



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 29th January 2023

The Sermon on the Mount declares the blessings of God's Kingdom. Jesus gives us a vision of a world redeemed by love, and the qualities of discipleship which will bring about that transformation.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be filled." Make us thirst for you, the fountain of all holiness, and actively spread your influence in our private lives and in society. *"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."* Grant that we may be quick to forgive and slow to condemn. *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."* Help us to make peace in our families, in our country and in the world. *"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of justice, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs."* Make us willing to suffer for the sake of right rather than to practice injustice. Amen.

*please
join us*


St. Cuthbert's form groups from Our Lady and St. Bede RC School would love to invite you all to a very special Mass. The Mass will take place here in school at **2.20pm on Thursday 2nd February**. All of the pupils in St. Cuthbert's form groups have prepared this Mass. It will include introduction, readings, reflection and bidding prayers. We would love to see as many of you as possible at this Mass and we thank you for always showing us your care and support.

White Flower Appeal . . . A big thank you to all who supported the SPUC White Flower Appeal, the total raised through your generosity was a fantastic £445.00 which is greatly appreciated

The Men's Club Social is on Saturday, 18th February in the Parish Centre, 8pm. There will be music, a quiz and bingo. £5 per couple. Everyone welcome.

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

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle ~ Job Vacancy: 'Management Accountant'. Full time at St. Cuthbert's House, Newcastle. £40 - £45,000 per annum. Deadline for application is 6th February. Please visit the Diocesan website for more information.

4 th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
29	Sunday	9.00am	Catherine Burke
30	Monday	9.15am	Craig Chapman
31	Tuesday <i>St John Bosco</i>		
1	Wednesday		
2	Thursday <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	6.00pm	Divine Mercy & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3	Friday	9.15am	Maureen Wyatt
4	Saturday		No Mass
5 th Sunday of the Year			
5	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Recently Deceased:		Brian Coyle ~ May he rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Jack Buglass, Catherine Burke, Brenda Nolan, Noreen Morley, Timothy Finn	
		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,	
Reader for Sunday 5th February ~ Catherine Dixon Barker			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



The Presentation of the Lord . . Heavenly Father, from whom all parenthood comes, teach us to understand our children that they may grow in your wisdom and love according to Your holy will. Fill us with sensitive respect for the great gift of human life which you have committed to our care. Help us to listen with patience to their worries and problems and give us the tolerance to allow them to develop, as individuals, as your Son did under the loving guidance of Mary and Joseph. Amen.

Ushaw Historic House: Rock Choir ~ Ushaw are delighted to welcome the stunning vocal arrangement of the North East's biggest choir. Friday, 3rd March, in St. Cuthbert's Chapel, 7-8.30pm. Tickets are £8 and £5 for under 16's. Visit 'What's on at Ushaw' to purchase tickets.

Seasonal Reflections . . . Whilst we are still in the period of celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Vicariate for Faith & Mission are already preparing to celebrate the fulfilment of his Incarnation. Lent begins on Wednesday 22nd February, and once again they are producing a series of reflections to accompany the Lenten period. The reflections will be available in February on the Diocesan website.

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.