



Sunday 26th May, 2024

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We believe in God the Father ~ Who created the world in love, who created men and women in his image to live with each other in ways of love, justice and forgiveness. Who is with us in any sadness, loneliness or fear and in our joys and celebrations,

We believe in Jesus Christ ~ Who was born and lived a human life, who showed God's love to the poor, the outsider and the ordinary. In whose life we see what God is like, forgiving, accepting, healing and challenging. Who gave his life in love, dying on a cross and reconciling the world to God. Who sent out his followers to change the world, taking a message of good news to all people and who asks his followers to keep on doing this today.

We believe in the Holy Spirit ~ Who is the presence of God within each person, guiding us in the way of truth. Who is the 'invisible go-between' connecting us with God and other people and making us aware of their needs. Who encourages us in gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and gentleness and who is at work in the church and in the world.

World Children's Day . . . Pope Francis has chosen this weekend for the first World Children's Day, to celebrate all the children in the worldwide Church. The idea was suggested to Pope Francis by a nine year-old boy called Alessandro and Pope Francis liked his idea very much and he made the idea come to life. Pope Francis' message to celebrate this day can be read by visiting the Diocesan website.



Let Life Flourish: Spiritual Bouquet . . . SPUC has launched a prayer initiative in collaboration with Knights of St Columba. The spiritual bouquet is a rallying call to SPUC supporters, the wider pro-life community and all people of good will to pray with renewed faith and trust for the protection of life from conception until natural death. Please pray for the following intentions each month:

May: For women and families struggling with infertility

June: For mothers and fathers of children lost to abortion

July: For the Church – that its witness to the sanctity of life will touch the hearts of all people

August: For women and families expecting a child at this time

September: For political leaders – that they will act to uphold the sanctity of life through just laws


October: For an end to abortion in the UK

November: For the work of SPUC and KSC in defending the sanctity of life

ACT NOW TO STOP DIY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH – (extended deadline)

MPs Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have both tabled amendments to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill that would decriminalise abortion. In different ways, they would essentially legalise DIY abortion up to birth, for any reason. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose these extreme and barbaric proposals. The abortion amendments will now be debated on the new date of **Wednesday, 4 June**, so please contact your MP NOW. You can write to them at the House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA or email them. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool at: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments> Please pray for the defeat of these amendments, for protection of unborn babies and help and comfort for mothers in need.

PARISH SHOP . . . New stock is now on display. Cards for all occasions, Gifts, Statues and First Holy Communion Gifts. All welcome.

The Most Holy Trinity			
26	Sunday	9.00am	Sheila Kerr
27	Monday		No Mass or Medjugorje Rosary
28	Tuesday	12 Noon	Requiem Mass ~ Anthony McCormack
29	Wednesday		
30	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary & Healing Exposition
31	Friday	9.15am	World Peace
1	Saturday	9.15am	Intentions of the Brydon Family
The Body and Blood of Christ			
2	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Recently Deceased:		Anthony McCormack ~ May he rest in peace. Amen.	
Anniversaries:		Ian Ritchie, Iodalia Allan, Margaret Mooney, Kathleen Cooper	
		Margaret Devlin, 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	
Reader for Sunday 2nd June ~ Gwen Gallagher			
Feast Days: 27th May: St Augustine of Canterbury, 31st May: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1st June: St Justin			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Prayer for World Children's Day

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty reflected in the faces of children all over the world. Come, Jesus, you who make all things new, who are the way that leads us to the Father, come and remain with us always. Amen

We remember in our prayers the children who are making their First Holy Communion in June. We pray that they will be blessed with the grace to understand the gift which our Lord and Saviour will joyfully bestow on them.

Refugee Week event at St Mary's Cathedral . . . Our Home: "stretch your tents curtains wide" Isaiah 54: 2. An event to welcome and celebrate refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to our Diocese at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on Tuesday 18th June at 6.30pm. This event will celebrate the richness of our Diocesan family by bringing together people of different nationalities who make their home here in the North East of England. We will have the opportunity to listen to people's stories, celebrate their talents and recognise that we are better off when we welcome the strangers and make them our friends. We will hear what the Diocese has to offer and also see the gifts and talents of our new neighbours. During the event Bishop Stephen will receive, on behalf of the whole Diocese, a Lampedusa Cross donated by CAFOD. This will then be housed in the Cathedral as a sign of our commitment and welcome to those who are enriching life in our Diocese. Everyone is welcome to join in this celebration organised by the Vicariate for Caritas.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2024-2025 . . . The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools.

Visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs> to view the course programme. For more information, please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk