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Sunday 7th November 2021

This Sunday's readings remind us of our obligation to share with others, especially the poor. The poor are often generous in sharing with those who have less than the little they have themselves. They do it without hope of return because those helped will probably always be in need. The poor widow in the gospel is commended by Jesus as a model of discipleship because she gives from the little resources she has.

Those resources are not always measured in money or material things. We are called on to give of our time, our talents, our understanding. We are called to be generous with our love, our forgiveness and our patience.



God of light, we know that all people have something that they can give to share with others. Show us what we can give and help us to be generous. Amen.

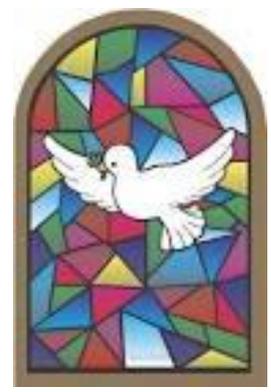
Synod of Bishops on "Journeying together" – 2023

In preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023 Pope Francis is asking us **"How do we journey together as a local Church and what steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?"**

For guidance we are offered ten questions framed from the account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. **Please take the set of questions from the back of church.** You are invited to write down your reflections and return them to Canon Cooper.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS . . . Heavenly Father, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. Help us to experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within us, and the fellowship of the church family around us until we are reunited once more in your heavenly Kingdom. Amen

32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
7	Sunday	9.00am	John & Mollie Cawood
8	Monday	9.15am	Vincent Rea
9	Tuesday <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>		
10	Wednesday <i>St Leo the Great</i>		
11	Thursday <i>St Martin of Tours</i>		
12	Friday <i>St Josaphat</i>	9.15am	Michael Nertney
13	Saturday		No Mass
33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
14	Sunday	9.00am	Joseph & Marie Roe, Kay Tolley & Harold Roe
Recently Deceased:		Teresa Carrick ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Norman Hogarth, Michael Nertney	
		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,	



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November:

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ 1 Kings 17:10-16**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 145:7-10**
- **Second Reading ~ Hebrews 9:24-28**
- **Gospel ~ Mark 12:38-44**



There will be a Pro-life Holy Hour on **Monday 22nd November following the 9:15am Mass at St Patrick's RC Church.** Please come and join us to pray for the unborn and sanctity of life.

We pray that world leaders at the UN Climate Change Conference unite in taking a greater responsibility for our environment and for the protection of the wonderful land, air and water which our loving Creator has gifted us. Amen.

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 27th 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 or post details through the parish office letter box. May they all rest in peace. Amen



Please note that this will be the last week to forward names for inclusion in the Remembrance Book.

The Rt Rev Robert Byre CO will celebrate a Requiem Mass at the Church of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Billingham on Thursday 25th November at 7pm. All welcome.

RED MISSIO BOXES . . . The Red Boxes would normally be emptied in November. Unfortunately due to personal reasons, this cannot be done on this occasion. The Autumn Missio magazine can be collected from the back of St. Patricks Church. There is information on inside back page of the magazine which explains how you can deposit your money or donate online, text or via phone. Marie Davis (Missio Co-ordinator)



PLEASE HELP!

Parish Hall . . . We are currently undertaking a risk assessment, due to Covid restrictions, with a view to re-opening the Hall for certain activities. We will update you when this has been completed. However, Martin Driffield will be unable to organize a Diary for Events and supervise the Hall, for a period of time, due to personal circumstances. If you have spare time to help run the Hall over the coming months, please contact the Parish Secretary on 01642 580171, or speak to Martin on 01642 653649. Thank you.

PARISH SHOP . . Thank you for your support

- ❖ Boxes of 18 Christmas Cards £3.99
- ❖ Small packets of 10 Christmas cards, a few left £1.30
- ❖ 2022 Catholic Diaries £2.99
- ❖ Two Weekday Missals at a special price of £29.99

Gifts and cards on sale in the Shop or on the table in church porch.

As we move towards Advent, the Vicariate for Faith & Mission has produced a booklet of Advent Reflections based on the daily readings and Gospels and written by Clergy and Laity from across the Diocese. The Advent reflection booklet will be available online from mid-November.

A new website for the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle is now live at www.diocesehn.org.uk. Featuring a modern, fresh design, easier navigation and search facilities, the new website also has advanced accessibility tools for users with additional support needs. The previous web addresses www.rcdhn.org.uk and www.edurcdhn.org.uk are being replaced with the new address. For the time being, the previous addresses will redirect to the new website to ensure easy access.

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica . . . On Tuesday, 9th November, the church celebrates the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, called "mother and head of all the churches of the city and the world." The basilica was the first to be built after Emperor Constantine's edict, in 313, granted Christians freedom to practice their religion. Initially the observance of this feast was confined to the city of Rome; then, beginning in 1565, it was extended to all the Churches of the Roman rite. The honouring of this sacred edifice was a way of expressing love and veneration for the Roman Church.

Father, may we learn from this dedication day the importance of preserving not only sacred buildings but our holy traditions. We thank you for Your many blessings. Help us not to take them for granted, but to always treasure and venerate Your holy gifts. Amen.



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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