



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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At this time of year the miracle of growth is taking place all around us in flowers, grass, plants and shrubs. Growth is a gradual process that requires time, tender care and constant patience before flowers and fruit are produced. This Sunday's readings are concerned with spiritual growth. They speak of the importance of coming to God in prayer and good works in order to grow in God's favour and friendship. The seed of God's presence within us was first planted at our baptism. Our task is to look after it so that it can work powerfully within us, making a difference in our own lives and through us, in the lives of others. God keeps us alert to opportunities where we can carry out good works and acts of loving kindness, evidence that the seed of God's presence planted within us is beginning to produce the fruit that God waits for.

Lord Jesus Christ, we remember with gratitude those people who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives. Above all we recognize how you have blessed our lives with the gift of the Holy Spirit so that our faith has miraculously and mysteriously grown. Bless and renew our lives, so that we remain connected to you at all times and in all places, strengthening our faith to expand and, growing strongly and vigorously, to bear the fruit of your mercy and love. Amen



We pray that the seed of faith be planted in our children and young people so that they may find Christ and, through participation in the life of the church, grow and develop to their fullest potential. We especially pray for children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion and for all who influence their lives.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially members of our own families and of the Parish. May they experience the everlasting peace of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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Pat Kennedy MPS has shared a Reflection (Eucharist), which you can read by visiting the Diocesan Website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

11th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
13	Sunday	9.00am	Ann Harbron
14	Monday	9.15am	For Families
15	Tuesday		
16	Wednesday		
17	Thursday		
18	Friday	9.15am	Thanksgiving St. Patrick's R.C. School
19	Saturday Vigil Mass	4.00pm	Alan Smith Confessions after Mass
12th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
20	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Anniversaries:			
		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, Rose Marie Bruno, Teresa Carrick	



We pray for world leaders, that God may grant them wisdom to make just decisions which respect the earth and all that lives in it. We pray that God may open our eyes to recognise the goodness of all creation and help us to do what we can to restore and care for the wonderful gift that we have been given. Amen.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Ezekiel 17:22-24**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16**
- **Second Reading ~ 2 Corinthians 5:6-10**
- **Gospel ~ Mark 4:26-34**

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June ~ The Beauty of Marriage



Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

A Marriage Prayer: *Lord, help us to remember when we first met and the strong love that grew between us and to work that love into practical things so nothing can divide us. We ask for words both kind and loving and for hearts always ready to ask forgiveness as well as to forgive. Lord, we put our marriage into Your hands. Amen.*



Clothes are desperately needed for children aged 1–14 years old and also for adults, male and female. They are desperately needed for Asylum seekers, refugees and needy families. If you can help please contact Veronica Lindo anytime on Mob: 07523077656 or see any St Patrick's SVP member.

(For safety please do not leave bags of clothing at the back of church. Please arrange for collection with Veronica or SVP members)

A Reflection by Fr Paul McCourt . . . Fr Paul McCourt is a priest of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, ordained in 1990 after studies at St Cuthbert's College, Ushaw. After 10 years of solely parish ministry, he was approached to take up a part-time appointment with the Army as a Chaplain to Durham Army Cadet Force, before transferring as a Reserve Chaplain to a Field Hospital Unit in 2003 where he remained until 2013, completing a tour of Afghanistan in 2012. He is currently appointed to the Cavalry Regiment, The Light Dragoons and Operation Newcombe in Mali. You can read a reflection by Fr. Paul, which was published in the Catholic Universe, by visiting the Diocesan Website www.rcdhn.org.uk

A special concert inspired by the life and writings of Saint John Henry Newman took place on the 10th June at Farm Street Jesuit Church in London's Mayfair. The concert: **Newman: Meditation & Prayer**, is live streamed on Classic FM's Facebook page and available on demand for a month. It will feature the world premieres of two new Genesis Foundation choral music commissions, as well as readings from the works of Cardinal Newman and poet and churchman John Donne. For more information visit www.cbcew.org.uk and select 'News'

Continuing the Journey . . . For anyone who has completed an RCIA programme, we are offering an opportunity to continue the process of learning and sharing the Faith, using video and group discussion, through five online Zoom sessions in June/July. **These will take place on Wednesdays at 7.00pm starting 30th June**, followed by 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th July. Each session will last for one hour. You can register by visiting the Diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk and selecting the June Newsletter, there you can scan the QR Code in the image, or telephone Faith & Mission, 0191 243 3316

Thank You to all St. Patrick's parishioners who have delivered bulletins, providing treats and for all other acts of kindness during these difficult times.

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