

## St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Christ offers us an invitation, we do not come to him through our own strength, knowledge and power, and we accept that invitation. Our faith is born through a two-way relationship with the Father and that relationship is renewed, strengthened and encouraged through the constant re-offering of the nourishment that only the Church can offer, through the sacraments, teaching and prayer. Jesus is appealing to us to be aware of the divine relationships that underpin our lives. The Father is always drawing us into divine life, because he loves us limitlessly. He does this through Jesus who is one like us and who tells us what the Father has in mind for us. What Christ wants us to grasp is that within Him is all the food that we need to grow spiritually, real bread that satisfies hunger forever.

*God of healing and transformation, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life. We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy; we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope; we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration. Meet us here. We need the bread of heaven to sustain us as we journey to find our way that we may be one with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*


We pray for ourselves, our family and friends, that we may follow the advice of St Paul to be kind to all others, not to bear grudges or be spiteful, but rather to follow Christ by loving as he loved, giving himself up on the cross in our place as a sacrifice to God. **Lord, hear our prayer**

We pray for our community and ask the Lord that we be enlightened to create a living and vibrant parish where kindness and love of neighbour are ever present in all our lives. **Lord, hear our prayer**

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help them, and all priests, to be strong in their vocation. **Lord, hear our prayer**

**Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for August . . .** Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



<b>19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>			
8	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
9	Monday <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	9.15am	Paul McPartland (SVP)
10	Tuesday <i>St Laurence</i>		
11	Wednesday <i>St Clare of Assisi</i>		
12	Thursday		
13	Friday	9.15am	Stan Watson (SVP)
14	Saturday Vigil Mass <i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	4.00pm	William Goldsmith Confessions after Mass
<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>			
15	Sunday	9.00am	Joan Southgate
Recently Deceased:		Enid Henry ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Ritano Betti, Susan Brown, Paul Lindo, Joyce Wild, Ezra Allcock, Robert Minto	
		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	



Jesus has made himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that adoration.

(St. Teresa of Calcutta)

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ 1 Kings 19:4-8**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 33:2-9**
- **Second Reading ~ Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2**
- **Gospel ~ John 6:41-51**

**Please keep Fr. Dodds in your prayers** as he leaves English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's Parish. We thank him for all his great work in Stockton, may God bless him as he serves his new parishes in Hexham.

**Diocesan Year of the Eucharist . . .** Bishop Robert has announced the Year of the Eucharist will be celebrated in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and will be launched during Mass at **St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021**, simultaneously with the launch of the Synod.



The aims of the Year of the Eucharist are:

- ✚ To celebrate the Eucharist at the heart of the life and mission of the Church and to gather people back.
- ✚ To grow as a Diocese in our love and appreciation of the Eucharist.
- ✚ To deepen our appreciation of the liturgical celebration of the Eucharist through the rites.
- ✚ To revitalise and renew our faith through a deepening prayer and devotion of the Eucharist.
- ✚ To go out and serve the world through the nourishment of the Eucharist.

The Year of the Eucharist will be celebrated in Episcopal Areas, Partnerships, Parishes and Schools and will provide a framework of prayer for the Diocese's participation in the first stage of the Synod.

## **Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle**

**Plans are well ahead for the launch event of the newly formed Diocesan Environmental Group** – *Caring for Our Common Home – Hearing the Cry of the Earth and the Poor*. **This will be at the Youth Village on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am – 4.00pm.** The event will include Mass, presided by Bishop Robert, workshops and stalls on sustainable development. There will also be two keynote speakers:

- Christine Allen – National Director of CAFOD
- Emma Gardner – Director of the Salford Diocesan Guardians of Creation Project.



There is no charge since the event is being kindly sponsored by the Diocesan Vicariate for Caritas. A booking form will soon be available on the Diocesan website.



**Youth Mission Team Barbeque . . .** The Youth Ministry Team would like to invite you to a BBQ at the Emmaus Youth Village with a Sing-Along: Live Hymns Old and New; on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August from 12-4 pm.** The bar will remain open after 4 pm.

Tickets are £5 and cover BBQ and Quiz entry. Accommodation is available. Card payments only. Payment would be taken on the day of arrival; however, booking is essential. For room pricing and to book rooms or tickets, please email [phillip.salkeld@ymt.org](mailto:phillip.salkeld@ymt.org).

**Butterwick Hospice Fund Raising ~ 'Get on your bike'** . . . Help raise funds for the Butterwick Hospice as you enjoy a ride through the countryside. The 18<sup>th</sup> Big Butterwick Bike Race is set to take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September. The 26 mile route takes in Elton, Long Newton, Sadberge, Bishopton and Redmarshall, returning to Elm Tree Social Club for a well-deserved picnic lunch.

Entry is £10 per person and it is hoped that cyclists will raise funds for Butterwick Hospice Care via sponsorship, too. To sign up or for more information, log on to the events section of the hospice website at <https://www.butterwick.org.uk>



**SPUC Pro-Life Parish Mission . . . Join the community of St. Thomas More's Parish in Middlesbrough for a pro-life parish mission from Monday 27th September - Friday 1st October.** Delivered by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC), the mission will include a daily schedule of prayer and devotions, inspirational talks and powerful personal testimonies, presentations in local secondary schools, a Eucharistic Healing Service for anyone who has experienced any form of baby loss and an opportunity for married couples to renew their wedding vows. Further details and timings will follow in due course but for now, please save the dates. It is hoped that people from across the local area will feel warmly invited to attend. For more information, please contact Terry Graham, SPUC's Northern Development Officer at: [terrygraham@spuc.org.uk](mailto:terrygraham@spuc.org.uk)



**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)

**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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