



Sunday 13th October, 2024

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In this Sunday's gospel Jesus is calling us to deepen our relationship with Him. Jesus invites all of us to completely put Him first, to stop placing priority on power, property and privilege ahead of our love of God and love of neighbour. Jesus was so generous that he gave us his very self. God does not ask us to give up our riches, but he asks us to use them wisely in His service. The gospel asks us to look in the right place for our true wealth and riches, in our giving of time and self to others in the sort of relationships of love which value the worth and dignity of all.

Prisons Week . . . Prisons Week is a call to the entire Christian Community to pray for change, where change is needed, and for an end to the human suffering endured by all those affected by crime and imprisonment. It runs from today until the 19th October and is an initiative led by the SVP Working With Prisons group. Over these coming days, we pray not only for offenders and victims of crime, we pray also for families, friends, prison staff, chaplains, police, probation and all who make decisions which impact people's lives.

As this years' Prisons Week begins, we pray for all those connected with prisons and probation in our diocese. That prisoners are treated with the same dignity and compassion that every human being deserves and that those released are able to be supported by their families and communities and are able to start anew in a positive way. We pray that prison staff and chaplains find reward in such a challenging environment. We pray in thanksgiving, too, for all charities and volunteers who work with those in prison or their families. Amen.

The Diocese is currently carrying out a volunteer census in our parish. This is to ensure we identify all our volunteers to offer support and appropriate training and recognition for the important part all play in the life of our parish. A volunteer is anyone who gives their time freely and regularly to assist anywhere within the parish, school or diocese. During the weekend of 12th/13th and 19th/20th October the census will be explained in more detail after the weekend Masses. If you volunteer within the parish, school or diocese please complete one of the forms which will be available at the back of church or complete your details via the QR Code. Volunteering is a grace from God. Volunteers are the strength of the church.

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 Tuesday 22nd October. 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. Mark 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.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, it is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas. **There will be a second collection next Sunday.** World Mission Sunday is one of only three Papal collections and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church in the world via Missio..

St. Patrick's Men's Club Present 'An Evening with Paul Tilley.' He is a renowned and accomplished musician, composer and singer. Saturday 19th October, 8pm – 11pm in the Parish Centre. Order your tickets now (£6). Contact Ken Marr, tel. 01642 602336. Please bring your own drink and food.



28 th Sunday of the Year			
13	Sunday	9.00am	Special Intention
14	Monday	5.30pm	No Mass Medjugorje Rosary for World Peace
15	Tuesday		
16	Wednesday		
17	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary & Healing Exposition
18	Friday		No Mass
19	Saturday		No Mass
29 th Sunday of the Year			
20	Sunday	9.00am	World Peace
Anniversaries:		Cath Rossinelli, Audrey Bentley	
		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, Brian Wetherell, Joyce Thomas	
Reader for Sunday 20 th October – Terry Egerton			
Feast Days: 15 th October: St Teresa of Avila 17 th October: St Ignatius of Antioch 18 th October: St Luke,			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



We welcome Fr. John Butters to our Parish this Sunday.

Lord, help us to be united in prayer with our pilgrims who are travelling to Medjugorje. We pray that during these special days all of us may be drawn closer to you, through the prayers of your Blessed Mother. Amen.

Last week's collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day has so far raised £613.33. The collection will remain open until 20th October for the return of any further envelopes. Many thanks for your donations so far.

Pope Francis Monthly Intention for October Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

Oppose Assisted Suicide . . . Bishops are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. On Wednesday, 16th October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Kim Leadbeater MP. The proposed legalisation undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. We are a praying community. Please pray that our lawmakers will act wisely and will value human life. Please contact your local MP to express your views.

The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this with a provided factual letter. It can be found on the Bishops' Conference website together with materials explaining the Church's grave concerns about the proposed legislation at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> Thank you for your prayers and action. (Bishop Stephen)

Assisted Suicide - Should the Law be Changed? ~ Meeting - 23 October 2024 - 7.30 pm to 9pm. Royal Station Hotel, Neville Street, Newcastle, NE1 5DH. Dr Dominic Whitehouse, a palliative care consultant, explains why changing the law would be harmful to patients, doctors and society. Trains go direct to Newcastle and the venue is next to the train station. Members of SPUC branch will be going and would be happy to pay for anyone wishing to attend. We can go together from the church car park. **Please see Maurice Ward if you are interested** and would like more details. Many thanks