

## St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**


Baptism was the way in which Jesus presented himself to his people at the beginning of his mission. Today's feast reminds us of our own baptism and presents us with an opportunity to reflect on the implications of leading our lives as baptised persons, brothers and sisters of Jesus. Belonging to God's family involves obligations to be undertaken and decisions to be made about how we are to think and act. We are invited to respond to the call of Jesus, to do good and to follow in his footsteps by being fair in our dealings with others, being kind in our conversations and decent in our caring and sharing. We are offered the challenge of playing our part to make the world a better place.

**White Flower Appeal : 18 January 2025 . . .** The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its **annual appeal next weekend**. SPUC exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. To accomplish this mission, the Society is positioning initiatives in politics, education, legislation and culture. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life to our society. This year's appeal postcards call on the Government to adhere to the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers. Thank you.

**Mass for the Sacrament of Marriage and Family Life . . .** Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 12.00pm to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage and Family Life. This is taking place during National Marriage Week and in Pope Francis' Jubilee Year '*Pilgrims of Hope*.' **Do you have a significant anniversary to celebrate?** Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary in 2025 has the opportunity to be presented by Bishop Stephen with a Certificate of Celebration during the Mass. We are sure that in Pope Francis Jubilee Year of 2025 there will be couples celebrating twenty-five, fifty, sixty years of marriage particularly. Anyone celebrating such a special anniversary can request a certificate by completing the form which can be found on the Diocesan website or by calling the Faith and Mission admin team on 0191 243 3316. If you require any further information, please contact: Deacon Rob Wareing. Diocesan Lead for Marriage & Family Life: Mobile: 07841 530991. Email: [rob.wareing@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:rob.wareing@diocesehn.org.uk).

**Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle: Hearts in Search of God – Webinar.** All are welcome to join us for this online Year of Jubilee formation opportunity based on pilgrimage. We are delighted to welcome our guest speaker Dr Phil McCarthy, project lead for Hearts in Search of God: Pilgrim Ways, who will share his wisdom and experience based on the history, significance and spirituality of pilgrimage. The session will also explore and consider some of the options and practicalities for embarking on a local pilgrimage during the Year of Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope. **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, 7.00pm – 8.00pm.** You will need access to a Zoom account to attend this session. Please visit the Diocesan website to register your interest on this online session. Booking deadline is Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2025. If you have any difficulty accessing the online booking form please contact: 0191 243 3316.

**Parish Men's Club Social** in Parish Hall on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January.** 8-10.30pm, with Bingo, Raffle and Quiz. Please bring your own drink. All welcome.

The Baptism of the Lord			
12	Sunday	9.00am	Thanksgiving ~ 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary ~ Mike & Carole Stansmore
13	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Margaret Bentley & Christine Everett Medjugorje Rosary for World Peace
14	Tuesday		
15	Wednesday		
16	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary & Healing Exposition
17	Friday		No Mass
18	Saturday		No Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year			
19	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Recently Deceased:		Joseph Brannen ~ May he rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Kathleen Jones, Michael Morton, Eileen Lyons, Jean Hemblade	
		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,	
Reader for Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January – Alfred McAndrew			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



*As we recall the Baptism of Christ we remember and pray for all those Baptised in our Church and their families, that the seeds of faith may continue to grow. Amen*

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January ~**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

**Next Sunday is a Day of Prayer for Peace.** This year Pope Francis has chosen the theme, 'forgive us our trespasses. Grant us Your peace.'



**Third World Group ~** We would like to thank everyone for the wonderful support we have received during 2024 via our Third World box and from private donations. We sent donations amounting to £2,275 as follows:-

**March** - Survive Miva £200, **March** - John Bradburne Memorial Society (Leprosy) £250

**April** - Save the Children South Sudan £250, **July:** The Little Way Association ~ £200,

**August** - CAFOD ~ £400, **September** - Comboni Missionaries £300, **November** - Disabled Children's Home in Kenya (Canon Cooper's Charity) £300, **December** - CAFOD for Gaza ~ £375

**Thank you and God Bless**

**Sharing the Rosary** – You are very welcome to join us at Holy Name Parish Hall on Towers Avenue, Jesmond for a 4-week course exploring the Rosary, its history and its significance in Catholic prayer traditions. Each one-hour session will include opportunities to learn about the Mysteries of the Rosary, pray a shared Decade, and even make your own set of Rosary beads. The course will run on Saturdays 25 January, 1 February, 8 February and 22 February 2025. Refreshments will be available from 2:00 pm, with sessions finishing at 3:30 pm. Rosary beads will be available for anyone who needs them, but feel free to bring your own, especially if they hold a special story you'd like to share. To join the course, please either email: [welcome@holynamesjesmond.co.uk](mailto:welcome@holynamesjesmond.co.uk) or telephone (0191) 2810940.