

**Today is a Day of Prayer for the Unemployed:** O God, who made us in your image and intended us for creative work; look with love on those of us who are unemployed. Help us to enjoy life together with those who have work and to understand what kind of help we need to give one another, whether in paid employment or not. Guide the leaders of our country, that they may take wise decisions which will benefit us all. Finally we ask you Lord to guide us in the knowledge that we all have worth in ourselves and that we are all of equal value in your eyes, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.



23rd February 2020

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**Professor Eamon Duffy, one of the world's most influential and widely respected historians,** will visit the Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne on **Saturday 29th February at 12.30pm** to speak about **St. John Henry Newman**, the subject of his most recent book about England's newest saint. Bishop Robert Byrne will introduce Professor Duffy. Duffy's, 'The Stripping of the Altars' (1982) was described in the London Review of Books as 'one of those rare books which have the power radically to alter our understanding of a large piece of the past', overturning what we thought we knew about the Reformation. His new book, 'John Henry Newman: A very brief history', on which this visit to Holy Name is based, makes a complex and important figure hugely accessible. Tickets are free and all are welcome.

**J**esus' teaching about not seeking revenge, going the extra mile and praying for our enemies is about selfless love. When we next receive a request for help, or when our opinion is sought from a neighbour or work colleague to whom we are not naturally drawn, let us remember Jesus' words and respond with kindness and generosity. There is always someone, in every social context, who is not popular or who is difficult. It is to these people that we are asked to respond in true charity with a kind word or an offer of friendship.

*Thank you for your gift of forgiveness. Your only Son loved me enough to come to earth and experience the worst pain imaginable so I could be forgiven. Help me demonstrate unconditional love today, even to those who hurt me. Amen.*

**Please Note** that new rotas for Extraordinary Ministers and Reader's have now been circulated.

**Lourdes theme for 2020**  
**"I am the Immaculate Conception"**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Lourdes Pilgrimage, Under the leadership of Bishop Robert Byrne CO will take place **31<sup>st</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> August.**

Direct to Lourdes by air from Newcastle. Brochures are available in church porch or more information can also be found at [www.tangey-tours.com/hn](http://www.tangey-tours.com/hn)

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



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

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

**Eucharistic Ministers 1st March**

John Bowron, Gwen Gallagher  
Jackie Jeffels, Christine Pope

**Ministers of the Word 1st March**

Hilary Boyce, Val Railton

**Home Communion 29th Feb / 1st Mar.**

Josie Smith, Karen Dick  
Catherine Dixon-Barker, Manfred Engel

**Church Cleaning ~ Week Beg.**  
24th February - Team 4

**Bidding Prayer Rota ~ March**  
Terry & Patricia Egerton

**Children's Liturgy Rota**  
1st March - Rachel, Anne Marie

**ASH WEDNESDAY ~ Day of Fasting or Abstinence**  
**or other act of self-denial**


**A**sh Wednesday is the gateway to Lent. We have forty days to open ourselves up most particularly to God, to examine ourselves in the presence of one who created us, knows us and loves us. We have forty days to face ourselves and learn to not be afraid of our sinfulness. With God's grace we can learn to live this life more fully, embracing our sinfulness, allowing God to transform us.




*Loving Lord, at the beginning of this Lenten season we are met with the challenge of handing over every bit of our lives that do not come from You, so lead and guide us on this Lenten way. May we walk with Jesus toward the hill just outside of Jerusalem. May we, like Him, take up our cross and follow, spending each moment of our lives living responsively to You, just as Christ himself did. Amen.*


**MASS TIMES for Ash Wednesday are: 9.30am** - St. Cuthbert's RC Church, **12 Noon** - St. Mary's RC Church and **7.00pm** - St.


**7th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR . . . Pg. 139**

23	Sunday	9.00am	Michael Nertney
24	Monday	9.15am	Josie Murphy
25	Tuesday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
26	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 	9.30am 12 Noon 7.00pm	Mass at St. Cuthbert's RC Church Mass at St. Mary's RC Church Special Intention
27	Thursday	6.30pm	SVP Rosary ~ All Welcome
28	Friday		No Mass or Eucharistic Service
29	Saturday	9.15am After Mass	People of the Parish Sacrament of Confession

**1st Sunday of Lent . . . Pg. 151**

1	Sunday	9.00am 7.15pm	Kath Lumsden Divine Mercy ~ Crèche
		Riska Okninski, Monica McShane, Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning (nee Mockler), Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd	
<b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b>		John Lesiie Shaw	
<b>MASS ATTENDANCE:</b>		16th February . . . 194	
<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION:</b>		16th February.. . .£447.78 plus weekly standing orders which currently average £291.48 per week.	

 **The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February . .** We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**Weekdays at 7am with the Divine Mercy**   
 Our communal worship at Mass goes together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharist adoration in order that our love may be complete.

**UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES**

**MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY at 7.00pm**  
**St. Patrick's Parish Hall**



**JOY OF HOPE** (a CaFE presentation) will be given this Monday in preparation for Lent. This will focus on **St. John and the book of Revelation.**

**Monday 2nd March** will start a six week course with each week split into Part A and Part B. Part A will be a series on **The Mass from the Word on Fire.** Part B will consist of six videos from **The Sacred Heart Major Seminary Detroit** which form part of a Lenten reconciliation. Week one is **'Encountering Christ in Scripture.'** Everybody very welcome.

**DIVINE MERCY . . . Sunday, 1st March** at 7.15pm in the Crèche at St Patrick's Church. Homily **'Behold Your Mother'** followed by the sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. 

**The National Novena to St Joseph** will take place from 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. **You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer.** Please write to Novena Director, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead SL6 7HT, or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com)

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**PILGRIMAGE TO ROME . . Fr. Cooper is organizing a Pilgrimage to Rome from Monday 21st to Friday 25th September,** flying from Newcastle. The cost is £689 per person. The pilgrimage includes a general audience with the Pope on the Wednesday. **Please contact Fr. Cooper if you are interested.**

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**Fair Trade stall at St Joseph Norton following 10:30am Mass - 1pm on Sunday 15th March.** A great chance to buy Easter Eggs and chocolate, gifts, food and drink. **Please support us** and help farmers and producers get a fair wage for their work. Thank you