



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

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

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The seed of God's presence within us was first planted at our baptism. Our task is to look after it so that it can work powerfully within us, making a difference in our own lives and through us, in the lives of others. God keeps us alert to opportunities and helps us to recognise our role in bringing his Kingdom near through the love we show, the care we display and the seeds we sow by the service we offer to others.

**This Sunday is a Day of Prayer for Human Life . . .** The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year the theme is '*The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.*' A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives. The elderly are revered in the Bible, Elizabeth and Zechariah bore John the Baptist in old age. Whether long or short, each stage has its own beauty and worth. When the vulnerable, the sick, the disabled and the dying are discarded or not properly cared for, it undermines the wisdom and compassion that we can learn from one another and it violates our relationship with God. **There will be a second collection** at Mass this weekend which helps to fund organisations which support the dignity of human life and the Church's teaching.

*We pray for those who are afraid, suffering or in despair that they may come to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, ever near them ready to lead them out of their darkness and into the light of hope. We pray for those who care for the sick and dying, and for those who work in palliative care that modelling themselves on Christ the Good Samaritan who binds up all our wounds, they may bring true compassion and hope so that no one feels abandoned, useless or a burden. Amen.*



**Holy Island Children's Camp . . .** Holy Island Camp has a limited number of places available on weeks three, five and seven for children in school years 5-7. A week's holiday costs £150 for food, accommodation, activities and transport by coach from Tyneside. There are still some assisted and free places. The holiday is a traditional one with lots of fun, sports, craft activities and excitement. For further details please visit <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>.

**All are welcome to join CAFOD, in partnership with the Archbishop Romero Trust, on their pilgrimage to Holy Island** on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024, from 10.00am. Please join us for this special pilgrimage in this Year of Prayer.

### Meeting Points:

- 11.30am: Walkers meet at 1st refuge on the causeway to cross the sands.
- Non-walkers are welcome to join service in St Aidan's Catholic Church at 12.00 noon.
- 3.00pm: Mass in St Mary's Church. Celebrant: Rt Rev'd Stephen Wright, Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle and Chair of CAFOD.

This event is free, tide times for safe crossing: 10.55am – 7.10pm. For more information please tel. Carol Cross: 07779 804253 or Rachel Blaylock: 07779 804243.

<b>11th Sunday of the Year</b>			
16	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
17	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Sheila Kerr Medjugorje Rosary for World Peace
18	Tuesday		
19	Wednesday		
20	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary & Healing Exposition
21	Friday	9.15am	For Healing
22	Saturday	10.00am	First Holy Communion Mass
<b>12th Sunday of the Year</b>			
23	Sunday	9.00am	Paul Joynes
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Simon David Glover	
		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	
<b>Reader for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June ~ Catherine Dixon Barker</b>			
<b>Feast Days: 21<sup>st</sup> June: St Aloysius Gonzage, 22<sup>nd</sup> June: SS John Fisher and Thomas More</b>			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



### **Prayer for Father's Day**

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son, Jesus Christ, to the care of St. Joseph, his foster father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience, support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation. Amen.

### **SPUC Let Life Flourish: Spiritual Bouquet**

Please pray for the following intention this month: 'For mothers and fathers of children lost to abortion.'

### **Joan Faley's family have requested that the following be placed on this week's bulletin.**

"You may have received the sad news that my mother, Joan Faley, died peacefully on 3<sup>rd</sup> June at St Joseph's Care Home, Newcastle. Her funeral will be celebrated at 11.00am on 25<sup>th</sup> June in St Joseph's Chapel, followed by burial in Durham Road, Stockton. Attendance at the funeral is restricted due to the size of the chapel. The Requiem Mass will be live-streamed at 11.00am on 25<sup>th</sup> June. The link for the live-stream is: <http://www.dejavuvideo.co.uk/joan/>." May Joan rest in peace. Amen.

### **Please pray for the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion.**



Jesus Christ, Bread of Life, travel beside these children as they take their final steps in their journey to your table. Help them recognize you in the words of Holy Scripture and in the Blessed Sacrament. Draw the children close to you so they may radiate your love to others. Amen.

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

**The Little Sisters of the Poor** invite you to their Summer Fayre at St. Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1-4pm. Stalls include Fancy Goods, Cakes and Bakes, Bottle Stall, Arts and Crafts and Refreshments.