



R.C. Parish of the Sacred Heart,
North Gosforth.
Bulletin:
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This Weekend: Palm Sunday			Next Weekend: EASTER SUNDAY		
Saturday	6.30 pm	Norah & Henry Arkle	Saturday	6.30 pm	Angela Yellowley (M.R.)
Sunday	10.00 am	Thanksgiving to St Joseph (P.N.)	Sunday	10.00 am	Parishioners
	6.30 pm	Parishioners		6.30 pm	Michael Buckley
Feasts & Mass Intentions during the Week					
Monday	Mar 26	Monday in Holy Week	10.00 am	Fr. Vernon Boutlier (Nova Scotia)	
Tuesday	Mar 27	Tuesday in Holy Week	10.00 am	(Mass) Private Intention	
			1.45 pm	REQUIEM: Mary Anderson	
Wednesday	Mar 28	Wednesday in Holy Week	10.00 am	Anderson Family (C.B.)	
Thursday	Mar 29	HOLY THURSDAY	7.00 pm	Last Supper Mass - Marie Claire Intention	
Friday	Mar 30	GOOD FRIDAY	10.00 am	Stations of Cross; 3pm: Service of the Lord's Passion	
Saturday	Mar 31	Holy Saturday	10.00 am	(No Mass) Office of Readings beside the Cross.	
Spiritual Programme (These events take place in the day chapel.)					
Sunday	5:00 pm :	Stations of the Cross , with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (<i>in main church</i>)			
Monday-Wed'day	11:00 - 2:00 pm:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - for specific times, see rota in porch.			
<i>NO FURTHER DEVOTIONS UNTIL AFTER EASTER WEEK; they restart Monday April 9th.</i>					

ROTAS	READERS			EUCH MIN	10am CHILDREN'S LIT	Anna + Henry
THIS WEEK	1st READING	2nd READING	PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		10am SERVERS' TEAM	C: Padraig, Annie, Antonia, Olivia
6.30pm				1	CHURCH CLEANING	A Garnish, M Foo, L Telton
10:00 am	READERS	WILL BE	CONTACTED	5	COUNT	J&J Donnelly
6.30pm				7	GREETERS	C Sciacoluga + T Baker
Composer of the Prayer of the Faithful:					TEA ROTA	G & A Pritchard

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10:00 am	READERS	WILL BE	CONTACTED	6	COUNT	P Wright C Weddell
6:30 pm				7	GREETERS	J Turnbull + L Henderson
Composer of the Prayer of the Faithful:					TEA ROTA	M McKenna + M O'Sullivan

Please pray for the Dead:
Recently Dead:
Mary Anderson (95) Cramlington ex Brunsw'k Green. Funeral here: this Tuesday, 1.45pm.
Edward Lovell (82), Fenham. Died March 19, after a long illness. Head Master of St Cuthbert's High School, 1981-98. Funeral t.b.a.
Anniversaries:
Henry Arkle Rose Cadwallendar
Doris Douglas Eileen Ward
Veronica Magill Margaret Jenkyns
Tim Edmondson Maria Gabriele
Betty McClarence Mary Scott
Patricia Wood

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray for those who are ill, and their carers:

Irene Farnel	Fr Ian Hoskins (our episcopal vicar)
Aileen Gordon-Smith	Fr Jim Doherty
Michelle Wilkinson	Mark Bennett
Pat White	Frank Earl
Margaret Custis	Marie McGinity
Fr. David Tanner	Dorothy Emmerson
Fr. Richard Harriott	Betty Alder
Terry Donnelly	Reg James
Nicola Gauld	Joan Smith
Karen McKeown	Julie Yoeart
Michael Bowers (Sen.)	Susan Hope
Albert	Winifred Hope
Danielle Borrett	
John Nilsson	Roger Gray
Babs Murtagh	Caroline Dixon

Lord, pour out the Spirit of your love on them.

Congratulations!
This weekend, we baptize into the Catholic Church:
Aidan Malt
of the Newcastle Great Park.

Thank You!
Last weekend: parish cash collection = £419.98;
CAFOD family Fast = £338.57, and has gone off.
Thank you for your continuing generous support.

NORTHUMBERLAND VICARIATE :- SEATON DELAVAL PARTNERSHIP:
the parishes of Annitsford, Blyth, Cowpen, Cramlington, New Hartley, & North Gosforth.

