



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

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Sunday 17th October 2021

The readings for this Sunday speak of the cost of discipleship. The first reading foretells of Jesus' sacrifice for us. The second reading reminds us that Jesus understands our weaknesses and in the gospel Jesus warns his disciples that it will be difficult to follow him and they must develop servants' hearts. The challenge is simply to love God in this life and leave the future to the Lord. If we follow Jesus, we will surely suffer, yet at the same time we will share more intimately in His life. In the life to come, we will not be jealous or even want to be anything other than we are. We will be loved beyond all that we can imagine.

*Lord Jesus Christ, keep reminding us that following you means emptying ourselves of all self-serving power and filling ourselves with the desire to serve others as willingly as you did. Forgive any reluctance on our part to follow your example; replace any selfishness with your inclusive love, your compassion and your humility. Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your presence so the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. Amen.*



**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**. You are invited to a live stream of the Mass on St. Mary's Cathedral YouTube Channel. Please visit the Diocesan website to view. [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

**A Pro-life Holy Hour will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October after the 6:30pm Mass at English Martyr's & Ss Peter & Paul.** Please come and pray for the unborn and sanctity of life.

### **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*

<b>29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>			
17	Sunday	9.00am	Pat & Eddie O'Brien
18	Monday <i>St Luke</i>	9.15am	Bob Parkinson
19	Tuesday		
20	Wednesday		
21	Thursday		
22	Friday <i>St John Paul II</i>	9.15am	Rita Gardiner
23	Saturday		No Mass
<b>30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>			
24	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Cath Rossinelli, Audrey Bentley, Don Foley, Dorothy Dinsdale, Maureen Henderson	
		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,	



### **Catechism of the Catholic Church 1324**

The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."

### **THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .**

- **First Reading ~ Isaiah 53:10-11**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22**
- **Second Reading ~ Hebrews 4:14-16**
- **Gospel ~ Mark 10:35-45**

**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](mailto: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

## **MEMORIAL MASS - Remembering those who died since the Pandemic began.**

Since the Pandemic began, the ways in which we have been able to say goodbye to our loved ones and to celebrate their funerals have been severely restricted. This applies to those who died with the Coronavirus and to those we have lost through other circumstances. Every family and parish is finding ways to express their loss. As part of our Diocesan family approach to these difficult times we shall especially dedicate the month of November to our remembrance.

**For November, every parish is invited to prepare a 'Book of Remembrance' to contain the names of all those who died during these difficult days.** These Books of Remembrance will be brought to Saint Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, so that all those named may be remembered at a Solemn Requiem Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert at 11.00am on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Representation from the parishes will be invited to this Mass while respecting the ongoing need for distancing.

**You are invited to add the names of deceased relatives and friends who have died during these difficult days to St Patrick's 'Book of Remembrance.'** If you would like to include a deceased name for remembrance who has died from January 2020 to the present day, please email the deceased's name and date of death to [stpatricks.fairfield@btinternet.com](mailto:stpatricks.fairfield@btinternet.com) or post details through the parish office letter box. May they all rest in peace. 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> November** 7pm to 9pm and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk) to book a place or contact Kathryn in the office.



**Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers . . .** The Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers will be on Saturday **20<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle.** Bishop Robert will celebrate the Mass and it is hoped that servers come together from across the Diocese. It will be great to see everyone after missing last year and building on the great success of the previous Diocesan Altar Servers' Mass in 2019.

**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](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

**St John Paul II** (22<sup>nd</sup> October) Charles Joseph Wojtyla was born in Wadowice, Poland. After his ordination to the priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to his homeland and resumed various pastoral and academic tasks. He became first auxiliary bishop and, in 1964, Archbishop of Krakow and took part in the Second Vatican Council. On 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1978, he was elected pope and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. In Rome on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2005, the eve of the Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy), he departed peacefully in the Lord. He was canonised by Pope Francis on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

**Prayerful Opposition to the Assisted Dying Bill 2021 . . .** Catholics are invited to pray a novena for nine days, seeking the intercession of Pope Saint John Paul II, to help defeat the 'Assisted Dying Bill 2021' and to uphold the infinite worth of each human person. **It started on Thursday, 14 October.** "The novena, asking the intercession of Pope Saint John Paul II, who spoke courageously about the infinite worth of each human person and witnessed to the cross in his final illness, calls upon Catholics and all who share our view that assisted suicide is wrong, to pray with perseverance that this Bill will be defeated.

**Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Lourdes Pilgrimage . . .** Preparations are beginning for our annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes from **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022.** It is hoped that next year we will be able to travel together as a Diocese once more. In order to aid the planning stages, it would be helpful if you could indicate your interest in travelling to Lourdes in July 2022 and state if you would be willing to offer any help or volunteer for any of the roles that support the smooth running of the Pilgrimage. Please contact [lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk) for an 'expression of interest' form.

**MarriageCare Relationship Counsellor . . .** One of the many effects of Covid-19 and the consequent restrictions has been the impact on family relationships, particularly strains placed on couples, leading in some cases to domestic and child abuse and neglect. Support for families is vital by individuals trained in relationship counselling. MarriageCare, a charity in collaboration with our Diocese, is offering a Relationship Counselling Course for our parishioners who feel a vocation to support. Full training will be provided and a Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) will be awarded. MarriageCare will be hosting an online CRC Open Event via Zoom on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1-2pm for anyone who would like to know more about the role, training and MarriageCare. Interested parishioners can contact [Rachaelo@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:Rachaelo@marriagecare.org.uk).

## OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY – Glorious Mysteries



### The Resurrection – *Faith*



Jesus did as he foretold, he rose from death, thus securing for us everlasting life in heaven with him and his father. The women who went to visit him are greeted by an angel who gives them this good news. They see him on their way to Galilee and he tells them to tell the disciples of his resurrection.

***I pray for faith that I too may one day be with Jesus in heaven.***

### The Ascension – *Hope*

As Jesus ascends to heaven he tells his followers to go and make disciples. He sends them to the world to share his story and he promises he will always be with them. They are filled with hope and maybe fear. ***I pray for hope when I don't know the way forward or when times seem dark.***

### The Coming of the Holy Spirit – *Wisdom*

The apostles and Mary are hiding in the upper room in fear of the future. When the Holy Spirit, the Advocate Jesus said he would send, comes to them they are filled with the gifts they need to go out into the world: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We receive these same gifts at our baptism and confirmation. ***I pray that I can use these gifts to share the love of Jesus and the story of his good news.***



### The Assumption of Mary – *Devotion to Mary*

Mary is taken to heaven to her rightful place with Jesus where she intercedes for us in prayer. ***I pray for her intercession and help in growing closer to Jesus, while asking her to help me love him more. She will keep pointing the way toward her son.***

### The Coronation of Mary – *Eternal Happiness*

Mary is the Queen of Heaven and Earth. She listened to God's will and stayed true to his plan for her life. Mary was not spared suffering but her reward in heaven is great. She is our queen too, and if asked she will help us in all facets of our life. ***I pray for her humility, patience, and trust.***



**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](mailto:slh@yarmschool.org). Phab inspires and supports disabled and non-disabled children, young people and adults to make more of life together.

**USHAW: Make Magic at Ushaw – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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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