



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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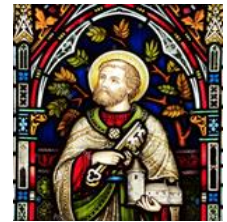
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Sunday 23rd August 2020

We all need some statements like Peter's that give a rock and a meaning to life, It gives us a clue of where we belong at deeper levels. We all need statements that express our faith in God. For Peter it was his faith in Jesus, the Son of God. This would keep him going all of his life, even at times of unfaithfulness and danger. He could never forget that he had said, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God'. We need the rock that Peter found in Jesus. He was called because of his relationship with Jesus Christ, the one who calls forth our faith and love and gives our lives a huge meaning.

Jesus made clear that this was a particular grace from God which allowed Peter, from among all the apostles and disciples, to discern the true identity of Jesus. In this way, Peter announced his belief that Jesus was the promised Messiah who had come to deliver God's people from the bondage of sin. Jesus was much more than a prophet, and Peter was divinely inspired to acknowledge this truth.

Father, in St Peter You have shown us how You transform ordinary people and make them special. Make us like him: rock-like in our faith, courageous in our love and willing to risk all for Christ. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen



Please keep in your prayers Sr. Lucy Mary Brydon OSB who is seriously ill in Bedford Hospital. (Thank you, from Eileen)

We pray for Pope Francis, the successor of St Peter as the rock in our Church and pray that the Lord give him the strength and courage to continue his work for church reform.

Lord hear our prayer

We pray for everyone who is unable to receive Christ in the Sacraments and pray they will receive you into their hearts each day. We pray that they will feel united as a community through the online prayers and celebrations of the Eucharist.

Lord hear our prayer

We pray for parents, teachers and all those who are currently preparing a safe return of our children to their schools.

Lord hear our prayer

21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
23	Sunday		People of our Parish (Mass with no congregation)
24	Monday <i>St. Bartholomew</i>	9.15am	Mary Ferguson
25	Tuesday	7.00pm	Joe Gallagher
26	Wednesday		No Mass
27	Thursday <i>St Monica</i>	7.00pm	Leo, Irene & Bernadette Mulholland
28	Friday <i>St Augustine of Hippo</i>	9.15am	Doreen Moran
29	Saturday <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	9.15am	Thanksgiving
22nd Sunday of the Year			
30	Sunday		People of our Parish (Mass with no congregation)
Recently Deceased:		Doreen Moran, Bob Minto May they rest in peace. Amen.	
Anniversaries:		Kathleen Dodds, Mary Ferguson, Margaret Beatrice Wilson	
		Riska Okninski Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd. Audrey Bentley	



Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for August

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Isaiah 22: 19-23**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 137:1-3, 6, 8**
- **Second Reading ~ Romans 11:33-36**
- **Gospel ~ Matthew 16:13-20**



Prayer for Priests and Deacons



Loving Father, in baptism you call us to be a people of hope. Raise up, we pray, especially for our diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, many good and holy priests and deacons. Grant men throughout our diocese the courage and vision needed to shepherd and serve your people. Open, in your love, the hearts of all your children that they may discern your holy will and know your call in their lives. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE FUTURE AFTER EXAM RESULTS

Loving God, each day as I step further into my future give me the courage, knowledge and patience that I need. Remind me that You always journey with me and that You will never lead me into anything that you won't lead me through. May your love be like a compass that gives me direction, and your peace be like a measure that guides my decisions. May the way I live be my gift back to you, with your love and guidance. In Jesus' name, Amen


The Passion of St John the Baptist . . . Besides our Lord and our Lady, St. John the Baptist is the only one whose birth and death are celebrated. Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, he bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer. It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

We call upon St John's intercession to properly prepare us with a true sense of repentance to receive Your grace and salvation. Make us faithful to truth and justice, as You did Your servant, John the Baptist, herald of Your Son's birth and death. Lord, may You increase Your life within us. Amen.



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Bishop Robert Byrne - Church at Home

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Church at Home - A Pastoral Message from Bishop Robert Byrne CO

Bishop Robert Byrne CO has released a special pastoral video regarding the reopening of churches throughout the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. It is titled 'Bishop Robert Byrne – Church at Home.' To view visit the Diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk select facebook and then click on Diocese. It will look like the screen on the left.



SPUC Home Collection Boxes . . . Could anyone with a home collection box please leave it at the back of church or contact Christine Pope on tel 01642 602842 to arrange collection and emptying of boxes. Many thanks for all your support.

USHAW . . . Please note that the buildings and exhibitions remain closed at the moment. You can still enjoy the outdoor spaces and the Bounds Café in the grounds. Please visit www.ushaw.org to locate a map which shows you a route around.

Middlesbrough Diocese . . . To access the following type Middlesbrough Diocese into the search engine and then select streamed services in Diocese. Scroll down for the following:

- St. Marys Cathedral, Middlesbrough ~ Rosary in front of Our Lady's statue on a Friday at 3pm.
- St. Wilfrid's, York ~ Rosary and Benediction on a Sunday at 5.30pm

MINSTERACRES . . . We are getting ready to welcome you from 1st September 2020 and have put in place all necessary precautions re-social distancing etc. We have many resources for reflection: the Pilgrim Walk – a reflective walk through the grounds; Trasná (the labyrinth); the Cross of Hope; Stations of the Cross; Prayer Spaces; Peace Garden and the Art Studio. Minsteracres is also ideally located for visiting the places associated with the Northern Saints.

A weekend reflection, at Minsteracres, on our encounters with gratitude, prophecy and hope has been organised with a choice of three weekends: Friday 11th until Sunday 13th September, Friday 2nd until Sunday 4th October or Friday 20th until Sunday 22nd November. Suggested donation of £140. Further details tel. 01434 673248 or email info@minsteraces.org

THANK YOU to all St. Patrick's parishioners who are delivering bulletins, providing treats and for all other acts of kindness during these difficult times.

Please forward any prayers, thoughts, poems, news, anniversaries or any item that you would like to share and I will include them on the bulletin. Thank you.

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