



Sunday 27th August 2023

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In this Sunday's gospel Jesus made it clear that it was a particular grace from God which allowed Peter, from among all the apostles and disciples, to discern His true identity. Peter announced his belief that Jesus was the promised Messiah. Jesus was much more than a prophet, and Peter was divinely inspired to acknowledge this truth. For Peter it was his faith in Jesus, the Son of God. This would keep him going all of his life, even at times of unfaithfulness and danger, he could never forget that he had said, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.' He was called because of his relationship with Jesus Christ, the one who calls forth our faith and love and gives our lives a huge meaning.

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to Your shepherd, Pope Francis, a spirit of courage and right judgement, By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care may he, as successor to the apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build Your church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.



Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is a global *ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1st September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4th October.* It celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to help us to heal and protect our common home. The theme this year is '**Let Justice and Peace Flow.**'

You can join the Diocesan Environment Group, along with Bishop Stephen, for a webinar on 30th September to mark the Season of Creation and to reflect on progress over the last year. To register for the webinar please visit the diocesan website and then select 'News' where you will find the link to register.

O Creator God, in this month of creation time, teach us to see your footprints in the beauty of creation. Help us to listen to the voice of creation, inspire us to respect the rights of all people, and all living species to share in your gifts today and to be always mindful of those who come after us. Amen.

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries, (AFCM) Newcastle is organising a Youth Retreat with specific focus on 17-24 year old students who are embarking on the journey to Universities and Higher Studies. The three day residential retreat 8th - 10th September, 2023 held at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett DH8 9BA will be facilitated by AFCM ministers from Birmingham. The retreat starts at 10am on Friday and wraps up at 4pm on Sunday. Please register your interest at <https://afcmuk.org/register/> or get in touch with Santhosh Joseph 07545-861400 or Deacon Alison Rebello 07931-136243 for more details.

21st Sunday of the Year			
27	Sunday	9.00am	Kevin McWilliams
28	Monday		No Mass
29	Tuesday		
30	Wednesday		
31	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1	Friday		No Mass
2	Saturday	9.15am	Special Intention Confessions after Mass
22nd Sunday of the Year			
3	Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Recently Deceased:		Nicola Brumpton ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Mary Ferguson, Margaret Beatrice Wilson, Thomas Byrne, Caterona Ash, Joan Kent	
		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, Samuel Kiberu, Betty Kimmins	
Reader for Sunday 3rd September ~ Paul Delplanque			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			
Feast Days: 28th August, St. Augustine of Hippo: 29th August, The Passion of St John the Baptist: 31st August, St Aidan			



Prayer for students receiving exam results

Generous God, you call on our lives is always towards life, hope and grace. We pray for all young people who received their exam results and ask your blessing on them as they navigate their next step, knowing that you are there for them always. Amen.

Father Sean Hall continues to offer his weekly reflections on the Sunday readings and Pat Kennedy her monthly reflections, both available to read online or download by visiting the Diocesan website and selecting the 'Prayer Resources' section.

Thank You

A big thank you for supporting the parish shop. Proceeds have bought a new parish wheel chair which is located in the church entrance porch.

New Lectionary to be launched in England and Wales for Advent 2024 . . . The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed the approval by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for the new Lectionary. The Lectionary, which includes the scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, will come into use in Catholic parishes in England and Wales from Advent 2024.

Diary Date: Dementia Friendly Family Service at St. Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham on 24th September at 3pm. There will be a 25 minute service with short readings, prayers and song. An opportunity for everyone to come together. Refreshments afterwards in the hall with information about local services for those living with dementia and their carers.