



Sunday 12th October, 2025

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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In this Sunday's Gospel ten lepers met the Lord because they went searching for Him. All ten believed that Jesus had the power to help them. There are many things we ask God, big and small. We pray for calm in the midst of stress; we pray for comfort when we are afraid. Sometimes we cry out for healing like the lepers in the Gospel this Sunday. We pray with the hope and faith that God will hear us, that Jesus will have an answer for us. What distinguished the leper who returned from the other nine was that he recognized his healing as a gift, and he further recognized God as the source of this gift. A great deal of what we really value in life is gift, coming to us from beyond ourselves.

Prisoner's Sunday . . . Prisons Sunday marks the beginning of the ecumenical Prisons Week. This is an annual event that aims to raise awareness of the issues faced by prisoners, their families, victims of crime and those working within the criminal justice system. This year's theme is 'Jesus looked at him and loved him.' Reflecting the gospel reading, Prisons Week this year focuses on thankfulness. Pact is the national Catholic charity that supports prisoners, people with convictions and their families. They provide caring and life-changing services at every stage of the criminal justice process. If you would like to find out more about Pact please visit www.prisonsworld.org.

Jesus looked at him and loved him . . . *God our Heavenly Father, please show us how we can give freely and willingly of what we possess, including our time to serve and support those you love and care about connected with the prison system – prisoners, their families, victims of crime and those who serve in prisons as officers, chaplains and in many other ways. Always remembering the words of Christ that 'it is more blessed to give than to receive'. 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.

Adventurous Accompaniment: We are made to walk together. 9th & 16th November, 2025

This short formation programme is designed to help us become better at walking with others, supporting them to see God at work. Over two sessions you will explore how to accompany others, whether it is informally while out talking with your neighbour or over a sustained relationship with family and friends. The 'Adventure' of this formation is that God is the one leading the way. All are welcome to join the two sessions which will take place on the above dates, 1pm-4pm, at St Vincent's Diocesan Office, St. Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. There is an introductory cost of £10. to attend. Please email Emma at formation.mission@diocesanh.n.org.uk for further information or to book your place,



St. Patrick's Men's Club Event . . . You are invited to the next dance evening featuring 'Mosaic' on Saturday 18th October, 8pm – 11pm. Dance the night away or sit and enjoy the music. Please bring your own food and drink, contact Ken Marr to book (01642 602336). Tickets £6.

28 th Sunday of the Year			
12	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
13	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Special Intention Medjugorje Rosary
14	Tuesday		
15	Wednesday		
16	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary & Healing Exposition
17	Friday	9.15am	Vocations
18	Saturday	9.15am	Mike Stansmore
29 th Sunday of the Year			
19	Sunday	9.00am	Parish Residential Homes and Housebound
Anniversaries:		Cath Rossinelli, Audrey Bentley	
		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 19 th October – Karen Dick			
Feast Days: 15 th October; St Teresa of Avila, 17 th October: St Ignatius of Antioch, 18 th October; St Luke, Evangelist			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Love the Madonna, pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother. (Padre Pio)

Missio Red Boxes are now due to be emptied. Please see Veronica and John Bowron with your box or you can leave them at the Parish Shop. Thank you.

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

The ordinary collections over the last three weeks came to £370.49, £519.55 and £365.63. The CAFOD Family Fast day collection has so far raised £849.44. The collection will remain open for the next two weeks for the return of any further donations. Please place them in a CAFOD envelope or plain envelope marked 'CAFOD' and place them in the main collections. Thank you.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. The theme this year is 'Missionaries of Hope among all peoples'. The Holy Father invites all Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. **There will be a second collection next Sunday after Mass.**

Pope's Prayer Intention for October ~ *For collaboration between different religious traditions.*
Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

'All Saints' Day Brunch by the Sea' – 1st November, 2025. An invitation for women in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle to share brunch and a time of prayer and reflection led by Sr Sheila McNamara. 11am – 1pm at St Cuthbert's, Albion Road West, North Shields, NE29 0JB. Please bring pastries, fruit or other to contribute to the bring and share brunch table. For more information, please contact: Mary (mmadziva@ymt.org) or Amy (formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)