



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 20th September 2020

In the parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, the landowner hired labourers, throughout the morning and the afternoon. At the end of the day, he paid everyone the same salary, regardless of whether they had worked the whole day or just a single hour. God, symbolised in the parable by the Landowner, is happy to accept repentant sinners into his Kingdom at all times of their life. Each will receive God's chosen reward. God gives his love to every person without exception if they open themselves to this love. It does not matter whether that happens early or late in life as this love can never be earned, only accepted. The good and generous master extended grace to those who worked for him. In the same way, God extends grace to us, not because we deserve it, but because of who He is. God's grace is best displayed for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will. Amen
(St Ignatius Loyola)



Faithful God, in the week that lies before us may we reflect your love in our families, our church and our community and in doing so show everyone we meet that we are followers of Christ with a true desire to draw them into our Christian faith.

Lord, hear our prayer

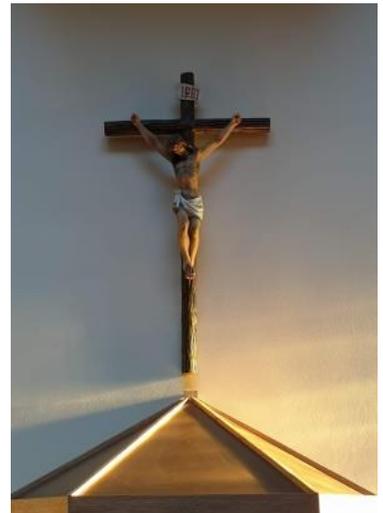
We pray for the unemployed and those seeking work that they may not be dispirited and that the Lord will bless their efforts to provide for their own needs and the needs of their loved ones.

Lord, hear our prayer

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health.

Lord, hear our prayer

25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
20	Sunday		People of our Parish (Mass with no congregation)
21	Monday <i>St Matthew</i>	9.15am	Ena Edwards
22	Tuesday		Mass at St. Cuthbert's at 9.30am
23	Wednesday <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	6.-7.00pm 7.00pm	Pro-Life Holy Hour Special Intention
24	Thursday <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>		Mass at St. Cuthbert's at 9.30am
25	Friday	9.15am	Monica McShane
26	Saturday	9.15am	Eva Jordison
26th Sunday of the Year			
27	Sunday		People of our Parish (Mass with no congregation)
Anniversaries:		Michael Sandbrook	
		Riska Okninski Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd. Audrey Bentley, Rose Marie Bruno	



"True humility is not to appear before men but to stand beneath God's gaze and work humbly for God and thus really to serve humanity and men"
(Pope Benedict XVI)

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

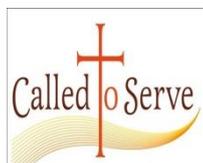
- **First Reading ~ Isaiah 55:6-9**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 144:2-3,8-9,17-18**
- **Second Reading ~ Philippians 1:20-24, 27**
- **Gospel ~ Matthew 20:1-16**



PRO LIFE HOLY HOUR . . . The next Holy Hour will take place on **Wednesday, 23rd September, from 6.00–7.00pm** prior to the 7pm evening Mass at St Patrick's, Stockton. Members of Stockton SPUC Branch look forward to seeing you there.

REOPENING OF CHURCHES . . . St., Mary's and St. Bede's RC Churches are included in the next phase of churches to reopen in the Diocese.

The third Sunday in September is Home Mission Sunday. This is an opportunity to look closer to home as we grow Missionary Parishes. It is an opportunity to inspire us all to share the Good News we have received. When we hear the word 'Mission' it is associated with the valuable work of sharing our faith and helping people in other countries. Whilst this is still important, the Home Mission Office helps Catholics to share their faith with those they love, know and meet in their own environments. The Home Mission Office is a national organisation that helps the local Church engage in the vital mission of Evangelisation.



Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Guide our hearts and minds to be close to each other as we follow the way you are calling us to walk. In mission, generously living Your love, may we offer our faith and service so that we may be instruments of transformation in the building of your Kingdom. Amen.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME . . . The Pilgrimage to Rome that was to have taken place from September 21st–25th this year has been postponed until **May 3rd–7th next year.** There are still places available. If anyone would like to go please see Canon Cooper.

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, Walsingham.

Led by Bishop Marcus Stock (Diocese of Leeds) the Shrine are offering a 'virtual' Pilgrimage taking place on **Sunday 27th September.** It is a day of prayer and reparation for the sanctity of life. Our society has attacked the Church's deep rooted teachings on these issues for a very long time. Devotions will be streamed throughout the day, **beginning with the Mass at 12.00 noon.** To find out more details visit the Diocesan website. To access the pilgrimage, you can watch via You Tube on Walsingham Catholic TV or at the Basilica live stream. We encourage you all throughout the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle to take part where you can

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) ~ 23rd September ~ Padre Pio was ordained a priest in 1910. He was renowned for his love of God and neighbour, spending hours each day and a large part of the night in communion with his Lord, while still making time to give counsel and spiritual support to countless numbers of penitents. He always had a special place in his heart for the poor, the sick and the suffering. He died in 1968. In the years following his death, his reputation for sanctity and miracles grew steadily and the cause for his beatification was soon begun. He was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 2002, and his feast day was immediately added to the Universal Calendar as an obligatory memorial.

