



Sunday 23rd July 2023

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The parable of the mustard seed illustrates the power and growth of the Kingdom of God through the Holy Spirit. Though the seed may seem small and insignificant, it has the potential to grow into a large and fruitful tree. Likewise, the Holy Spirit within us has the power to transform our lives and those around us. Just as the mustard seed grows and provides a home for the birds of the air, so too does the Holy Spirit provide a home and refuge for us in the Kingdom of God. It is through the power of God that we can become a shining light in this world, spreading the love and Good News of Jesus Christ to all who will listen.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is celebrated this Sunday. The theme is '*His mercy is from age to age.*' Pope Francis chose the theme, which is a line from Mary's Magnificat in the first chapter of Luke, to tie the celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly to World Youth Day, which will be celebrated just over a week later, in Lisbon, Portugal,

We thank you for our grandparents who have played such an important role in our lives. We remember with joy all of the time spent together doing simple things. Thank you for the privilege of hearing their stories of life that inspired us to work hard, be patient and to dare to follow our dreams. We are forever grateful for the wisdom and stability they provided when we felt our world was falling apart. What a great gift to us that they loved us just because we were their grandchild. Amen.

Middlesbrough's 2nd Annual Rosary Rally . . . Saturday 29th July, 2023. You are warmly invited to join us for a wonderful public profession of faith. Starting at St. John the Evangelist, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. **Itinerary:** 11.45am – Meet at the church: 12 noon – Angelus & Litany to Our Lady: 12.15pm – Process to the town centre: 12.30pm – Pray the Joyful Mysteries & Divine Mercy Chaplet: 1pm – Process back to church for light refreshments. For more information please contact Ben on 07867472979.



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.

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 Martyr's 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.

16th Sunday of the Year			
23	Sunday	9.00am	Mary Douglas
24	Monday		No Mass
25	Tuesday		
26	Wednesday		
27	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary, Service of the Word & Holy Communion
28	Friday		No Mass
29	Saturday		No Mass
17th Sunday of the Year			
30	Sunday	9.00am	Margaret Bentley and Christine Everett
Anniversaries:		Patricia Corking, June Shaw, Thomas Walker, Lynette McCabe	
		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 30th July ~ Louise Pope			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			
Feast Days: 24th July, The Martyrs of the Diocese: 25th July, St James 26th July, SS Joachim & Anne: 29th July, SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus			



Most Holy Saints Anne and Joachim, come close to us and guide our hand and our hearts in the way of virtue. Help us to parent our children and grandchildren with a gentle heart as you did. Show us how to raise our children in faith and bring our families into the Light of Jesus.

We pray for all who have died; we remember our grandparents and all those we loved, may they be at peace with God in his heavenly home. Amen.

Bishop Stephen Wright was installed on Wednesday 19th July as the 15th Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares to begin his ministry of service to the Diocese.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes . . . Please pray for the pilgrims who will be travelling to Lourdes next Friday on the Diocesan Pilgrimage.

Lord, help us to be united in prayer with our pilgrims who are travelling to Lourdes in answer to Mary's call to Bernadette. We pray that during these special days all of us may be drawn closer to you, through the prayers of your Blessed Mother. Amen.

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.