



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 4th September 2022

The readings for this Sunday help us think about what we truly desire. The psalm declares that God is our only hope. The second reading tells us that even in the worst of situations we can find hope in God. In the gospel Jesus tells us we must be willing to give up all we love to follow him. As true followers of Jesus we enter a new family where we recognise every person as a brother or sister. It is a message, explaining what will be expected if we wish to gain eternal life. We are invited to examine all aspects of our life carefully and decide if the reward of eternal life in God's presence is more important than anything else. We can ask Jesus to help us identify what we need in our lives to follow him truly.

Lord Jesus Christ, you lead me by example. I thank and praise you, because you go before me and show me the way and give me strength to carry my cross every day. May my ears be open to receive your word and my mouth to proclaim my faith. Amen.



Martin Driffield is looking to re-start the Counting teams, to count the Sunday Collections in the Crèche after Mass each Sunday. Counting should take no more than 30 mins and Tea or Coffee will be provided, as required. If you can help Martin with the Counting, please speak to him after Mass, or contact him on 01642 653649 (answer machine if not in).


At the beginning of this new school year we thank you for the ability to learn, progress and grow. Fill each classroom with the joy of discovery and help the students make new and lasting friendships. Thank you for the patience and loyalty of all the staff in our schools. Help them receive satisfaction from their work. Help parents to create atmospheres where children have the structure, love and encouragement they need. May your love and grace fill all students, staff, governors and parents today and always. 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 21st 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)

On Saturday, 27th August, Archbishop Arthur Roche, former Bishop of Leeds, was one of twenty men created Cardinal by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica.

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep Cardinal Roche within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart.

23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
4	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
5	Monday St Teresa of Calcutta	9.15am	Margaret Bentley
6	Tuesday		
7	Wednesday		
8	Thursday The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12 Noon 6.00pm	Requiem Mass ~ Doreen Moffatt Holy Hour ~ Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9	Friday	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Kevin McWilliams
10	Saturday	9.15am	Jean Stebulitis
24th Sunday of the Year			
11	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Recently Deceased:		Doreen Moffatt ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Des Morton,	
		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	
Reader for Sunday 11th September ~ Terry Egerton			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Most lovable Mother Mary, our Father in Heaven made you worthy to become the holy Mother of His Son. You were born into a family of Saints. Pray for me today that my joy in your Son will increase and that my family may become more holy. Jesus, please grant through Your mother's intercession that I may always bring Your love into my family.

'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' (Mother Teresa's five second prayer to Our Lady.)

Please note: There will be a second collection next weekend for Catholic Education Sunday.

'Music for Communion' . . . The Diocesan Church Music Association (DCMA) invite you to attend a short workshop led by Alison McLean (Director of Music at St Cuthbert's, Durham) and Paul Berry (Director of Music at St Mary's, Hexham) on Sunday 25th September, 3.00-5.00pm at St Cuthbert's Catholic Church, Durham, DH1 3HL. The workshop will explore new music for the communion procession. For more information about the workshop and to book your place, please visit the Diocesan website. <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/music-for-communion/> The cost is £10, which includes a copy of the book 'We come to your table' (RRP £12). Tea and coffee are provided.



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September . . . We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.