This quote from Padre Pio is a gentle reminder that we should not give up in our prayers. God's timing is perfect, and worrying about the outcome of our situation won't do any good.

"Pray, wait, and do not worry. Worrying is useless. God is merciful and will listen to your prayer. Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to the heart of God. You should speak to Jesus, not with your lips but with your heart."

Today, as we remember this modern saint, let's lift up our concerns to Jesus, not just with our lips, but with our hearts. Let's trust that our prayers are being heard.



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September - Respect for the Planet's Resources ~ We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



Merciful Father, I pause for a few moments, to be in your abiding presence. May your Spirit guide me today and lead me in all that is true, good and beautiful. Grant me the grace to live the gospel and infuse in me a love for all people and for the whole of creation, your free gift to us all. I offer you my heart this day, united to the intention of Pope Francis for this month. Amen.

SPUC CLUB DRAW RESULT ~ 13th SEPTEMBER 2020

1st Prize	No. 5	Sarah Callaghan
2nd Prize	No. 37	Margaret Ward
3rd Prize	No. 13	Joan Faley

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



Harvest is approaching, but many families are facing chronic food shortages and malnutrition as a result of coronavirus. More than ever it is vital to come together, even from a distance, and bring hope and help to those who are most in need. Get ready for Harvest and start making plans. We have something for everyone. Join us with your school, parish, friends and family and make this Harvest beautiful. Details on how to register for these events will be on the CAFOD site soon.

- ❖ National Assembly for schools ~ Thursday 8th October
- ❖ Live Mass ~ Friday 9th October
- ❖ 'Harvest like no other' Quiz ~ Saturday 10th October at 7pm
- ❖ Children's Liturgy – Sunday 11th October at 10am

YOUTH 2000 . . . The Culture Series, starts **Tuesday 22nd September** at 7pm – 7.45pm and every other Tuesday for seven online sessions via Zoom. The Culture Series is an opportunity to learn more about what Culture is saying, what the Church says and how we might respond. The series is open to anyone who wants to understand what the Church says about things that are happening in our culture today. The topics are:

- Reading the signs of the times
- Race & Diversity
- Pro-Life
- The Environment
- Human Dignity
- Mental Health
- Social Justice

To find out more type Youth 2000 Culture Series in the search engine and you will be directed to the site where you can register for the sessions.

SUPPORTING THE NORTHERN CROSS ~ APPEAL LETTER

Dear Parishioner

We would be grateful if you could take a moment or two to read this notice and consider whether you can assist us in ensuring the viability of our diocesan newspaper, the Northern Cross. The Diocesan family is one we are familiar with. Here in Hexham and Newcastle, we take pride in our rich legacy, stretching back through the ages and including saints like Bede and Cuthbert. Today, our parishes, schools and numerous diocesan organisations and activities continue to keep the flame of faith burning brightly. There are many links, structures and bonds of relationship that help to pull our family together. For more than 60 years, Northern Cross has played its part ensuring that news and views are spread the length and breadth of our Diocese.

The lockdown and church closures have caused our sales at weekend Mass to cease. We have reached a "Northern Crossroads". A new approach is needed - as is a price increase - if the newspaper is to survive. We are looking for 2,020 subscribers in 2020 and are asking for people to consider signing up on an annual basis. For £36 subscribers would have the printed newspaper delivered through their door. For £20 subscribers would have access to the digital edition each month.

We would like to pay tribute to our loyal and generous postal subscribers for their patience. We are truly sorry we have been unable to send your printed copies since March. We plan to extend your subscription period so that you do not miss out when we get back in print. We also thank the hundreds of people who have signed up for the digital edition in the past few months and those who have sent donations and messages of support. The Northern Cross trustees and its volunteers ask you to spread the word and encourage others to subscribe. If the 2,020 target is reached, the newspaper can look forward to a healthy future.

How you can help

Take out an annual subscription - and encourage your friends, family and school to do so. Restrictions on church attendance numbers and our reliance on volunteers will make it extremely difficult to distribute Northern Cross for the rest of the year. We encourage you to take out a postal print subscription for £36 a year including post and packing costs. If you prefer reading it online, you could sign up for the digital edition at £20 a year.

Please email editor.norcross@btconnect.com or call 01325 464008 for more information. You can pay by cheque made out to Northern Cross and posted to: c/o WM Fortune & Son, Collingwood House, Church Square, Hartlepool, TS24 7EN or make a BACS transfer to: Northern Cross. Account number: 81602292. Sort code: 40-43-11

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Send us your stories

Northern Cross is your newspaper and we would love to hear what you have been up to over the past month. You can email your news to editor.norcross@btconnect.com, write to us at Northern Cross, c/o WM Fortune & Son, Collingwood House, Church Square, Hartlepool, TS24 7EN, or call us on 01325 464008.

Thank you for taking the time to read this appeal. With all best wishes

Fr Dennis Tindall, Northern Cross Chairman and the Board of Directors of the Northern Cross

THANK YOU to all St. Patrick's parishioners who are delivering bulletins, providing treats and for all other acts of kindness during these difficult times.

Please forward any prayers, thoughts, poems, news, anniversaries or any item that you would like to share and I will include them on the bulletin. Thank you.

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