

Edna Early, Louise Pope

Home Communion 26th / 27th Jan

Anne Brumpton, John Bowron
Paul Joynes, Gwen Gallagher

Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg.
21st January - Team 2

Bidding Prayer Rota ~ January
Maurice Ward

SATURDAY 26th JANUARY in the Parish Centre at 8pm. We welcome **Paul Tilley**. Paul 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.



Make a note in your diary for Saturday 16th February when Tumbledown will entertain you. They are a local band who will be performing the best of Country and Rock music to which you may dance or sit and enjoy. Contact Ken Marr for



20th Jan. 2019

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PEACE SUNDAY . . . In announcing the theme for this year's World Day of Peace, **'Good politics serves peace,'** the Vatican made note of the call to all of us to engage with our civic systems saying, "Everyone can contribute his or her stone to help build the common home." Instead of indifference, cynicism or thinking our voices do not matter, we believe the Gospel calls us to raise our voices for the common good, knowing that "political life can indeed become an outstanding form of charity."

Advocating for and with communities who are oppressed, disadvantaged, or excluded is a response to our baptismal call to love all members of the Body of Christ, in imitation of Christ's love. We are called to reach out and build relationships of love and justice, making love visible in structures and policies through political engagement. We must work to ensure that the dignity of each person, whatever his or her background is protected through our political, social and economic systems. As Pope Francis teaches us in his World Day of Peace Message, these systems must always work to promote peace in our communities. Catholic Social Teaching demands that politics must have a preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, and not be used to promote violence or marginalize those in poverty. Instead we know that "good politics is at the service of peace."

We pray for all who serve us in political life at every level, in local councils and national parties, in parliament and government and in campaign groups. May they serve us honestly and always seek the Common Good. Help us to do our part, to bring peace in the world and happiness to all people. Amen.



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January ~ May young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

This weekend we welcome Bishop Seamus Cunningham to St. Patrick's.



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

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20	Sunday	9.00am	Rev. Fr. Michael Hussey
21	Monday <i>St Agnes</i>	9.15am	Margaret Morton
22	Tuesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
23	Wednesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
24	Thursday <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	6.30pm	SVP Rosary ~ All Welcome
25	Friday <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
26	Saturday <i>SS Timothy & Titus</i>	9.15am 9.45-10.15am	Thomas Byrne Sacrament of Confession
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27	Sunday	9.00am 7.15pm	Jack Buglass 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, Andrew Brydon, Paul Lindo, Mary Talbot, Mike Nertney, Veronica Connors	
ANNIVERSARIES:		Margaret Morton, Ernest Toulson	
MASS ATTENDANCE:		13th January . . . 195	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION:		13th January . . . £347.82 Plus weekly standing orders which currently average £293.25 per week.	

GENERAL ENQUIRIES AND CHURCH BOOKINGS
Please contact Kathryn Wood in the Parish Office Tel. (01642) 580171

PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS
Please contact Marie by email:
marie1955.md@googlemail.com

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Weekdays at 7am with the Divine Mercy
 Jesus, each time I look at the sacred Host, send a ray of divine light into my soul, that I may better know you and myself.

 **UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES**
MONDAY 28th JANUARY at 7.00pm
St. Patrick's Parish Hall
We begin a new study of St Marks Gospel on Monday 28th January. The series commences with Brant Petrie giving a historical introduction to the Gospel and to St. Mark. Fr. Nicholas King then gives an overview of this 'strange' gospel. Everybody very welcome.

DIVINE MERCY . . . SUNDAY 27th JANUARY 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. 

PRO LIFE HOLY HOUR ~ The next Pro-Life Holy Hour will take place on **Wednesday 23rd January from 10.50am to 11.50am, prior to 12 Noon Mass at St. Mary's RC Church, Stockton.** Members of Stockton SPUC branch look forward to seeing you there.

 **Due to essential maintenance on the School Buildings,** the School playground will NOT be available to use as a car park on Sunday mornings, for approximately the next two months. Car parking will therefore be restricted to the Church car park and the surrounding streets. Please allow extra time when coming to Sunday Mass, ensuring that the Disabled are given priority parking in the car park, whilst also ensuring that the access needs of nearby residents are taken into account as well. Thank you.

 **The week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated between 18th - 25th January and the theme for 2019 is 'Justice, and only Justice, you shall pursue.'** Our unity in Christ empowers us to take part in the wider struggle for justice and to promote the dignity of life.
God of unity, Trinity of the Three, You call your people to be one that the world may believe. Grant us your Spirit that we might act and speak with one voice so that our world's pains and divisions may be transformed by healing, hope and reconciliation, and your name glorified and hallowed. Amen.

Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle Lourdes Pilgrimage under the leadership of the Bishop. The Lourdes theme for 2019 is 'Blessed are the poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours' 26th July to 2nd August by air from Newcastle. The Pilgrimage Director is Fr Peter Stott tel. 01670 513410 or e:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk. There are booking forms at the back of Church.