



Sunday 20th July 2025

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Hospitality was important in Jesus' time. He visited the house of Marth and Mary, staying there when he wanted to go to Jerusalem. In this Sunday's gospel we see two different temperaments, Martha loved to serve and Mary waited on Jesus by sitting and listening to him. Sometimes busyness can keep us from listening and from giving the Lord our undivided attention. We can sit with him and listen and learn so that we can grow to be His disciples.

The Parish is looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate the Gift Aid. If you can help with this role, which generates around £6000 a year income for the Parish, please contact Canon Cooper or Martin Driffield for more details. Training will be given for this role, which has been Diocesan computer based for the past 3 years.

Church Collections . . . The main collection last Sunday came to £443.04, many thanks. The second collection for Sea Sunday (Stella Maris) has so far raised £491.15. If you have a Gift Aid envelope to return for this collection, please place it in the main collections as soon as possible. Many thanks.



Val Railton retired from her role as Deputy Headteacher on Friday. She has been a much loved and valued colleague and friend and we wish her a long and happy retirement. We are blessed to have had her serve in our school community for so many years. Lots of love from your St. Patrick's family.

Next Sunday is the Fifth World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme this year is 'Blessed are those who have not lost hope.' This day falls on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus.

Alive in HOPE: A Church for Mission . . . Bishop Stephen invites all across our diocesan family to celebrate *Jubilee Day*. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with old friends and new, celebrate our community and reawaken and empower us for mission. Saturday 27th September, 10am – 3pm at Cardinal Hume Catholic School, Gateshead. Guest speakers, a choice of inspiring seminars, meet and speak with our Catholic partners. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer space in the chapel plus praise and worship led by local musical group 'Set A Fire.' Entry is free, please visit the Diocesan website to book a place. Please arrive at 9.15am for registration.

Diary Dates for Lady Chapel at Osmotherley: Friday, 15th August ~ Assumption of Our Lady. Rosary at Noon.

Friday, 22nd August ~ Queenship of Our Lady. Rosary, Adoration and Confession at Noon. There will be a Healing Mass at 3pm.

16 th Sunday of the Year			
20	Sunday	9.00am	Mary Douglas
21	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Paulene Major ~ 90 th Birthday Medjugorje Rosary
22	Tuesday		
23	Wednesday		
24	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary & Healing Exposition
25	Friday		No Mass
26	Saturday		No Mass
17 th Sunday of the Year			
27	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Recently Deceased:		Barbara Cunningham ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		Mary Douglas, Dave Hart, Theresia Kiberu, Eileen Cooper, Edward Wrigley, Patricia Corking, June Shaw	
		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	
Reader for Sunday 27 th July – Catherine Dixon Barker			
Feast Days: 22 nd July: St Mary Magdalene, 23 rd July: St Bridget of Sweden, 24 th July: The Martyrs of the Diocese, 25 th July: St James, 26 th July: SS Joachim and Anne			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Martyrs of the Diocese

Of the 315 of our Catholic ancestors who sacrificed their lives for the Catholic faith in England and Wales during the religious persecution of the 16th & 17th centuries, 28 can be considered as 'Martyrs of the North'. They were born, laboured or suffered within the confines of Durham and Northumberland. To return to England as a priest was high treason punishable by hanging, drawing and quartering, to shelter a priest was a felony punishable by fines, imprisonment and in many cases, death. It was only heroes and heroines who could face such ordeals, these are our martyrs

Congratulations to Paulene Major who celebrates her 90th Birthday this week.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for Paulene's 90 years. May she be surrounded by your love, joy and many blessings in the years to come. Amen.



Pope's Prayer Intention for July: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads away from Christ and the Gospel.

Job Vacancy . . . The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint an IT Field engineer to work alongside the Technology Services Manager in the delivery of the Diocesan Technology strategy across our Diocesan and Parish communities. This includes close collaboration with Clergy, staff and volunteers to assess requirements, provide technical guidance, in-person support, project delivery and hardware configuration. The role provides an opportunity to contribute to the mission and values of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle by leveraging technology to support and empower the Diocese and Parish communities.

A copy of the Job Description can be obtained from annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk. The closing date for applications is 9am on Friday 1st August, 2025.