



Sunday 28th September, 2025

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A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. The parable in this Sunday's Gospel contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. This story of Jesus highlights the inequality of rich and poor. Jesus appeals to our sense of justice and goodness. Each needy person that we pass is known to God by name and loved by God. Jesus is asking his listeners to open their eyes to what is around them, and to open their ears to the simple command of the gospel; love your neighbour.

Every Sunday there are now printed sheets available in the porch (near where you can pick up copies of this Newsletter) containing the **Readings and Prayers for that Mass** – in the new translation. Do pick up to use it, then take it home to read through again.

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.

Next Friday is a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World (Harvest Fast Day). CAFOD is highlighting its work with communities in Ethiopia, helping build more water tanks in communities where women have to walk for hours to get water. This is alongside CAFOD's continued response to urgent needs in the Holy Land, Ukraine and Sudan through trusted local church partners. Your support enables them to provide practical assistance for the most vulnerable brothers and sisters worldwide. Further information about the Family Fast Day appeal can be found at cafod.org.uk/parish. CAFOD envelopes are available at the back of church, **there will be a second collection next Sunday** after Mass for their return. Thank you.

Generous God, we praise and thank you for all that you have given us. May the fast that we make remind us that all good things come from you and are intended for all. Inspire us all to play our part to build a better world where each and every person can share in the joy of your gifts. Amen.

Visit of the Papal Nuncio . . . on Tuesday 30th the Papal Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle at 1.00pm. Everyone is welcome to this celebration of Mass. As well as celebrating Mass he will visit several of our Diocesan institutions.

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

26 th Sunday of the Year			
28	Sunday	9.00am	Barbara Cunningham
29	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Special Intention Medjugorje Rosary
30	Tuesday		
1	Wednesday		
2	Thursday	6.00pm	Divine Mercy & Healing Exposition
3	Friday	9.15am	Nigel Mulligan (SVP)
4	Saturday	9.15am	Nicola Holmes
27 th Sunday of the Year			
5	Sunday	9.00am	Eileen Fisher (SVP)
Anniversaries:		Geoff Fletcher, Eva Mary Jordinson	
		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 5 th October – Alfred McAndrew			
Feast Days: 29 th Sept.; SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels 30 th Sept.; St Jerome, 1 st Oct.; St Therese of the Christ Jesus, 2 nd Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels, 4 th Oct. St Francis of Assisi			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Holy Guardian Angels we seek your powerful intercession. Protect our families, friends and all humanity from physical and spiritual harm. Guide us to live in peace, charity and truth and lead us all to the eternal Kingdom of God. With your light illuminate our paths, and with your strength defend us from evil. Amen.

Parish Shop

Please visit the Parish Shop, new stock is arriving for Christmas.

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

We thank you Lord for all the blessings that you have given to the society of St Vincent de Paul and to its members. Grant the SVP, especially here at St. Patrick's Church, grace of continual growth and renewal and we pray that many others will be drawn to seek membership and share in its work. Amen.

Missio Red Box collections are due. Please see Veronica and John Bowron with your box or you can leave them at the Parish Shop. Thank You.

Open Scroll is a six-session series on understanding the Book of Revelation. Taking place on Zoom on the second Monday of the month, the talks start in October, 7-8.30pm. If you'd like to be part of the talks, please contact Mia Fox (mia.fox@diocesehn.org.uk) to join the WhatsApp group to receive the Zoom links. These talks are not being recorded.

A Comic Opera where a love potion causes mismatched couples. Tees Valley Gilbert and Sullivan Society performs 'The Sorcerer' this week at Middlesbrough Theatre, 30th September to 3rd October. Come along and see what happens!