

Sunday 19th October, 2025

## St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Jesus encourages us in this Sunday's parable to be persistent in our prayer and never to lose heart. The gospel tells us that we must turn our life to God at all times. We can take time to review our day through prayer and see what we did that we can gladly offer to Christ in thanksgiving, but also what we did that needs His forgiveness. Through prayer we reach out to others in love and compassion and we make it possible for God's Kingdom to flourish on earth. Jesus often took himself away from the busyness and noise of life to pray alone, quietly. In our busy world, where there are so many demands and stresses on our lives, prayer gives us time to slow down, think and reflect on what really matters, our relationship of love with God and with one another.

**Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday.** We are called to be '*Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples'* as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. The Holy Father reminds us that hope is at the heart of the Christian mission, calling every baptized person to be messengers and builders of hope in a world that often finds itself overshadowed by uncertainty and despair. **There will be a second collection after Mass this Sunday**, donations going to missionaries and local churches in mission dioceses. These communities request the support they need to bring lasting change – whether it's help to build a simple chapel, provide vital healthcare, set up a school or create a safe space for children. Your support encourages communities to grow in faith, dignity and self-reliance.

**You are warmly invited to a special Mass** prepared by the English Martyr's and St. Cuthbert's form groups from Our Lady and St. Bede RC School. The Mass will be held in school at 2.20pm on Tuesday, 21st October in Hall A and will be celebrated by Fr. Mark Millward. Our pupils have thoughtfully prepared every part of the celebration, including the introduction, readings, reflections and bidding prayers. Music will be led by our Praise and Worship group, creating a joyful and prayerful atmosphere. We would love to see you all for this special celebration.

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 <a href="mailto:formation.mission@diocesanhn.org.uk">formation.mission@diocesanhn.org.uk</a>. for further information or to book your place.

**The Cleveland Newman's Association . .** 'Theology of creation and the reredos at Middlesbrough Cathedral; might they be connected?' Talk by Professor Luca Settimo, Honorary Assistant Professor (Theology), University of Nottingham. In this talk Luca will try to answer this question and will discuss possible interpretations and meanings of the reredos in St. Mary's Cathedral. Date of talk: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October in St. Mary's Cathedral Hall, TS8 0TW at 7.45pm. (Coffee/tea from 7.30pm). Everyone welcome. For more information, please telephone Patricia Egerton on 01642 645732.

29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year			
19	Sunday	9.00am	Parish Residential Homes and Housebound
20	Monday		A Sick Person Medjugorje Rosary
21	Tuesday		
22	Wednesday		
23	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary & Healing Exposition
24	Friday	9.15am	Special Intention
25	Saturday	9.15am	Barbara Cunningham (SVP)
30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year			
26	Sunday	9.00am	Steven Ellison
Anniversaries:		Robert Parkinson, Dorothy Dinsdale, Maureen Henderson	
NEWEN IN YOUR PRINCES		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 26th October – Margaret Wilson			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Bless all missionaries who dedicate their lives to serving others, often in challenging and distant places. May we, too, be missionaries in our daily lives, bringing kindness to the lonely, comfort to the suffering and light to those in darkness. Help us to see your face in every person we meet and to serve them with humility and love. Amen.

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

**The collection for the Clergy Training Fund is next Sunday.** The collection remains open and contributions invited until 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Fr Dermott Donnelly founded the charity 'Significance' to enable young people to become all that God has created them to be. Significance supports YMT and the ongoing development of the Emmaus Village and also provides grants for particular projects which provide opportunities to young people. To raise funds, Significance has launched a Grand Draw: First prize is two tickets for a 'Britain's Got Talent' live semi-final in 2026, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel and there are other exciting prizes. Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000 by selling 800 books x 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday, 23rd November, 2025. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. Raffle tickets can be sent to you by contacting significance316@gmail.com

**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' – 1**st **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)