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Sunday 13th February 2022

In this weekend's gospel Jesus offers us the Beatitudes and shows us how to turn negatives such as poverty, hunger and hatred into opportunities to show the special love that God has for those who suffer and feel left behind. This message of love is for all people and is a call for action to help others. Jesus invites us, challenges us to link in with those who are poor, those who are hungry, those who weep for whatever reason and to share in the mission and ministry of Jesus himself.

Gracious God, you have so richly blessed us with life, with love and joy, with hope in the midst of despair. Help us to be the light of the world, sharing with others that which we have received, boldly proclaiming the good news of your love, finding the seeds of your Kingdom within us and letting your way grow in our lives and throughout the world. Give us eyes to see the ways you are changing the world in which we live. Amen.



RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY . . . This year's theme builds on that of the previous year's Racial Justice Sunday 'A Time to Act', which reflected on the importance of everyone recognising themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the life of the Church. The aim in 2022, is to continue these conversations about how we see others in the "Image and Likeness of God". It is an opportunity to focus on the three 'R's of 'Remembering', 'Reflecting' and 'Responding':

- **Remembering** the importance of racial justice.
- **Reflecting** on human diversity and thanking God for it.
- **Responding** by working to end injustice, racism and ignorance through prayer and action.




We are encouraged to mark the day by praying the words of Pope Francis taken from his encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti* – on fraternity and social friendship:

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.

More resources can be found by visiting www.cbcew.org

The next pro-life Holy Hour will take place on Thursday 24th February after 9:30pm Mass at St Cuthbert's RC Church. All welcome. Please come and pray for the Sanctity of life and the unborn.

6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
13	Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
14	Monday SS Cyril, Monk & Methodius	9.15am	Special Intention
15	Tuesday		
16	Wednesday	10.00am	Requiem Mass ~ Pat Jackson
17	Thursday		
18	Friday	9.15am	Alan Taylor
19	Saturday	9.15am	Nichola Winifred McGee Confessions after Mass
7th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
20	Sunday	9.00am	Margaret Bentley
Anniversaries:		Kate Pickering, William Anderson, Alan Taylor	
		Billy McGuinness, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Dave, Pauline Davies	



Year of the Family 2021 to 2022

Jesus Mary and Joseph in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth make us more mindful of the sacredness of the family and its beauty in God's plan. Amen.

(Taken from Pope Francis' prayer to the Holy Family)

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Jeremiah 17:5-8**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 1:1-4, 6**
- **Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**
- **Gospel ~ Luke 6:17, 20-26**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND EXPOSITION . . . The Stations of the Cross will be held each Thursday at St Patrick's during Lent at 6.00pm followed by Exposition till 7.00pm. The first evening will be held on Thursday 3rd March. **Parish groups are invited to lead a meditation on the Stations.** If your group would like to choose a date to lead, please contact Deacon Mick on 01642 580171 to make arrangements.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - NEW TEAM MEMBERS REQUIRED!



It is intended that the Children's Liturgy will recommence in the next few weeks. To help deliver the sessions during Sunday Mass, volunteers are needed to join the team. If you're interested, please contact Julie Hawke on 07778 743517.



Walk Against Hunger – CAFOD . . . CAFOD are asking if people will sign up to 'Walk against Hunger' this Lent. They hope lots of people all over England and Wales will take up the challenge themselves to walk 200km this Lent (walk 5km each day of Lent 40 days - 200km) and get sponsored to raise funds to stamp out hunger, one step at a time. A poster will be displayed on the notice board as soon as we receive it. To sign up or for more information go to cafod.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING UPDATE . . . Three years ago we held a number of workshops after the Sunday morning Masses to renew the DBS clearances for those parish volunteers who needed it to continue their role. This year those clearances will expire. Those who signed up to the DBS Online Update Service (OUS) will have a very quick and easy renewal, just one form to fill in and no need to bring identity documents. Those who didn't sign up will have to renew as before. The Diocese Safeguarding Department is now urging everyone who needs clearance to renew as soon as possible and sign up to the OUS so that in three years' time, renewal will involve minimal work for everyone.

The Diocese would now like everyone who needs clearance to contact them either directly or through me, Maurice, and tell them if you are signed up or not. The diocese cannot check your OUS status without your permission because of the data protection laws. The phone number is 0191 243 3305. My number is 07531 721 274. Please, everyone who intends to continue their role do this as soon as possible. It will reduce parish costs from £10 per person to nothing. Even if your clearance has several months before it expires, still do it now. If you need any help with anything, I will be only too pleased to help since this will cut my work down a huge amount in the future.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY ~ We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



Diocesan Synod Update . . . Our Diocesan synod process has been moving ahead over the last couple of months, and we are now starting to collate the responses from all the diocesan groups and parishes. This is how it will work:

- **On Saturday, February 12th** representatives from all the partnerships will gather with the Bishop, and together, they will reflect on the input and the process so far.
- Following this meeting, the partnerships are asked to finalise their responses by February 22nd and to pass these to their respective Episcopal Area meetings.
- The Lay Pastoral Forum, which includes representatives of all the Partnership and lay groups in the diocese will compile all the responses received into a submission to the Bishop in early March.
- The Bishop will then consider this, plus the responses from the Clergy, Caritas, and other Diocesan groups and produce his final submission by April 8th
- At each stage, copies of the various submissions will be made available.

Have you joined the conversation? If you've not yet had the opportunity to make a contribution to the synod process, there is still time to do so, you can email a contribution to synod@diocesehn.org.

'The Synod and a listening Church' -Webinar 5th March at 11am

Sr. Nathalie Becquart . . . Sr. Nathalie Becquart is the under secretary to the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican. She is currently organising the synod process and empowering the Church across the world to journey towards the international Synod. **She will be the guest speaker at a webinar on the 5th March 11am-12.30pm for people across the diocese.** A time to listen, discuss and question her on the church and the way forward. To register please email admin@ymt.org requesting 'webinar registration'

World Meeting of Families ~ 22nd to 26th June 2022 . . . The theme for the tenth World Meeting of Families is '**Family Love: a vocation and a path to Holiness.**' The World Meeting of Families was instituted by Pope St John Paul II in 1994. The week is organised and promoted by the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life. Although physically hosted by the Diocese of Rome, in 2022 the event will be multi-centred and spread out throughout the world's Catholic dioceses. Pope Francis has released a video message describing the special format for the 2022 World Meeting of Families. You can watch the video by visiting www.cbcew.org.uk and selecting 'What's on.'

Please forward any prayers, thoughts, poems, news, anniversaries or any item that you would like to share and I will include them on the bulletin. Thank you.

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