



Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2024

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

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In this Sunday's Gospel we see Jesus as he cares in different ways for those entrusted to him: for the apostles by giving them time for rest and nourishment, and for the crowds by teaching them. The desire to be in the presence of the Lord and to listen to his teaching is what draws us together each time we assemble as a church. Jesus does not perform miracles for the large crowd but teaches them at length, highlighting again that vital aspect of Jesus' ministry. Let us think about our need to listen to the teachings of Jesus so that they can bring light into our lives and let us ask Jesus to give us His spirit of compassion so that we can be as sensitive and responsive to the needs of people around us as he was.

**World Day for Grandparents:** Loneliness is at the heart of Pope Francis' message for the fourth Grandparents Day. The Pope has chosen the theme, "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Psalm 71: 9). This Sunday Catholics around the world will be invited to take time to reflect on the great heritage and wisdom passed on by their grandparents and the elderly.

"On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say "I will not abandon you", and to set out on a different path. (Taken from Pope Francis message for World Day of Grandparents 2024)

**Next year Canon Cooper is planning a Pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Year.** The dates are 19<sup>th</sup> May to 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025, flying from Newcastle. Anybody interested please see Canon Cooper.

**The Diocesan Liturgical Formation team are running a day for** readers of all levels of experience to explore the new translation of the Lectionary on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at St Augustine, Darlington, DL3 7RG. This day will provide an opportunity to look at the background of the new Lectionary and to be ready to proclaim the Scriptures. For more information and to book, please visit: [bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents](https://bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents). Details of other Liturgy days are also available on the Diocesan website.

**Rosary Rally . . .** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August from 11.00am to 3.00pm at Minsteracres. A wonderful opportunity to gather in honour of Mary, Mother of God, in this very prayerful and sociable day, which also provides the opportunity to take in the peace and ambiance of Minsteracres. The day will commence with the celebration of the Mass at 12 noon, followed by the Rosary Rally and Benediction from 2.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. You can book for the Rally by visiting [minsteracres.org](http://minsteracres.org). There is no charge for this day but you can give a donation.

**Pope Francis Monthly Intention for July:** We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>			
21	Sunday	9.00am	Special Intention
22	Monday	5.30pm	No Mass Medjugorje Rosary for World Peace
23	Tuesday	11.00am	Requiem Mass ~ Anita Andrews
24	Wednesday		
25	Thursday	11.00am 6.00pm	Requiem Mass ~ John Early SPUC Pro-Life Holy Hour
26	Friday		No Mass
27	Saturday	9.15am	Birthday Thanksgiving
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>			
28	Sunday	9.00am	Enid Henry
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Eileen Cooper, Edward Wrigley, Patricia Corking, June Shaw, Thomas Walker	
		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 28<sup>th</sup> July ~ Hilary Boyce</b>			
<b>Feast Days:</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> July: St Mary Magdalene, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July: St Bridget of Sweden, 24 <sup>th</sup> July: The Martyrs of the Diocese, 25 <sup>th</sup> July: St James, 26 <sup>th</sup> July: SS Joachim and Anne			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Lord, We thank you for grandparents and elderly relatives throughout the world, their lives and their vocation. We are grateful for their love, care and the advice that they give to each of us. Protect them in all that they do as we continue to be blessed by their wisdom in our communities. Guide them in their earthly pilgrimage and always keep them close to your heart. Amen.

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We pray for grandparents who have died and all those we loved, may they be at peace with God in his heavenly home. Amen.

**SPUC Pro-Life Holy Hour . . .** The next Pro-Life Holy Hour will take place at St Patrick's RC Church on Thursday, 25 July, 6pm. Branch members look forward to seeing you there. Many thanks.

**Ordination . . .** Bishop Stephen ordained Rev Joseph O'Brien to the Priesthood this Saturday, 20th July at 11am in the Cathedral. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Prayer for the end of a School Year . . .** *At the end of this school year we give thanks to God: For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our schools, both in and out of the classroom. For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced. For the respect and care that has been given. We pray for those who are about to leave school and move on to the next stage in their lives, and for those for whom what happens next depends on exam results. Amen*

**The Refugee and Asylum Seekers Project** are urgently requiring clothing for young men. Any donations please contact Karen Dick on 07759984586. Sincere thanks.

**Red Box Holders and Supporters are invited** to a Hexham & Newcastle Diocesan Mission Mass with Rev Anthony Chantry MHM, National Director of Missio England & Wales at 11.30am on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July in St Anne's Church, Wellbeck Avenue, Darlington DL1 2DR. There will be refreshments