



Sunday 31st July, 2022

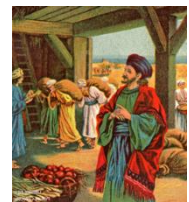
St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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This Sunday's gospel is all about priorities. It is about who is truly God in our lives and how we invest our lives and the gifts that God has given us. Our lives and possessions are not our own, they belong to God and we are merely stewards of them for the time God has given us on this earth. All that we are and all that we have belongs to God. The parable Jesus told teaches us that earthly riches are not the answer to our eternal security. The important thing is that we must be rich spiritually to inherit eternal life.


Lord Jesus, thank you for being our greatest need and supplying us with your wonderful riches. Help each of us to value you as our most precious Saviour, King, and friend. Open our eyes to see the realities that your Word clearly declares; that life on earth is temporary and eternity is what matters most. Give us heavenly wisdom in the way we may lay up treasures in heaven. By your grace may we be good stewards of all that you have given to us. May we be fruitful servants in your glorious Kingdom. Amen.



"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!

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.

Hexham & Newcastle Diocesan Mission Mass . . . The diocese has asked for this invitation to be extended to Red Box holders, volunteers, supporters and parishioners in the parish to celebrate the Beatification and Legacy of Pauline Jaricot. **Tuesday 9th August at 3pm** in St. Anne's church, Welbeck Avenue, Darlington, DL1 2DR. Refreshments after Mass. To assist with planning please RSVP by the 1st August. E-mail theresa@missio.org.uk or telephone 07593 544625.

18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
31	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
1	Monday St Alphonsus	9.15am	Margaret Bentley & Christine Everett
2	Tuesday		
3	Wednesday St Oswald		
4	Thursday St John Vianney	6.00pm	Holy Hour ~ Divine Mercy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5	Friday	9.15am	65th Wedding Anniversary Bernard and Paulene Major
6	Saturday Transfiguration of the Lord	9.15am	Joynes & Cain Families
19th Sunday of the Year			
7	Sunday	9.00am	Patricia Fenwick
Recently Deceased:		Maurice Robinson, Maureen Hunton May they rest in peace. Amen.	
Anniversaries:		Doreen Moran, Enid Henry, Christine Everett, Margaret Bentley, Peter Clark, Florence Stott	
		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			



Transfigured Lord, You are glorious beyond imagination, and You revealed a small glimpse of this glory to Your disciples to help them trust You more fully. May I also trust in You more completely, knowing that all You have spoken to me is true. Please remove any doubt and fear in my life so that nothing keeps me from embracing Your holy will. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.



Divine Mercy Prayer followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Thursday 4th August** at 6.00pm till 7.00pm. All Welcome.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus, as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You. Saint Faustina (Diary 187)

From the Lourdes Pilgrimage Group . . . There will be Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Shotton Colliery at 11am on Wednesday 3 August - this is to mark when the Diocese would normally have been in Lourdes. All are welcome and you are invited to bring a packed lunch, refreshments will be served. After lunch, there will be Marian devotions at the church grotto.

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 for further information.