Fr Jim writes: At recent vicariate clergy meeting, we discussed various matters, including the arranging of Mass times. We all agreed that this should be settled by the local people, under principles set by the bishop. Eventually, our Seaton Delaval partnership will be probably down to 2 priests, and we must at least plan for that before it happens. The question is; while we plan for that, do we need to reduce the number of Masses before it happens? Watch this space!

PARTNERSHIP SPRING NEWSLETTER..
..available at the back of church: please take one.

A PARISH PASSEOVER and symbolic meal.

Flo Nilsson writes: we will have a Passover & Symbolic Meal in the parish hall at 7pm, this Tuesday. There's a notice at the back of the church (near the spiral stair) for those who wish to attend. Since we need to cater, it's important that you sign up, and to tell us if you wish to drink grape juice, or wine. *Fr Jim adds:* This is a really meaningful ceremony, which we haven't had here for a few years. It gives us a sense of what Jesus did at his Passover - the Last Supper. I do commend it to you - especially the young people of the parish.

St Oswald's Hospice: Sunday services at 4pm

Here are the future dates when it is our parish's turn to host the Sunday service at the hospice: **22 April; 3 June; 29 July.**

All services are in the Hospice chapel at 4.00 pm. Contact Ged/Pat Downey for more information 0191 242 1718

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1st

Join us in the hall after 10.00 am Mass with your bonnet, decorated pace egg, or hard-boiled egg for jarping. It's our usual Northumbrian Easter fun to celebrate the Feast.

Tick-Tock / Tick-Tock... Tempus fugit!

Fr Jim writes: **British Summer Time starts this weekend.** If you're reading this at the Vigil Mass, remember to put the clocks FORWARD one hour tonight. If you've turned up late for the 10am Sunday Mass, you've obviously forgotten! To be honest, I thought it was next weekend, but the change is officially in the early hours of the last Sunday of March - and next Sunday is April 1st. Loss: less sleep; gain: lighter nights from Sunday.

LARSEN FAMILY THANKS

Harry Larsen writes: A special thanks to Fr Jim, Deacon John and you all, for the uplifting Mass for Kathleen; the wonderful music & singing, for the work required to set up the hall tables, and the catering for the reception after Mass. Donations to

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW PARTNERSHIPS:

God of all Creation, you have constantly poured out your Spirit upon our diocese, and kindled here a light, which has spread throughout the world. Lord Jesus, you gathered disciples to yourself, to learn from you and to model their lives on you. Your Holy Spirit empowered them to continue your work in the world. Come upon us, Holy Spirit, deepen the faith you invite us to share, and inspire us to become faithful witnesses. As we begin to develop our partnerships, help each one of us... to use the gifts you give us; to nurture one another; to serve the world; and to live in harmony with the whole of Creation. All of this we ask, in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fri Apr 20: Partnership Mass: 7pm, Cramlington followed by a "do" at the Benedictine Social Club.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES at Sacred Heart....

Palm Sunday: Palms to be given at all Masses; At 10am, weather permitting, we start outside near the car park and process into church.

Monday: Service of Penance, 7pm. The usual set-up: a short introduction, then confession to any one of several priests round the church.

Please try to come: we ought to, in Holy Week. **Tuesday: Passover Meal, Hall, 7pm.** Already flagged-up. It's a good intro to what Jesus did.

Wednesday: St Oswald's Easter Production, 7pm in church. Always well sung & narrated.

Holy Thursday: Chrism Mass, Cathedral, 11am Mass of Lord's Supper, here, 7pm. The Mass involves: the symbolic washing of feet; the recalling of the first Eucharist & the start of Holy Orders; the procession of the Blessed Sac'r't to the altar of repose (in day chapel). There is a final short service there to end the "watching" at 8.30pm.

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross, 10am. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 3pm. This is beautifully & devotionally done; at the end, each can "creep to the cross" to express his/her feelings in any way that feels appropriate. Afterwards, the cross is laid in the day-chapel under a white shroud; many stay for it.

Holy Saturday: Office of Readings, 10am. We meet in the day chapel, round the veiled cross and say the Office of Readings from the Breviary. It is quiet, devotional and moving.

The Easter Vigil: 6.30pm. The main event of the Church's year. The fire represents the creative force of God, raising Jesus from death and offering us a share in that Resurrection. It is well spoken & sung, with a sense of power and glory. At it, we receive a covert into the Church - a sign of hope and welcome. If you are organising lifts, we aim to finish by 8.15pm

Easter Sunday: Mass as usual: 10am + 6.30pm

FIRST COMMUNIONS 2018 Sat 16 June 10am.

