



Sunday 30th July 2023

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The first two parables describe the great value of the Kingdom of Heaven. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. It encompasses life here on earth, God's rule in our hearts, changing us, calling us on to love others, to work for a just, peaceful world, experiencing His presence with us. We can seek God's presence, looking for signs of the Kingdom, carrying with us the love of God and looking out for that love evident in the lives of those around us.

The next international World Youth Day is celebrated in Lisbon, Portugal, August 1-6, 2023. Every year, the Church is called to reflect upon and celebrate youth and young adults. The theme this year is **'Mary arose and went with haste.'** Addressing young people in particular, and challenging them to be courageous missionaries, the following was written by the Pope in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*: "Where does Jesus send us? There are no borders, no limits: he sends us everywhere. The Gospel is for everyone, not just for some" (CV 177).


Our Lady of the Visitation make this World Youth Day a time of testimony, sharing and giving thanks. With you, we will continue on the path of gathering, so that our world will gather as well in fraternity, justice and peace. Amen.



Pope's Prayer Intention for August . . . We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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.

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries are organising a Youth Retreat with specific focus on students aged 17+ who are embarking on the journey to Universities and Higher Studies. As such they have organised a 3 day residential retreat (8th – 10th September 2023) at Emmaus Youth Village, Consett, which will be run by AFCM ministers coming from Birmingham. If you would like to find out more about the retreat including transport, arrival etc. please contact: Santhosh Joseph: 07545 861400 or Deacon Alison Rebello: 07931 136243. The registration fee is £160.

17th Sunday of the Year			
30	Sunday	9.00am	Margaret Bentley and Christine Everett
31	Monday	9.15am	Dave Callaghan
1	Tuesday		
2	Wednesday		
3	Thursday	6.00pm	Divine Mercy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
4	Friday		No Mass
5	Saturday	9.15am	Thanksgiving Confessions after Mass
The Transfiguration of the Lord			
6	Sunday	9.00am	Paul Lindo
Anniversaries:		Doreen Moran, Enid Henry, Christine Everett, Margaret Bentley, Peter Clark, Florence Stott	
		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 6th August ~ Joan Hunton			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			
Feast Days: 31st July, St Ignatius of Loyola: 1st August, St Alphonsus of Liguori, 3rd August, St Oswald: 4th August, St John Vianney			



John Vianney was a French Catholic priest. He was known for his devotion to the Virgin Mary and was dedicated to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He is the patron saint of parish priests

Let us pray for bishops, priests and deacons and all people whose jobs involve telling people about the Kingdom of Heaven, that they may live out the love of God Amen.

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.

If you would like to read the latest Diocesan Newsletter please visit <https://diocesahn.org> and from the menu select 'Communications.' You can also subscribe to the Northern Cross using this link.

Events at Ushaw . . 'Sounds on the Bounds ~ Rock Choir'. The stunning vocal arrangements of the North East's biggest choir take to Ushaw's stunning bounds amphitheatre on Saturday 19th August. Performance 1: 12-12.45pm, 15 minute break, Performance 2: 1pm -1.45pm

Ushaw Viking Takeover: Brand new for 2023, during August Bank Holiday (26th, 27th & 28th August). You can expect combat demonstrations, acted scenes and stories from the past and also archery displays. Both of these events admission is included with an Annual Pass or daily admission.