



**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

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

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This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We remember what a great gift Jesus left us in the Holy Eucharist, the abiding sign of His Redemption and His Presence among us. When Jesus said, "Do this in memory of me," He is not only referring to His actions relating to the Bread and Wine, He was asking his followers to live out this symbol of His life giving love. God is close to us in life and the Eucharist at Mass gives us this certainty.

*Jesus, Body and Blood, we are grateful for the gift of your life and the way it strengthens us to live our lives. Teach us to draw on the gift of your Body and Blood for energy, renewal, strength and grace. May we never take the gift of your presence for granted. Amen.*

**First Holy Communion ~ Congratulations** to the children who have made their First Holy Communion over the last two weekends. Thank you to Canon Cooper, staff of St. Patrick's RC School and all who prepared the Church. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers so that they may always draw close to Jesus in the Eucharist.


**We give thanks** for Deacons Paul Hargreaves, Jeff Parkes, Tony Turner and Mick Wood who celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Permanent Deacons on the feast of the Sacred Heart this week.

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of deacons in your church. We ask that you bless them with your Holy Spirit, filling them with love, compassion and a spirit of service. May they be faithful in their ministry, following the example of Jesus Christ, who came to serve, not to be served. Grant them the grace to see their brothers and sisters as you see them and to carry out their duties with courage and humility. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Our Lady & St Bede** are proud to present their end of year show, Beauty & the Beast. This Disney classic will feature over 70 pupils who will be performing this 'tale as old as time' from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets are now on sale and can be found at: [ticketsource.co.uk/ourladyandstbede](http://ticketsource.co.uk/ourladyandstbede). This production is not to be missed

**Event at Minsteracres . . . 'Quiet Day'** led by the Minsteracres Team. Take a step back from the busyness of life and join a day dedicated to spiritual reflection and renewal. Throughout the day there will be space for quiet contemplation, personal prayer and time to connect with God in a meaningful way. Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July from 10am to 4pm. Lunch and refreshments are included. A suggested donation is £40. Please visit the Minsteracres website to reserve a place.

**SPUC Club Draw Result – 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2025: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize**, No. 20, Pat Healey: **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**, No. 45, Lorraine Toole: **3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

The Body and Blood of Christ			
22	Sunday	9.00am	Paul Joynes
23	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	World Peace Medjugorje Rosary
24	Tuesday		
25	Wednesday		
26	Thursday	6.00pm	SVP Rosary & Healing Exposition
27	Friday	9.15am	Margaret Engel (SVP)
28	Saturday	9.15am	Pat Fenwick
SS Peter and Paul			
29	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Recently Deceased:		Flora Love ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Paul Joynes, Ellen Briscoe, Patricia Fenwick, Michael Williams, Margaret Sisson, Bernard Scott	
		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, Chris Bostock	
Feast Days: 23 <sup>rd</sup> June: St ~Etheldreda, 24 <sup>th</sup> June: The Nativity of St John the Baptist, 27 <sup>th</sup> June: The Sacred Heart of Jesus, 28 <sup>th</sup> June: St Irenaeus			
Reader for Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June – Veronica Lindo			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Do not let the past disturb you. Leave everything in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and begin again with joy.

(St. Teresa of Calcutta)

**We pray for Pope Leo** and all the bishops and priests of the Church. May they be blessed and supported so that all people may continue sharing in the celebration of the eucharist.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for June ~** *That the world might grow in compassion*

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus and, from his heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

**Second Collections . . .** The Lay Training fund has so far raised £241.02. The collection remains open for any further donations until 6<sup>th</sup> July. Please put any donations in an envelope marked 'Lay Training Fund' and place them in the main collection. The Day for Life collection raised £197.35. Many thanks. **Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Peter's Pence.** This collection is the financial contribution from parishioners that is offered directly to the Pope to support the Church's charitable works, humanitarian aid and pastoral needs worldwide.

**Witness: Sharing our Faith in Today's World** – A year of Jubilee Formation opportunity: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 9.20am – 1.30pm, Emmaus Village. All are welcome to join us for a day of sharing experiences and fears; an insight into how to deal with tough questions and ten things that might help when talking to people about your faith. This witness formation event will lead into the **Significance Festival** with Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen at 3pm, followed by a BBQ, live music and ceilidh. For more information contact the Formation & Mission team on 0191 2433316.

**The Little Sisters of the Poor** (St Joseph's Home), Westmorland Road, Newcastle, will hold a Summer Fayre on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 12 noon to 3pm. All are welcome to attend.