



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 22nd January 2023

Jesus devoted his public ministry to preaching about the nearness of the Kingdom of Heaven and inviting people to become his disciples. His lifestyle was guided completely by God's will and He challenged his listeners to accept God's will in their lives by rejecting sin and being faithful to his teaching. His most important message is repentance for our sins. When we celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, by confessing our sins and being sorry for them, we demonstrate that we are humble and repentant. We express sorrow for our sins, knowing that God forgives us.

Lord God, teach us to be repentant. Encourage us to change our minds and to soften our hearts whenever we offend you and hurt other people. Help us always, through repentance, to return to your love by changing the direction of our lives and being faithful to your Son's teaching. Amen.



Parents of children in Years 9, 10 & 11 who would like them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year please see Canon Cooper. Candidates should be attending Mass every Sunday.

Our Lady and St. Bede pupil's and staff would like to warmly invite everyone to their Holocaust Memorial Service, which will take place on **Thursday 26th January**. The Liturgy will start at 5pm followed by a very moving exhibition which has been put together by both staff and pupils from across each department in school. Please support this very important event as we should never forget what happened to all those who lost their lives during this horrific event in history. Book a free place using the following link: <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ourladyandstbede>

Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle Priestly Vocations Team. We invite men aged 18+ who might be experiencing the call from God to discern priesthood to join the Vocations Team in finding out more. Discernment evenings are planned for: Tuesdays 14th February, 4th April, 27th June, 3rd October & 5th December. They will be in the Cloister Café, St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, 6-8pm. Prayer, talk/discussion followed by a meal together. If you would like to attend please contact Fr. Sean Purdy by e-mail: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk or tel. 016708 812 200.

The Diocesan Vocation Team have also organized an overnight retreat for men aged 18+ to discern whether they are being called to the priesthood. Friday 3rd March 2023 from 5pm to Saturday 4th March (after lunch). It will take place in Emmaus Youth Village, Consett. Cost is £50 which includes all meals and ensuite accommodation. Please contact Fr. Shaun Purdy by Thursday 16th February.

The Men's Club Social is on Saturday, 18th February. There will be music, a quiz and Bingo. £5 per couple. Everyone welcome.

3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
22	Sunday	9.00am	Billy McGuinness (SVP)
23	Monday	9.15am	Fr Michael Hussey
24	Tuesday <i>St Francis de Sales</i>		
25	Wednesday <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>		
26	Thursday <i>St Timothy and Titus</i>	6.00pm	Holy Hour ~ Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
27	Friday <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	9.15am	Ralf & Elizabeth Luke
28	Saturday	9.15am	Jack Buglass
4th Sunday of the Year			
29	Sunday	9.00am	Catherine Burke
Anniversaries:		Andre Tasser, Ernest Toulson, David Hall, Paricia Jackson	
		Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Brian Lee, Brian Coyle	
Reader for Sunday 29th January ~ Patricia Egerton			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Prayer for the end of Christian Unity week

God of all, because of your great love our sins have been washed away and we are part of the beloved community. We come before you, a holy family, a rainbow people united in the beautiful diversity of your creation. We celebrate the rich tapestry of the human family and walk humbly in your presence. Amen.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses who help the youngest and most vulnerable. May they teach fraternity rather than competition.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes . . . Can you help the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year? We need nurses, healthcare assistants, doctors and volunteers to provide care to the assisted pilgrims who travel with us. Previous helpers have found it is a rewarding and spiritually uplifting week. We plan to travel on Friday 28th July. If you would like to find out more information please email or look at the website www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk or email lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk



Third World Group ~ We would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support during 2022. **We collected £2173** from our Third World Box and from private donations. This enabled us to send out the following donations which amounted to £2150

April - CAFOD Lenten Appeal £650 **August** - CAFOD £500 **November** - CAFOD Pakistan Flood Appeal £600 **December** -Kenya - Home for disabled children £400 (Canon Coopers charity)

Thank you and God Bless