



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

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There are touching moments in our lives that happen every once in a while, when we are made to feel good about ourselves. We were looking after a sick relative, minding a neighbour's child, working hard at our job, doing it all without fuss but taking for granted that it was the right thing to do. In this Sunday's gospel Jesus encourages us to be content with what seemingly is "lowly and least." Often it is in the small and seemingly insignificant gifts of everyday life where we may experience the greatest love, joy, peace and contentment.

*Lord, you invite us to your table and ask us to live in the truth of who you are and who we are, for that is humility. We pray for hearts that serve without counting the cost or of looking for rewards. Amen.*

**The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> September,** starts off the *Season of Creation*, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.




*Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands. We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that You give us as stewards of Your creation. Through faithfully following your Son guide and direct us to prepare for a better future. Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of You. Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created, using wisely all that you have entrusted to us. Amen.*

**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. Visitors are asked to register their attendance, choosing a dedicated timeslot at a church or cathedral of their choice. 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 1<sup>st</sup> October** (arriving at 11.00am) **and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** (departing at 11.00am). The reservation system is now open, please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) scroll down the page and you will be able to register and also find prayers to support the tour.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August . . .** We pray for small and medium sized businesses, in the midst of social and economic crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

**Father Sean Hall continues to offer his weekly reflections** on the Sunday Readings and Pat Kennedy her monthly reflections, both available to read online or download by visiting the Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan website and then selecting the Prayer Resources section.

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>			
28	Sunday	9.00am	Paul Joynes (Scripture Group)
29	Monday <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	9.15am	Ellen Briscoe (SVP)
30	Tuesday		
31	Wednesday <i>St Aidan</i>		
1	Thursday	6.00pm	Holy Hour ~ Divine Mercy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
2	Friday	9.15am	Ann Pilbin (Men's Club)
3	Saturday <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	9.15am	Tom Walker (Men's Club)
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>			
4	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>		Kevin McWilliams ~ May he rest in peace. Amen	
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Margaret Beatrice Wilson, Thomas Byrne, Caterona Ash, Joan Kent	
		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	
<b>Reader for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September ~ Gwen Gallagher</b>			
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.

**The Passion of St. John the Baptist:** Besides our Lord and Our Lady, St John the Baptist is the only one whose birth and death are celebrated. St John spoke the truth with great courage in calling others to a true change of heart and to embrace the ways of God.



*Lord, You raised up St John the Baptist to prepare a perfect person for Christ. We call upon St John's intercession to properly prepare us with a true sense of repentance to receive Your grace and salvation. Make us faithful to truth and justice as You did Your servant, John the Baptist, Lord, may You increase Your life within us. Amen.*

**FIRST STEPS – Exploring the Catholic Faith Online:** Are you looking to explore the Catholic faith? Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey this Autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. The course starts on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.00pm. If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire/register using the Online Enquiry Form (<https://forms.office.com/r/4jwBpFuRvb>) or email us ([adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk))