



Sunday 15th October 2023

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The banquet in this Sunday's gospel is the banquet of eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. While God has opened wide the doors of heaven and invited everybody in, getting in should not be taken for granted. We need to show ourselves to be worthy of the invitation. Our invitation to God's Kingdom was given at baptism. This gospel causes us to pause and think about the glorious future that is within our reach, we have actually been invited to be part of it. We will arrive there safely when we pick up the opportunities to do what is good and right. As we offer encouragement and support to family, neighbours and all with whom we share our lives, we all walk together, worthy to take our places in God's Kingdom, together with our departed loved ones. The banquet of heaven is within the reach of every human being, it is God's gift, and his forgiveness is greater than all we can imagine.

St. Cuthbert'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 Wednesday 18th October 2023. All of the pupils in St. Cuthbert's form groups have prepared this Mass. It will include introduction, readings, reflections and bidding prayers. Our school Praise and Worship group will be leading the music and Fr. Ollie will be celebrating the Mass. 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.


Our Lady and St. Bede School are looking for invigilators for the upcoming exams. Working as part of a team, invigilators contribute to ensuring a calm environment for the exams, giving candidate's confidence in the process. The public examination period is May and June; however, Invigilators will be required to attend during the year for training and to assist with internal exams. Readers/Scribes are required to support individual students by reading aloud and/or transcribing verbal answers to examination questions. If anyone would be interested in this role, could you, please email gilrainej@olsb.bhcet.org.uk or call school for further information.

Stop UK Government Funding China's Genocidal Regime . . . The Chinese Communist state is imposing forced abortion, sterilisation and infanticide on its own population, notably the Uyghur minority. The UK Government is giving away millions of pounds of taxpayers' money in aid to China's brutal genocidal regime, while the cost of living rises for us all. **Please sign the petition at the back of church this weekend** calling on the Prime Minister to end the Government's unacceptable funding of China's totalitarian state with coercive abortion policies.



The CAFOD Family Fast collection has so far raised £494.53. Could you please return any further gift aid envelopes as soon as possible and give any other further donations to Martin Driffield, or put them in an envelope marked CAFOD and place them in the Church collections. Many thanks.

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for October ~ For the Synod ~ We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

28th Sunday of the Year			
15	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
16	Monday		No Mass
17	Tuesday <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>		
18	Wednesday <i>St Luke</i>		
19	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary, Service of the Word & Holy Communion
20	Friday		No Mass
21	Saturday		No Mass
29th Sunday of the Year			
22	Sunday	9.00am	Barry Holliday (SVP)
Anniversaries:		Cath Rossinelli, Audrey Bentley, Robert Parkinson, Don Foley	
		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, Brian Wetherell	
Reader for Sunday 22nd October ~ Christine Pope			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



In this month of the Holy Rosary we pray for world peace

Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces and peace and justice could be experienced by all.

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.

Next Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer for the Evangelisation of the World (Mission Sunday). There will be a second collection after Mass.

The Newman Association Cleveland Circle ~ 'Do we still have Prophets today?' The next talk is on **Wednesday 18th October.** The speaker is Austin McCarthy who helped to set up a study group on Catholic Social Teaching in the Hexham and Newcastle Diocese. The whole point of prophecy is that God is speaking to his children, and what God says is always true for everybody, not just one religion. He speaks to and through people of every nation and generation who are open to his grace. It is Catholic teaching that anyone can receive gifts of God, as his Spirit blows where it will. All talks are at St Mary's Cathedral Hall TS8 0TW. Light refreshment 7.30pm for 7.45pm start.

Diocesan Church Music Association . . . Calling all musicians and singers, save the date! On Sunday 12th November there will be a workshop with the renowned composer Will Todd to learn his new Mass setting, *Gaudete*. This Mass setting has been commissioned by the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Educational Trust and made available for all churches and schools in our Diocese. *Gaudete* is upbeat and accessible and has been written to work in all sorts of settings, including parishes with limited musical resources. Register your interest by email: dcma@diocesehn.org.uk.

Fairtrade Pop-up Shop at St Joseph's on Sunday 12th November 10.00 to 12.30. Thornton Hall selling household goods, food, chocolate, jewellery, gifts and a range of Christmas items. Spend your money on lovely things and support producers to receive a fair price for all their efforts