



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 21st August 2022

The readings for this Sunday help us consider how we can be saved. In the first reading we learn that God desires to draw all people to Him. In the second reading Paul encourages us to stay on the straight paths. In the gospel Jesus tells us that we must strive to reach heaven. To gain eternal life is to participate to the fullest degree possible in the very life of God. It is to walk the path of love, surrendering to grace and allowing this grace to flow through us to the wider world.

God of power and mercy, only with Your help can we offer you fitting service and praise. May we live the faith we profess and trust your promise of eternal life. Amen.




St Patrick's SVP would like to thank you for your generous support. If you know of anybody in need, who would like a chat, or any support in any way, please contact any member of the SVP or telephone 01642 581788. All calls will be in strictest confidence.

Can you help? . . The Bidding Prayers at our Parish Masses are an important part of the liturgy, where we encourage everyone to pray for the particular needs of our families, our communities, our church and our world. They are meant to be up-to-date and relevant to local concerns so should be written by people in the parish. BUT at present there are ONLY TWO LOTS of people involved with writing them for St Patrick's parish. We write them 2 months on and 2 months off, - and would be very pleased if more people would get involved, and so share this responsibility! Can you help? You will get full advice and support. Please contact Terry or Patricia Egerton on 01642-645732, or on tpj.egerton@virgin.net. Thank you!



In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage from Lourdes to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. The St Bernadette Relic Tour offers a special once in a lifetime opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them.

The venues hosting St Bernadette's relics have a fixed capacity for visitors. To ensure the comfort and safety of pilgrims, visitors are asked to register their attendance, choosing a dedicated timeslot at a church or cathedral of their choice. Please note that registration times to visit St Bernadette's Relics are a guide only. People across our community will journey in prayer to visit the Relics. While every effort will be made to minimise waiting times, pilgrims may have to queue and are encouraged to include this possibility when planning their visit. The relics will visit the **Cathedral Church of St Mary in Newcastle on Saturday 1st October** (arriving at 11.00am) **and Sunday 2nd October** (departing at 11.00am). The reservation system is now open, please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk scroll down the page and you will be able to register and also find prayers to support the tour.

21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
21	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
22	Monday The Queenship of Mary	9.15am	Maureen Hunton
23	Tuesday		
24	Wednesday St Bartholomew		
25	Thursday	6.00pm	Holy Hour ~ Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
26	Friday	9.15am	No Mass
27	Saturday St Monica	9.15am	Ann Harbron
22nd Sunday of the Year			
28	Sunday	9.00am	Paul Joynes (Scripture Group)
Anniversaries:		Kathleen Dodds, Ena Edwards, Mary Ferguson	
		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			

SVP Fatima Statue - if you would like Our Lady of Fatima statue in your home for a week, please add your name to the list on the notice board in the porch. Pick up from church porch on Sunday, to return the following Sunday. If unable to pick up, a member of the SVP will arrange to bring Our Lady of Fatima statue to your home.

CAFOD Holy Island Pilgrimage – Saturday 3rd September. Walk to reflect on the Fix the Food System Mass at 3pm. More details on Church Noticeboard.

We pray for our young people as they receive their examination results. May the Father grant them the vision of the fullness of life that he offers them through the following of his Son. Amen.

The Queenship of Mary ~ Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary for our Families



Blessed Virgin Mary, you are the Mother and Queen of every Christian family. When you conceived and gave birth to Jesus, human motherhood reached its greatest achievement. From the time of the Annunciation, you were the living chalice of the Son of God made Man. As a woman of faith, you inspire all parents to transmit faith to their children.

Watch over our families. Let the children learn free and loving obedience inspired by your obedience to God. Let parents learn dedication and selflessness based on your unselfish attitude. Let all families honour you and remain devoted to you so that they may be held together by your example and your intercession. Amen

You are invited to join the Parish of St Mary's, Hexham for the visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue and the Relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco over the weekend of Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th August 2022. **Saturday 27th August:** A full programme begins at 10.00am that includes; Procession with Our Lady's Statue, Confession and Benediction. There is a break for lunch between 12.30pm – 2.00pm. Tea & Coffee provided in Church Hall, please bring your own packed lunch. The day will end around 6.30pm. **Sunday 28th August:** Mass at 10.30am and 6.00pm (with Adoration at 5.00pm). This event is open to everyone. All are welcome. Tel: 01434 603119 for pre-event information.