



Sunday 18th June 2023

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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In this Sunday's gospel Jesus is fulfilling his Father's mission, preaching, teaching and healing and is instructing his disciples into the same vocation. Jesus calls us as he called the twelve, to continue the loving ministry of Jesus in the world. At baptism, we receive the water of God's love and the oil of service. In a world of addiction, confusion, poverty, injustice and many other big needs, Jesus still looks and sees people 'like sheep without a shepherd'. He calls each of us into his service.

Lord, I ask you for the courage and the opportunity to be active in my community, and to make it a growth-point of Christian living. Amen

This Sunday is a Day of Prayer for Human Life. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. This year's 'Day for Life' message is written by a woman in the hope that it can offer opportunities for healing and reconciliation. "By hearing other people share their stories and being gently encouraged by the team, I was able to speak the truth of what had happened to me on that day. My feelings were acknowledged, including my sense of loss." (Jane). To read more about her experience visit the Catholic Bishop's website www.cbcew.org.uk. There will be a second collection at Mass this weekend.

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendour and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Amen.



Appointment of a New Bishop for the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle . . On Wednesday 14th June, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed Rt Rev. Stephen Wright as the fifteenth Bishop of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. "I look forward to being at home here with you soon and serving you. Please keep me in your prayers as you are in mine." (Bishop Stephen Wright).



God has chosen you as a true witness to Christ, the Good Shepherd. May He endow you with wisdom and ever deepening holiness as you guide the flock entrusted to your loving care. Amen.

St. Patrick's Men's Club invite you to a Social Evening on Saturday 24th June 8.00pm, in the Parish Centre. There will be a Quiz, Bingo and Raffle. Everyone welcome.

St Patricks SVP thank you for your continued support. If you would like a visit or support, or know somebody in need, please contact any SVP member or email in confidence to PresidentC211515@svp.org.uk

11th Sunday of the Year			
18	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
19	Monday	9.15am	Denis McGloin
20	Tuesday		
21	Wednesday		
22	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary followed by Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.
23	Friday		No Mass
24	Saturday		No Mass
12th Sunday of the Year			
25	Sunday	9.00am	Paul Joynes
Anniversaries:			
		Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Brian Lee, Kathleen Hanley	
Reader for Sunday 25^h June ~ David Wright			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			
Feast Days: 21st June, St Aloysius Gonzaga: 22nd June, SS John Fisher & Thomas More:: 23rd June, St Etheldreda: 24th June, The Nativity of St. John the Baptist			



Father's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son, Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation. We remember fathers and grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

Please pray for the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion.



Jesus Christ, Bread of Life, travel beside these children as they take their final steps in their journey to your table. Help them recognize you in the words of Holy Scripture and in the Blessed Sacrament. Draw the children close to you so they may radiate your love to others. Amen.

SPUC Club Draw . . . The next club draw will take place this Sunday, 18 June 2023. Any outstanding monies can be given to Eileen, Maurice or Christine. Many thanks.

Candlelight Concerts bring the magic of a live, multi-sensory musical experience to awe-inspiring location of Ushaw. They are delighted to be the designated venue for the concert in Durham. These performances will take you on a melodic journey by candlelight, get your tickets to discover the music of Hans Zimmer at Ushaw on Saturday 21st July 2023. Visit Whats on at Ushaw to purchase a ticket for this event.

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy: Senior Administrator, Department for Safeguarding, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 26th June. www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.