



Sunday 24th September 2023

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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This Sunday is a Day of Prayer in Thanksgiving for the Harvest

Father, as we celebrate this season of thanksgiving we give thanks for the blessings of food, provision and nourishment. Please grow in us a harvest for the world. Come sow a seed of hope within our souls Lord, that we might yield goodness, patience and kindness in abundance. Amen.

The SVP Fatima Statue of Our Lady visits different homes in the Parish each week. If you would like the statue at your home, please add your name to the list at the back of Church. The statue will be left at Mass on each Sunday for collection.

Missio red boxes are due for collection. If you do not have a collector please bring your red box after Mass to the church crèche on Sunday 8th October, or you can leave at parish shop with your name and telephone number and we will ring you when it is ready to be picked up. Thank you

St. Bede's form groups from Our Lady and St. Bede RC School would love to invite you all to a very special Mass. The Mass will take place here in school at **2.20pm on Tuesday 26th September 2023**. All of the pupils in Bede's form groups have prepared this Mass. It will include introduction, readings, reflections and bidding prayers. We would love to see as many of you as possible at this Mass and we thank you for always showing us your care and support.

Re: First Steps – Exploring the Catholic Faith online . . What is First Steps? Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? First Steps is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or their relationship with God. Perhaps you were baptised a Catholic, but didn't make First Communion, or receive Confirmation, or were baptised as a member of another Christian Church, or have never been baptised at all. If you are currently wondering whether joining the Catholic Church is the next step for you this may be the way forward. For further information, or to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3sHqZOF>. or enter 'First steps Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle into the search engine. First Steps online begins on Wednesday 11th October at 7pm for seven weeks and will be delivered via Zoom.

Feast of St Vincent de Paul . . . The SVP society are aware that poverty exists beyond where we can see. This could be in prisons, care homes, hospitals or visiting people in their own homes. It is rewarding work seeking and finding those in need, giving support with compassion, and responding where the need is greatest. **Please talk to an SVP member if you would like more information about the work that they do in helping others.**



SPUC Club Draw Result ~ 17th Sept. 2023: 1st Prize, No. 57, Nora Hughes: 2nd Prize, No. 52, Veronica Lindo, 3rd Prize No. 46, Michael Pope. Many thanks to all who contribute to the SPUC Club Draw, your support is greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to take a number please contact Christine Pope on 07980 290432.

25th Sunday of the Year			
24	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
25	Monday	9.15am	Eva Jordinson
26	Tuesday		
27	Wednesday		
28	Thursday	6.00pm	Prolife Holy Hour
29	Friday	9.15am	Maureen Ruddy
30	Saturday	9.15am	For Healing Confessions after Mass
26th Sunday of the Year			
1	Sunday	9.00am	Dave & Pat Fenwick
Recently Deceased:		Barry Holliday ~ May he rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Charlie Boyle, Joan Lazenby, Robert Hall, Frederick Fascia	
		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 1st October ~ Terry Egerton			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			
Feast Days: 27th Sept. St Vincent de Paul 29th Sept. SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels 30th Sept. St Jerome			



A Prolife Holy Hour is taking place on Thursday 28th September at 6pm at St Patrick's, Fairfield. Please come and join us to pray for the unborn and the sanctity of life. Adoration and Rosary.

Third World Group Emergency Disaster Appeal. All donations placed in the Third World box at back of church until the end of October will be sent to CAFOD for the Emergency disaster appeal for Morocco and Libya.

The Home Mission Sunday collection came to £189.20. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Men's Club Social in Parish Hall on **Saturday 30th Sept.** 8-10.30pm, with music, bingo raffle and quiz. All welcome £3pp

The Refugee and Asylum Seeker Project Stockton, are in urgent need of someone to PAT Test a range of electrical products. This is to comply with health and safety regulations, and allows the issue of the items. If you can help, please ring Karen on 07759984586. Sincere Thanks

The Newman Association Cleveland Circle ~ "Five sonnets of Gerard Manley Hopkins" The Jesuit poet's inspiration and spirituality'. Our first talk of the new 2023 - 24 season is on Wednesday 27th September. The speaker is Mgr Pat Kilgarriff, a priest of the Birmingham diocese, who will be coming up from Worcester. He was formerly Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome. He is the National Chaplain of the Newman Association, - an immensely good speaker (highly recommended!) All talks are at St Mary's Cathedral Hall TS8 0TW. Light refreshment 7.30pm for 7.45pm start.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Autumn Programme for those serving and those who are interested in serving in this ministry. The Church makes especial provision for helping children at Mass on Sunday, they can share in a form of the Liturgy of the Word shaped to their needs and understanding. The programme consists of two sessions: Session 1: Monday 30th October, 7.00 – 9.00pm: Session 2: Monday 6th November, 7.00 – 9.00pm Venue: Saint Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY. **Cost:** £10.00, Booking Deadline: Monday 23rd October 2023. If you would like to take part please contact your parish priest and then the Parish Office to complete a registration form. Please see poster at back of church.