



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 10th October 2021

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus is calling us to deepen our relationship with Him. Just as important, though, we need to reflect on those times when we have chosen to cling to those things and situations that distance us from Christ, and consider how we too may have walked away, like the rich man, 'saddened and grieving'. Jesus invites all of us to completely put Him first, to stop placing priority on power, property and privilege ahead of our love of God and love of neighbour. We need to accept the invitation to generous sharing. Jesus was so generous that he gave us his very self. God does not ask us to give up our riches, but he asks us to use them wisely in His service. The gospel asks us to look in the right place for our true wealth and riches, in our giving of time and self to others in the sort of relationships of love which value the worth and dignity of all.

Loving Lord, All I have is yours. May I never hold on to your gifts so tightly that they begin to hold on to me. May my hands be open, both to receive your blessings, and to let them go; both to carry your gifts, and to pass them on. Amen.



Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for October . . . Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the gospel.

Pope Francis said we are all invited to be open to Jesus' call and to live united to Him in the mundane events of our daily lives. "Work, meeting other people, our daily duties and the chance events of each day": These are the opportunities we have to allow ourselves to be "guided by the Holy Spirit," said the Pope. He said other people take notice when our every action is motivated by Christ.



The Year of the Eucharist 2021–2022: 'Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.' Bishop Robert Byrne will open our Diocesan year of the Eucharist at the **Synod opening Mass on the 17th October**. Various events, invitations, publications and resources will be available this coming year. To receive these directly to your inbox sign up to the Diocesan mailing list by visiting the Diocesan website.

28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

10	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
11	Monday	9.15am	Gerard Richardson
12	Tuesday St Wilfrid		
13	Wednesday		
14	Thursday		
15	Friday St Teresa of Avila	9.15am	Patricia Corking (St Patrick's School)
16	Saturday	9.15am	Special Intention Confessions after Mass

29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

17	Sunday	9.00am	Pat & Eddie Obrien
Anniversaries:		Sheila Scott, Robert Parkinson	
		Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Teresa Carrick,	



The Year of St Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Amen.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Wisdom 7:7-11**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 89:12-17**
- **Second Reading ~ Hebrews 4:12-13**
- **Gospel ~ Mark 10:17-30**

Please will you consider joining the team of people who compose the Bidding Prayers for the Sunday Mass at St Patrick's? We operate a rota, with each person (or couple) responsible for a month at a time, and we urgently need more people to come forward. The Bidding Prayers are meant to focus people's attention on the needs of the Church, of the world we live in, of our local communities and of any special circumstances. So if you are aware of 'the news' then you are welcome to join us! There are NO meetings involved as we can usually communicate by phone or e-mail. If you are interested, please get in touch for more information.

Terry and Patricia Egerton (01642-645732; p.egerton123@gmail.com)."

RESUMPTION OF CHURCH CLEANING ROTA . . . As the restrictions are being lifted I am looking at resuming the church cleaning teams. If you wish to join the rota could you please contact me. Many thanks. Christine Pope (01642 653673 or



Today is a day of prayer for prisoners and their dependants. Pact calls on individuals and churches in the Christian community to go beyond, and remember in prayer all those affected by imprisonment. Pact is the major Catholic charity providing support for prisoners and their families, working in most prisons across England and Wales. This work is a direct expression of our discipleship and a very concrete expression of our desire to serve the Lord in those who are most vulnerable. In Prison's Week, which runs until the 16th October, let us stand together in prayer with those struggling to cope with imprisonment and that all affected will know what it means to find the compassion of God's mercy. We pray for all those concerned with the criminal justice system in any way, including all prison staff, clergy, family of prisoners as well as prisoners themselves. To find out more about Pact and the work they do visit www.prisonadvice.org.uk

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit. Amen.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle – Courses

Sacristans: The course will look at the importance of preparing for the celebration of the Liturgy and the Sacramental Rites. We shall study the proper use and care of those things that are needed for worship in the Parish Church during the Liturgical Year.

- Tuesday 26th October 10am to 3pm. Commissioning Mass at 12.15pm. St. Bede, Chapel Road, Jarrow, NE32 3LX. Cost £5. Please bring a packed lunch.

Readers: The course will look at the importance of the Word of God in the Liturgy. We shall consider the need to reflect on the meaning of the sacred text and provide training to help improve technique in proclaiming it.

