



Sunday 21st September, 2025

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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The context for this Sunday's gospel is the right use of money. True wealth consists not in what we keep but in what we give away, possessions are a great responsibility. The Lord expects us to use them honestly and responsibly and to put them at His service and the service of others. We are God's servants and all that we have belongs to him. God loves generosity and he gives liberally to those who share his gifts with others. Love of money and wealth crowd out the love of God and love of neighbour. Jesus makes clear that our hearts must either be possessed by God's love or they will be possessed by the love of something else.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (Home Mission Sunday) ~ This year the Church has been celebrating a significant anniversary. It is 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, this great gathering of Bishops from around the Church began the work to formulate the creed we proclaim at Mass. It is the content of this creed that is our mission. At the heart of it all, the Christian must be a believer, to be able to say, "I believe." The Bishops of England and Wales ask parishes to pray for the work of evangelisation across our countries and to look for ways in which we can all do our part in sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ. This is very much our mission. **There will be a second collection after Mass this Sunday** to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through this directorate, the church is supported in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales.

Christ sent his disciples to proclaim the Good News to the world. In all that we do may our lives bear witness to our love of Christ and our trust in His Word. Amen.



Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi, 19th–23rd October 2026, coinciding with the 800th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis. It also involves an opportunity to visit the shrine of our newest saint, Carlos Acutis. If you are interested in taking part in this Parish Pilgrimage please see Canon Cooper.

Music Matters – A Day for Musicians, Saturday 18th October, 10.30am to 4.00pm, St Michael, Houghton-le-Spring. This day will be a time to reflect on the liturgy and the role of music within it, how we sing the Mass, the role of music ministers and how we prepare for our service. It will be a great opportunity to reflect more deeply on our roles as ministers of music, as well as a chance to meet other musicians from the Diocese and share ideas. There is no cost for this day but please register, or for more information, please contact dcma@diocesehn.org.uk

Meeting God in Faith and Friendship ~ To mark the 60th anniversary of Nostra Aetate the Diocesan Interreligious Relations team warmly invites you to 'Meeting God in Faith and Friendship,' an interfaith event celebrating dialogue, understanding and unity among faith communities. This event takes place on Wednesday 8th October, 7.00pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Bridge Street, Sunderland, SR1 1TQ. For more information, please telephone 0191 243 3316. This event is free. All welcome.

25 th Sunday of the Year			
21	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
22	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Special Intention of AB Medjugorje Rosary
23	Tuesday		
24	Wednesday		
25	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary & Healing Exposition
26	Friday	9.15am	Christine Everett
27	Saturday	9.15am	Nigel Mulligan (SVP)
26 th Sunday of the Year			
28	Sunday	9.00am	Barbara Cunningham
Anniversaries:		Gillian Richardson, Denis Ansbro, Charlie Boyle, Joan Lazenby	
		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 28 th September – Hilary Boyce			
Feast Days: 23rd Sept.; St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), 24th Sept.; Our Lady of Walsingham, 27th Sept.; St Vincent de Paul			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Kneel down and render the tribute of your presence and devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Confide all your needs to Him, along with those of others. Give free rein to your heart and give Him complete freedom to work in you as He thinks best. Amen.
(Padre Pio)

Loving Padre Pio, help me carry my cross just as you carried yours with humility and faith. Amen.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Fundraising Event ~ Friday 26th September, Macmillan Coffee Morning 10.30am in the school hall. All welcome.

Tea with the SVP . . . St. Patrick's SVP Conference invite you to Tea or Coffee after Mass on Sunday, 28th September. This is to acknowledge our patron, and founder, St. Vincent de Paul and Frédéric Ozanam. Everyone very welcome.

St Vincent de Paul, beloved servant of the poor, may we follow your example and do good works among those whom society has abandoned or forgotten. Inspire us to feed the hungry, to provide comfort to the sick, to clothe those in need and to offer hope and our Lord's words to all who need respite. Amen.

The collection on 7th September came to £382.59 and last week to £480.86. The collection for Catholic Education came to £207.55. Many thanks.

Result of SPUC Club Draw – Sunday 14th September, 2025: 1st Prize, £150: No. 32, Terry Johnson: **2nd Prize**, £50: No. 2, Pat Rea: **3rd Prize**, £20: No. 31: Geraldine Johnson. Many thanks to all who support the SPUC Club Draw. If you would like to take a number, please contact Christine Pope on 07980 290432, or either Eileen Brydon or Maurice Ward.