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The heart of Jesus went out to those in need. The healing He communicated was not only physical but was also a healing of anxiety, guilt and all that weighs us down. A strengthening of ourselves that gives a lift for the future. This happens still in His care for people today. The church, his community, is to be the people of healing. The peace of mind people find in prayer or in a holy place is like the ministry of Jesus. The Gospel stories tell us that as well as healing, casting out demons, and preaching, Jesus was in the habit of going off to a quiet place to pray. This contact with the Father is a much needed source of energy and inspiration that gives Jesus the ability to fulfil His mission. We too can turn regularly to the Lord in prayer so that He can replenish our spirits and nourish our hearts.

Lord, open my mind that I may be aware of your presence in my daily life. Open my heart that I may offer you all my thoughts. Open my mouth that I may speak to you throughout my day. I am grateful that you wish to hear my voice. To you I give my all. Help me to do your will, every hour of every day. Amen.

We pray for world leaders that their priorities and policies may value the needs and rights of the suffering, hungry and vulnerable.

We pray to the Lord

We pray for our families, that our homes will be places of prayer, unconditional love, forgiveness, and generosity.

We pray to the Lord

We pray for all those who have lost family and friends at this time, that they be consoled by Christ's promise of life everlasting in the glorious company of our loving God and Father.

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Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February . . . We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7	Sunday	9.00am	Dennis & Paul Lindo
8	Monday	9.15am	Fred & Bessie Cain
9	Tuesday		
10	Wednesday St Scholastica		
11	Thursday Our Lady of Lourdes		
12	Friday		Thanksgiving
13	Saturday Vigil Mass	4.00pm	Love, Mocker & Hanley Families Confessions after Mass



6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

14	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Anniversaries:		Bernard Hillerby, John Duffey	
		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, Rose Marie Bruno, Teresa Carrick	

Loving God we pray for those in need in our own community, the sick and the dying, the elderly, the housebound and those in care homes, hospitals and hospices and for the work and devotion of those who care for them. We thank you for Carers whose love and compassion bring spiritual comfort in times of need. Amen

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Job 7:1-4, 6-7**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 146:1-6**
- **Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23**
- **Gospel ~ Mark 1:29-39**



ASH WEDNESDAY . . . Mass times for Ash Wednesday are:

9.30am - St. Cuthbert's RC Church, **12 Noon** - St. Mary's RC Church
7.00pm - St. Patrick's RC Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are going to be held on **Saturday Evenings at 3.30pm** (before the 4.00pm Mass). **Starting on Saturday 20th February.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK is Thursday, 11th February on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities. We think in particular of those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.



Grant to each one of us your children an awareness of your presence, and give us perfect confidence in you. In all pain and weariness and anxiety teach us to yield ourselves to your never failing care, knowing that your love and power surround us, trusting in your wisdom and providence to give us health and strength and peace when your time is best, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A NOVENA FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES On the 11th February. Fr Stephen will lead us in a few minutes of prayer which can be accessed via the 'Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes' Facebook page. **Daily prayers will be shared at 8am** and can be viewed at any time after that. You are invited to join in this time of prayer.



Respond to Department of Health consultation to stop home abortions! The Department of Health is holding a consultation on whether to continue the practice of sending dangerous abortion pills to women to undergo abortions at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the questionnaire.

Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>. The consultation ends on 26th February.

A community inspired by the vision of Pope Francis in *Fratelli tutti* during the pandemic . . . A blog by Fr. Chris Hughes has been published in The Tablet reflecting on Pope Francis vision, '*Fratelli Tutti*' and the ongoing relationship between Tyne & Wear Citizens and the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle.
To read the article visit the Diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle ~ Resources for the Season of Lent
With the changing COVID-19 landscape, the temptation may be not to plan too far ahead, but we know that we will eventually emerge from lockdown and we need to start looking at the rebuilding of our Parish Communities and beyond. The Vicariate for Faith & Mission is busy putting together resources for Lent with the help of volunteers. These will include **Daily Reflections booklets** written by gifted writers from across the diocese, and **Daily Reflective videos** expertly produced by the Youth Mission Team. The resources will be available soon on the Diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk.

ELIZABETH PROUT . . . A Victorian poverty campaigner is set to become the second English Saint of modern times. Elizabeth Prout, who was born in Shrewsbury in 1820, was an activist who opened schools for poor children as well as homes for destitute women across the industrialised North West. Elizabeth Prout died of tuberculosis in Lancashire in 1864.



The Holy Father authorised the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to promulgate a decree on the 21st January formally recognising that the Servant of God, Mother Elizabeth Prout, lived a life of heroic virtue. Mother Elizabeth has now been given the title 'Venerable' by the Vatican, a key step on the road to canonisation. It will now seek two miracles as signs from God that Mother Elizabeth is a Saint. The first will lead to her beatification, when she will be given the title "Blessed" and the second will lead to her canonisation.



The North East Catholic Writers` Guild are running a literary competition for schoolchildren – the theme is: "Compose a hopeful prayer for this difficult time"

Maximum 20 lines, the lines don't have to rhyme. Open to 8-10 year-olds. Please include your age, name, address and phone number and send to: Veronica Whitty ,Secretary, Catholic Writers` Guild (NE), 51 Queen`s Crescent, Wallsend, NE28 8DW.

Or e-mail: veronicawhitty@hotmail.com **Deadline: 8th April 2021**

NB: Entries: excludes anyone related to any member of the Guild or related to anyone connected with 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 they will be included on the bulletin. Thank you.

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