



Sunday 3rd September 2023

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In this Sunday's gospel we hear the call of Jesus to become his followers. We enter into the Cross of Jesus, and begin our following of him when we are baptised. It is at that moment that we become members of the body that gathers at the Lord's table, and it is the grace of baptism that sustains us on the difficult road of following the Lord of life, and goodness and truth. In the area of life where we live and love, laugh and cry, worry and enjoy, hurt and forgive, in all these personal sides of life, Jesus dwells. He makes his home in us.

At the beginning of this new school year we thank you for the ability to learn, progress and grow. Fill each classroom with the joy of discovery and help the students make new and lasting friendships. Thank you for the patience and loyalty of all the staff in our schools. Help them receive satisfaction from their work. Help parents to create atmospheres where children have the structure, love and encouragement they need. May your love and grace fill all students, staff, governors and parents today and always. Amen.



Minsteracres have announced their programme of retreats for September. These include an individually guided retreat, a walking retreat, a quiet day, the embodied contemplative retreat, a Marian retreat and a journeying with the eyes of the heart retreat. All upcoming retreats for Minsteracres can be found online.


SPUC CLUB DRAW

The next SPUC Club Draw will take place on Sunday, 17 September 2023. Could any outstanding monies be given to Maurice or Eileen. Many thanks.



St. Patrick's Men's Club Present 'An Evening with Paul Tilley.' He is a renowned and accomplished musician, composer and singer. **Saturday 16th September, 8pm – 11pm** in the Parish Centre. Order your tickets now (£6). Contact Ken Marr, tel. 01642 602336. Please bring your own drink and food.

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.

22nd Sunday of the Year			
3	Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
4	Monday <i>The Translation of St Cuthbert</i>	9.15am	Margaret Bentley
5	Tuesday	1.00pm	Requiem Mass ~ Nicola Brumpton
6	Wednesday		
7	Thursday	6.00pm	Divine Mercy & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8	Friday <i>The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.15am	Pauline Davies
9	Saturday	9.15am	Doreen Moffatt Confessions after Mass
23rd Sunday of the Year			
10	Sunday	9.00am	Jean French (SVP)
Anniversaries:		Des Morton	
		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 10th September ~ Margaret Wilson			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Father of mercy, give your people help and strength from heaven. The birth of the Virgin Mary's Son was the dawn of our salvation. May the celebration of her birthday bring us closer to lasting peace. Amen

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for Sept.

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Next Sunday is Education Sunday, there will be a second collection after Mass for Catholic Education.

A new Marian Garden, a place of devotion dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, has opened to the public in the grounds of Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire. A central path lined by an avenue of cherry trees leads visitors through an informal garden towards a statue of the Virgin Mary, which stands at the garden's head. The statue is surrounded by trees, flowers, and semi-closed seating orientated towards the statue for peace and privacy. The community encourage all visitors to experience this place of tranquillity on their next visit to the Abbey, and they hope a deeper devotion to Our Lady, Mother of Hope, is inspired. Ampleforth Abbey welcomes guests to visit the Abbey Church and grounds

The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle has the following vacancies:

- Deputy Director of Education (Inspection) – Full time, term time. Closing date 18.9.23
- Senior Administrator – Full time, permanent. Closing date 11.9.23

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