- Monday 8th November 7pm to 9pm and Saturday 13th November 10am to 3pm. Commissioning Service at 3pm. St. Joseph's, Thorneyholme Terrace, Stanley, DH9 0BL. Cost £10. Please bring a packed lunch on the Saturday.

Places are limited on these courses and are subject to change, depending on the current Government Coronavirus regulations. Please telephone the Vicariate for Faith and Mission on 07375 934713 or email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk to book a place or contact Kathryn in the office.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle - Pope Francis and the Synod Office in Rome are inviting the whole Church to become Synodal. We are invited to journey together, listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the lives of the people we meet. The whole 'Synod' will be a two-year process beginning in every diocese in October 2021 and moving on to a national then international listening exercise. The Synod theme is: '*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission*' To get involved and to join the journey we are inviting you to pray. To spend this time discerning what it is the Holy Spirit is saying in your life. Discernment is very much about listening and we invite you to have an open heart and open ears as we enter into this process. Please visit the Diocesan website to read more about the Synod. www.rcdhn.org.uk

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY - Sorrowful Mysteries



The Agony in the Garden – **Conformity to God's will**

Jesus knows torture and death lie ahead and he prays that the cup will pass. He also prays God's will be done. In his agony, he carries the weight of our sins so that we may be saved. We too suffer and while we may pray the suffering will end, we are given support from Our Lord to endure, as Jesus received strength from the angel in the garden. **I pray for the courage to conform to God's will especially when it may be difficult.**

The Scourging at the Pillar – **Mortification**

Jesus is brutally tortured to near death. Scourging was more than mere beating; it involved using instruments to inflict the most pain and blood loss possible without actually killing. Jesus was beaten for our sins. His mother watched as her son's blood spilled on the ground. **I pray for forgiveness for my sins, the sins that contributed to the torture of my Lord.**

The Crowning with Thorns – **Moral Courage**

Jesus is stripped, re-clothed with a scarlet robe and crowned with thorns. He is mocked and spit upon by the soldiers. The people demand his crucifixion. Despite his innocence, he does not defend himself. He is strong in the face of hatred. **I pray for courage to defend God's truth and strength to withstand the criticism and hatred of others.**



The Carrying of the Cross – **Patience**

Jesus' humiliation continues as he carries the Cross he will be crucified on through the town and people continue to mock him. Jesus is patient in enduring this suffering for us. I pray for more forgiveness, knowing my sins add to the weight of that Cross. **I pray for patience in my own times of difficulty.**

The Crucifixion – **Salvation**

Jesus arrives and is nailed to the cross. As he hangs, slowly dying, he is comforted by the presence of Mary, her sister, John and Mary Magdalene. Mary is strong. She has watched him suffer and now die and she never leaves him. In his words to Mary, "Woman, behold, your son" all of us are entrusted to her love. **I pray in thanksgiving for Christ's suffering and sacrifice so that I may be saved.**



A Youth Club for those with disabilities. Phab Club is coming to Yarm School, The Friarage, Yarm. It is for children and young people who are disabled aged 11–18. It is fortnightly on a Thursday from 4.45pm to 6.00pm. Parents to stay on-site having refreshments.

To register your interest please contact Sophie Hussey, e-mail slh@yarmschool.org. Phab inspires and supports disabled and non-disabled children, young people and adults to make more of life together.

Minsteracres Retreat Centre: www.minsteracres.org

- **Quiet Day** – Wednesday 13th October. An opportunity to step aside, listen to God in scripture and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of Minsteracres. 10am to 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided. Suggested donation £20
- **Walk** – Enjoy a walk of 7 to 10 miles through the beautiful countryside around Minsteracres with time for prayer, reflection and sharing of the beauty of creation. You will need suitable walking boots and warm waterproof clothing. 10am to 5pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £15.

Please visit the above website to book a place for both of these days.

USHAW: Make Magic at Ushaw – Sunday 24th October 10am to 1pm



Have a magical time with magician Andrew this October to kick off half-term. First take part in a magician's hour long workshop to learn your own tricks then watch Andrew's incredible magic show. Suitable for children 7yrs to 11yrs. Places are pre-bookable only, £15. Visit Ushaw Events: <mailto:events@ushaw.org>

THANK YOU to all St. Patrick's parishioners who are delivering bulletins, providing treats for other parishioners and friends.

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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