



Sunday 16th July 2023

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The seed of God's life and presence comes to us in many different ways. Jesus sows in us "the Word of the Kingdom." That word is love, peace, hope, joy, forgiveness, mercy, healing and reconciliation. Those are the seeds Jesus sows within us, seeds that we are to cultivate within ourselves and sow in our relationships and the world. Sowing is simply our way of being and living, the way we engage the world and relate to others. It is the practice that shapes and forms who we are becoming.

Heavenly Father may your words of truth take root in our hearts and grow to rich maturity. May we hear your will for us and act upon it; may we take seriously our responsibility to encourage and nurture one another in faith at every age and every stage. Amen.

St Patrick's School Leaver's Mass is on Thursday 20th July at 9.15am.
Following Mass all are welcome into St Patrick's Church Hall for refreshments.




Prayer for School Leavers . . . At the end of this school year we give thanks to God for all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our schools, both in and out of the classroom. For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced and for the respect and care that has been given. As our pupils leave St. Patrick's & Our Lady & St. Bede's R.C. Schools may they take with them every blessing they have received, blessings of knowledge, friendship and memories. May they all be refreshed when term begins again to meet new challenges, new places and new people with a bright and cheerful heart. We pray that all may grow and learn to live with love. Amen

Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which took place for the first time on Sunday 25th July 2021. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated for the third time next Sunday, the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: **"His mercy is from age to age"**

The Annual Blessed John Ingram Walk will be held on Sunday 23rd July. This walk will be led by Deacon Peter Lavery, walkers should meet at St Andrew's Anglican Church in Gallowgate at 2.30pm for a service at 2.45pm. The walk starts after the service and goes via the Swing Bridge ending with a service followed by light refreshments at St Edmund's Anglican Chapel on Gateshead High Street. This event is free.

Pope's Prayer Intention for July ~ For a Eucharistic life ~ We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

15th Sunday of the Year			
16	Sunday	9.00am	Craig Chapman
17	Monday		No Mass
18	Tuesday	11.30am	Requiem Mass ~ David Fenwick
19	Wednesday		
20	Thursday	9.15am 6.00pm	St. Patrick's School Leaver's Mass Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
21	Friday		No Mass
22	Saturday <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>		No Mass
16th Sunday of the Year			
23	Sunday	9.00am	Mary Douglas
Recently Deceased:		Billy Noble ~ May he rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Margaret Horan, Mary Douglas, Dave Hart, Theresia Kiberu, Eileen Cooper, Edward Wrigley	
		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 23rd July ~ Michael Toole			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



St Mary Magdalen has always been the example of great love and great forgiveness, one of those close to Jesus who grasped the truth of God's love for human beings and spent her life bearing witness to that love. On the day of our Lord's crucifixion she stood with the Mother of Jesus at the foot of the cross and she was the first recorded witness to the resurrection of Jesus.

St. Mary Magdalene, you are the first one Jesus appeared to after He rose. Help me to be worthy to carry the message of Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. Amen.

The Prolife Rosary is going to be said after the 9.30am Mass on Thursday 20th July at St Joseph Church, Norton. Come and join us in praying for the unborn and sanctity of life

Diary Date: Rosary Rally 'Living the Rosary' at Minsteracres on Saturday 12th August, 10am to 2pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather in honour of Mary, Mother of God. We will explore the beauty of praying the Rosary and how to integrate it into our daily life as a mindful prayer of contemplation, praise and intercession. Please bring a packed lunch, donations welcome.

Mayoral Service at English Martyr's & SS Peter & Paul, Roseworth. Councillor Jim Beall is Stockton Mayor for this year, and he has asked to hold his Mayor's Sunday service in English Martyrs' and St Peter and Paul's Church on Sunday July 30th at 11am. This will be a service of readings and hymns with the theme, "*The River of God- The water of Life*". You are all warmly invited to attend and to share in this act of worship.

The Refugee and Asylum Seeker Project, Stockton, continue to appeal for suitcases, clothing for women, men, and especially children, bedding and all household items for their clients. Please contact Karen Dick on 07759984586 if you are able to make a donation and need assistance with collection. Sincere thanks for your kindness, from all the volunteers at RASPS.