

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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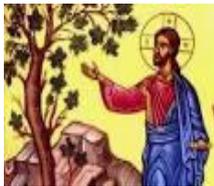
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Sunday 14th November 2021

When asked about the signs of things to come, Jesus looked at the fig tree and said, "As soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is coming." This may not help us to know about the end of time and the questions people had then, but it can get us to become aware of how God is present in our lives.

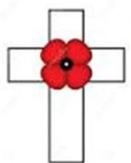
The word of God is spoken in the human words of many people. In forgiving and tolerant words, and in the word of God spoken in the Mass. Jesus speaks to us today, we can find his presence in the kindness and the helpful words of another. This is the word of God in human form.

God, you are our Lord over the entire universe. You created everything in this world for us to experience the gift of life. Always reminds us to keep our focus on you. Remind us that everything in this world will fade, all except You and Your words. Help us to know You more and Your greatness for us to spread in all corners of the world. Teach us to be the light in other people's lives, and teach us to live out this life proclaiming your glory. Amen.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ... We are in a season of remembering. We have recently celebrated the festivals of All Saints and All Souls, when we remember with gratitude the lives of those who have died in the Faith and been a Christian example to us, and more specifically, remembered those close to us who have died. In this season of remembrance, we also give thanks to God for all those who have laid down their lives in the service of their country, both in the great wars of the last century and in the conflicts of this century.

God of peace, we pray that those in authority may follow the example of the saints who worked for peace and love. Guide the leaders of all nations that justice may prevail throughout the world. Make us instruments of your peace and let your glory be all over the earth. Amen.



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.

33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
14	Sunday 	9.00am	Joseph & Marie Roe, Kay Tolley & Harold Roe
15	Monday	9.15am	Nicky McGee
16	Tuesday		
17	Wednesday <i>St Hilda of Whitby</i>	10.00am	Requiem Mass Teresa Carrick
18	Thursday	7.00pm	Deceased of Men's Club
19	Friday	9.15am	Veronica Connors
20	Saturday	9.15am	Ellen Wood Confessions after Mass
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING			
21	Sunday	9.00am	Julia McAndrew & Oblise Alfred McAndrew
Anniversaries:		Margaret Foley, Peter Hemblade, Julia McAndrew	
		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,	



We remember the deceased members of the clergy and thank God for their generosity in responding to His call and for their faithful witness and service to God's people.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Daniel 12:1-13**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 15:5, 8-11**
- **Second Reading ~ Hebrews 10:11-14, 18**
- **Gospel ~ Mark 13:24-32**



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.

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 marks the fifth World Day of the Poor, which was initiated by Pope Francis in 2017. Christians are called to follow the example of Jesus in loving God and neighbour, especially the most vulnerable. Pope Francis reminds us that, "If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor."

This year's theme is, "For the poor you have always with you" from the words of Jesus at the Anointing in Bethany just before his Passion. The incident is described in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and John. The Pope says the encounter with the poor is more than just charity, or acts of benevolence, important as they are. It should be a genuine sharing, an establishment of community, a desire to get to know those who may have been invisible to us.

Open our ears to hear you in the cry of those living in poverty. Open our eyes to see you in the lives of the oppressed. Open our hearts to meet you in others and to respond with mercy and compassion. Pour out on us your grace, so that we may grow as your faithful people, always seeking your Kingdom of Truth, Justice and Peace. Amen

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

The Book of Remembrance will be taken 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.

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)

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- ❖ 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.

ST HILDA (Wednesday 17th November) . . . Hilda was born in Northumbria in 614 and died at Whitby on the 17th November 680. Baptised as a child by Paulinus, she became a nun at the age of 33, eventually becoming Abbess of Hartlepool before moving to the double monastery of Whitby, which under her leadership became a great centre of learning, literature and the arts. Renowned for her wisdom, she was consulted by kings and bishops alike. She is remembered for her patronage of learning and for her leadership of the English Church in a formative period



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.

ILLUMINATING USHAW . . . Follow our **Illuminated Christmas Trail**, stroll through **Christmas Tree Avenue**, marvel at the **Illuminated Historic House**, visit the **Traditional Nativity Scene**, gaze up at the **Giant Gnome Trees**, explore our **Willow Tunnel**, indulge in **Seasonal Treats** and be blown away by the **Largest Festive Light Installation in the North of England!**

- ❖ **Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th December**
- ❖ **Friday 10th – Sunday 12th December**
- ❖ **Saturday 18th – Monday 20th December**



Within the Covid-safe, family friendly environment at Ushaw, all we want this Christmas is for you to ... visit Ushaw! The Illuminated Trail is ticketed and time slots are at 30 minute intervals from 4.30pm – 7:30pm, and will last approx 1 hour 30 mins. Ticket prices are £10 (adult), £8 (child 3–18 yrs. old) and under 2's are free. To purchase a ticket type into the search engine 'Illuminating Ushaw'

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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