



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

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Prayer is a vital part of Christian discipleship as it is one of the primary ways we relate to God. Through prayer we reach out to others in love and compassion and we make it possible for God's Kingdom to flourish on earth. Jesus often took himself away from the business and noise of life to pray alone, quietly. In our busy world, where there are so many demands and stresses on our lives, prayer gives us time to slow down, think and reflect on what really matters - our relationship of love with God and with one another

***Our Father in Heaven*** ~ Father, I sense you in busyness, creativity and frustrations of the workplace, in laughter and tears of the family home, in conflict and peace-making in the world, in the beauty of the sunrise and the sunset, Open my eyes to glimpses of your heaven each day.

***Your Kingdom come*** ~ You call me to be your servant, to be your love in the world, to further your Kingdom on earth. Show me, guide me, how to serve you.

***Give us this day our daily bread*** ~ You provide for my needs, my food and shelter; give me strength to serve you, wisdom and knowledge so I may share your gospel, love and compassion so I may live and work your good news.



**Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** which took place for the first time last year. This day falls on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15) and intends to emphasise how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities.

"Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future." (Pope Francis)

**Hexham & Newcastle Diocesan Mission Mass . . .** The diocese has asked for this invitation to be extended to Red Box holders and supporters in the parish to celebrate the Beatification and Legacy of Pauline Jaricot. **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm** in St. Anne's church, Welbeck Avenue, Darlington, DL1 2DR. Refreshments after Mass. To assist with planning please RSVP by the 1<sup>st</sup> August. E-mail [theresa@mission.urg.uk](mailto:theresa@mission.urg.uk)

<b>17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>			
24	Sunday	9.00am	Grandparents and the Elderly
25	Monday <b>St James</b>	9.15am	Ronald Taylor
26	Tuesday <b>SS Joachim &amp; Anne</b>		
27	Wednesday		
28	Thursday	6.00pm	Holy Hour ~ Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
29	Friday <b>SS Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus</b>	9.15am	Ian Ritchie
30	Saturday	9.15am	Christopher Morris (Ordination)
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>			
31	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Patricia Corking, June Shaw, Thomas Walker Lynette McCabe	
		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, Pauline Davies	
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			

We pray for all who have died; we remember our grandparents and all those we loved, may they be at peace with God in his heavenly home. Amen.



Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of the elderly. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always shown respect and love. Amen.



**As you may be aware, Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall has re-commenced after Sunday Mass.** This is an excellent opportunity for all members of the parish to briefly meet together. More importantly to develop the community spirit within the parish, recently compromised by the Covid Virus. Following what I hope is a lovely, and well deserved, summer break for you all, may I take this opportunity to ask for volunteers who would support us in continuing to provide and develop this parish activity. Any enquiry please ring me, (Karen Dick) on 01642 864993.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July ~ For the Elderly ~** We pray for the elderly who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

**Holy Island Children's Vinnies Camp 2022 . .** There are still some places at this year's Holy Island Children's Camp, particularly in the last week of the School Summer Holiday. If you have a child/children in school years 5-7 who would like a week's residential holiday on Holy Island or you know of any children who would benefit from going to Camp this year please email [christinej@svp.org.uk](mailto:christinej@svp.org.uk) for further information.