



Sunday 31st August 2025

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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There are touching moments in our lives that happen every once in a while, where we are made to feel good about ourselves. We were looking after a sick relative, caring for the poor and needy or working hard at our job, doing it all without fuss but taking for granted that it was the right thing to do. In this Sunday's gospel Jesus encourages us to be content with what is 'lowly and least.' Often it is in the small and seemingly insignificant gifts of everyday life where we may experience the greatest love, joy, peace and contentment.

The theme for the tenth World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is '*Seeds of Peace and Hope.*' The day will be celebrated on Monday, 1st September. In his message Pope Leo draws deeply on biblical imagery and the legacy of *Laudato Si'*, calling all the faithful to become seeds of peace and hope amid the ecological and social crises facing the world. Through the Season of Creation, running from 1st September to 4th October, Pope Leo encourages prayer, personal conversion and decisive action in caring for our common home. Reflecting on the words of Jesus and the prophet Isaiah, the Holy Father emphasises how seeds, though buried, hold the promise of new life, even in desolate places. "In Christ, we too are seeds," he writes, "and indeed, seeds of peace and hope."

World Apostolate of Fatima: The Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco are on a national tour and will visit St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Saturday, 13th September.

The Statue and the Relics will also visit St. Joseph's RC Church, Hartlepool, TS26 9EY, on Saturday, 6th September. The day will begin at 10am with a procession with the statue and relics followed by Holy Mass, and end with a Holy Hour of Exposition and Confessions, concluding with Benediction at 3.30pm. There will be various other events in which to participate during the day. A full timetable is available on their parish Facebook page, 'Holy Family Parish, Hartlepool.' You are welcome to any events during the day, or the whole day if you can. There is no need to sign up in advance.

CAFOD Jubilee Pilgrimage in this special Year of Jubilee. All are welcome to join CAFOD and the Archbishop Romero Trust on their pilgrimage to Holy Island on Saturday, 13th September 2025. **10.00am** meet at Purdy Lodge Café (café on the A1, Belford NE70 7JU) to travel in convoy to Holy Island causeway; **11.30am–11.45am:** Walkers meet at first refuge on the causeway to cross the sands. Non-walkers are welcome to join service in St. Aiden's Catholic Church at 12 noon. Bring or buy your own lunch. **3.00pm:** Mass in St. Mary's Church. Tide times for safe crossing: 10.45am – 5.35pm. For more information, please contact Rachel Blaylock on 07779 804243 or by email: rblaylock@cafod.org.uk

Diary Date: Pro Life Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Osmotherley, North Yorkshire on Saturday, 4th October. Prayers in Reparation for the Sanctity of Human Life. Holy Hour 2pm, Vigil Mass 3pm.

22 nd Sunday of the Year			
31	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
1	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Kevin McWilliams Medjugorje Rosary
2	Tuesday		
3	Wednesday		
4	Thursday	6.00pm	Divine Mercy & Healing Exposition
5	Friday		No Mass
6	Saturday	9.15am	Flora Love
23 rd Sunday of the Year			
7	Sunday	9.00am	For Healing
Anniversaries:		Caterona Ash, Joan Kent, John Edwward Hill	
		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 7 th September – Louise Pope			
Feast Days: 27 th August; St. Monica, 28 th August; St Augustine of Hippo, 29 th August; The Passion of St John the Baptist			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands. Through faithfully following your Son guide and direct us to prepare for a better future. Give us the grace to recognize, respect and protect all You have created, using wisely all that you have entrusted to us. Amen.

Last week's collection came to £384.58. Many thanks.

Fund Raising Event for Little Sisters of the Poor. Wednesday 24th September, Pie and Pea Supper at St. Joseph's Home in Newcastle. Bingo, Raffle and entertainment. Tickets £8 are available by ringing the Little Sisters on 0191 2731279.



At the beginning of this new school year we thank you for the ability to learn, progress and grow. Fill each classroom with the joy of discovery and help the students make new and lasting friendships. Thank you for the patience and loyalty of all the staff in our schools. Help them receive satisfaction from their work. Help parents to create atmospheres where children have the structure, love and encouragement they need. May your love and grace fill all students, staff, governors and parents today and always. Amen.

Diocesan Jubilee Day ~ Alive in Hope: A Church for Mission. Bishop Stephen invites you to a Jubilee Day on Saturday 27th September, from 10am to 3pm, at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead. Everyone is welcome. There will be guest speakers from the Prisons' Chaplaincy and the Justice & Peace Refugee Project and a choice of seminars/forums to reawaken and empower us for mission. This is an opportunity to celebrate our diocesan family as we explore what a Church in Mission invites us to be and do. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a prayer space in the chapel, and praise and worship led by Durham musicians 'Set A Fire.' Take a look around the marketplace where there will be stands and gifts from some of our Catholic partners and groups. Registration and refreshments from 9.15am, please bring a packed lunch. Ample parking is available and entry is free but please register at <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25> where you will also find more information about the seminars you will be able to join during the day. For enquiries please email Amy at formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433316.