



Dear Church Family . . . Please remember us and our families in your prayers at this very special time as we prepare for our **First Holy Communion day**. Pray we will prepare our hearts to truly know it is Jesus we are about to receive in the Holy Eucharist. **Please pick up a small coloured grape shaped card at back of church** and place it in the prayer collecting basket on the table. They will be assembled into bunches of grapes as part of a school display, showing how our school and church family surround us with prayer. Thank



Martin Driffield is very grateful to the small pool of volunteers who help him with the counting of the collection each Sunday. However, as one or two have dropped out, Martin is seeking new volunteers to help and spread the load out. Counting usually takes about 25mins. after Mass and training will be provided as required. If you can help with this task please speak to Martin after Mass or contact him on 01642 653649. Thank you.

The Sick & Retired Priests collection now stands at £486.46. The collection remains open until 19th May for Private and Group donations. Please place any donations in an envelope marked 'Sick & Retired Priests@' and place them in the main collection. Thank you.

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



Eucharistic Ministers 19th May

Christine Pope, Rosanne Delplanque
Michael Toole, Chris Wilson

Ministers of the Word 19th May

Paul Delplanque, Nathan Cornfield

Home Communion 18th / 19th May

Anne Brumpton, John Bowron
Christine Pope, Manfred Engel

Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg.
13th May - Team 3

Bidding Prayer Rota ~ May
Maurice Ward

Bill Huebsch is returning to the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle on Saturday 18th May to lead us on a day exploring 'The Mission to Accompany' at St Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Road, Benton, Newcastle Upon Tyne from 9.45 – 3.30pm.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided on the day, and we are suggesting a donation of £10.00 to help cover the costs. Booking is essential by telephone: 0191 243 33032.

First Communion Gifts and Cards are on sale in the Parish Shop. There are also Cards and Gifts for all occasions. **Thank you for your support.**



12th May 2019

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THIS SUNDAY, Good Shepherd Sunday, marks the 56th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The theme this year is **'The courage to take a risk for God's promise.'** On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us join in prayer and ask the Lord to help us discover his plan of love for our lives, and to grant us the courage to walk in the path that, from the beginning, he has chosen for each of us.

There will be the Annual Second Collection for the 'Little Sisters of the Poor' after Mass today. In 1866 the Little Sisters arrived in Newcastle Upon Tyne. Within two years they moved to Westmorland Road where St. Joseph's Home stands today. In 1989 major renovation work began, transforming the Home into a modern well equipped Nursing and Residential Home. They accompany those who they serve with love, compassion and skilled care.

SPUC NATIONAL PETITION – SUNDAY, 12th MAY 2019

SPUC has launched a national petition calling on the Secretary of State for Education to ban the misleading and inaccurate **'Abortion and Abortion Care Factsheet'** from secondary schools in England as it is presenting some **inaccurate** and **misleading** information. We know that SPUC petitions are successful so please add your signature to this very important petition as you **leave Mass this Sunday** and help us send a strong message that will protect our school children. For more information, pick up a leaflet at the back of church.



SVP YOUTH COFFEE MORNING this Sunday after Mass. Your SVP Conference is holding its annual Youth Coffee Morning to raise funds in order to advance the setting up of SVP Youth Groups. Please come along and enjoy a nice cup of tea, coffee or juice and enjoy a cake or biscuit. There is no charge but you can make a donation or not of your choice to help us with this very important project. **Thank you for your contributions** to your SVP conference and **God bless you all.**

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER . . . Pg. 268			
12	Sunday	9.00am	John Brydon
13	Monday	9.15am 7.00pm	Florence Brannen Understanding the Scriptures
14	Tuesday St Matthias		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
15	Wednesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
16	Thursday	6.30pm	SVP Rosary ~ All Welcome
17	Friday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
18	Saturday	9.15am 9.45 - 10.15am	Maureen Dowd Sacrament of Confession
5th Sunday of Easter . . . Pg. 271			
19	Sunday	9.00am 7.15pm	People of our Parish 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, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Joan Kent, Andrew Brydon, Paul Lindo, Mary Talbot, Mike Nertney, Veronica Connors, Catreona Ash, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd	
RECENTLY DECEASED:		Anthony Ward ~ May he rest in peace. Amen	
ANNIVERSARIES:		Elizabeth Allen, John Brydon	
MASS ATTENDANCE:		5th May . . . 199	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION:		5th May . . . £491.25 Plus weekly standing orders which currently average £291.48 per week.	

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May - May the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

**GENERAL ENQUIRIES,
CHURCH & PARISH CENTRE
BOOKINGS**

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



UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES

MONDAY 13th MAY at 7.00pm
St. Patrick's Parish Hall

We recommence the series on the Gospel of Mark this Monday. Brant Petrie gives further insight to the teaching of Jesus as it was heard by his listeners. In particular he also shows connections to the Old Testament. Everyone very welcome.

DATE FOR DIARY - SATURDAY, 29th JUNE 2019



Family Fund Raising Event - St Patrick's Parish Centre to raise funds for Fr Cooper's charity in Kenya (St Luke's Orphanage). We all have God given gifts and talents so let's make this a real community effort. Contact Eileen Brydon or Marie Davis if you can offer any support - for updates watch this space!



DIVINE MERCY . . . SUNDAY 19th MAY at 7-15 pm

in the Creche at St Patricks Church. The Ark of The Covenant," Followed by The sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS . . . *God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Every single one of us has a vocation. For most of us it is what we are now doing be it as spouses, parents, teachers or any other occupation.

I have a vocation from God. If I already know what it is, I pray to be faithful. If I am still searching, I pray to hear God's voice and to respond generously.

THANKS - CYCLONE ADAI APPEAL . . . The Third World Group would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support during Lent. We received donations totalling £475 which enabled us to send a cheque to CAFOD for £700 for the victims of this disaster. Thank you and God Bless.