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT.

5 Sessions, input reflection. Sharing.

Mondays 2pm - 3.30pm St Andrews Worswick St. Newcastle Beginning April 9th then 16th, 23rd, 30th (Praying with the Holy Spirit Night) and 14th May (not 7th as its Bank Holiday.)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS in Holy Week:

PALM SUNDAY, 5pm: with Exposition & Benediction, followed by refreshments in the presbytery.

GOOD FRIDAY, 10.00am.

RED (MISSION) BOX COLLECTION

Please bring your boxes in this weekend, to be emptied & replaced. There are also magazines for you.

PLANNED-GIVING, ETC, envelopes

Dave Garnish writes: THE GREEN and BLUE envelopes for 2018-19 are available at the back of church. They are to be used from Sunday April 1st (ie. Easter Sunday). The green ones are for those who specifically include gift-aided cash each week - they have your name on them. A big thank-you to all who currently gift-aid. It brings in thousands of pounds per year (at no extra cost to you) from the government to our parish's deposit-account at the diocese. If you're interested in finding out more about the

FR JIM'S TAILPIECE (These were borrowed/stolen/copied from the Stella parish bulletin.)

Two Geordie lads were down in London - "on the make". Passing a shop in the east end, they saw a sign: suits - £5 each; trousers - £2.50 a pair; shirts - £2 each. Jack said: "This is champion. Them's sweatshop prices. Howway, we'll buy a pile, then flog them back up home, on the toon market, for twice what we've paid down here." Jimmy said: All right, but let me do the talking, 'cos you sound too Geordie, and they might guess we're on the fiddle, or even think we're thick." So they went into the shop; Jimmy put on his poshest voice, saying: "I say, my good chap; we wish to purchase 40 suits at £5; 60 pairs of your trousers at £2.50; and 80 shirts at £2, if you please." The shop-manager stared at them & said quietly: "Are you two gentlemen from somewhere up north?" Jack said: "Aye. How did ye knaa?" The manager said: "We're a dry-cleaners..."

FOOD COLLECTION: - HOW TO + THANK YOU!

Fr Jim writes: We are collecting food (tinned/packet/ NOT fresh or perishable) for use in New-castle. Please place items in the large container in the sacristy. If you could remember this when shopping/ordering on-line, many will be helped.

John Dowling adds: "Everyone at the Diocesan Refugee Project wishes to thank Sacred Heart Parish for your continued support. Three times a year, we do a newsletter, to tell our supporters what is happening. Several of these have been left at the back of church - please take one."

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO US...

"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made" (Ps.33.6) This tells us that the world came about as the result of a decision, not from chaos or chance, and this exalts it all the more. The creating word expresses a free choice. The universe did not emerge as the result of arbitrary omnipotence, a show of force or a desire for self-assertion. Creation is of the order of love. God's love is the fundamental creating force in all created things: "for you love all things that exist, and detest none of the things that you have made; for you would not have made anything if you had hated it." (Wisdom 11.24)

'NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR' 2018 (£3)...

...the year-book for our diocese: details of all parishes, clergy, services, schools, etc. It shows the new internal shape of the diocese & where each parish belongs. (Only 2 copies now left.)

'MASH': Silver Jubilee

Gerry O'Hanlon writes: It's 25 years since Medical Aid Sacred Heart (MASH) started supporting those in need (both at home and abroad) with medical aid.

We'd like to invite you to a special fund-raising event:-

Our MASH wine tasting, mini-auction, fun and games on Friday 27 April in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall (The hall doors will be open from 7pm for a 7.30 start).

All funds raised will support five projects:

- (1) Lucy Huddleston: funds to help her dance again
- (2) 'EducAid' Sierra Leone
- (3) The Diocesan Refugee Project
- (4) Sr Mary Hickey's surgery at Cardinal Hume Centre
- (5) The Child Health Africa Charity, finding a more effective way of treating Kwashiorkor (an acute form of malnutrition that kills thousands).

Wine tasting tickets are £10 each from the MASH team here or via email gerryohanlon@gmail.com - please spread the word and come and join us with friends and family, a great evening is guaranteed.

Let us know if you'd like to book a table with friends, or if you'd like to make a donation to the projects.

Many thanks, and God bless you and your loved ones.

S.V.P. ANNUAL NATIONAL RAFFLE

1st prize: £3,000; 2nd: £2,000; 3rd: £1,000; plus others. Tickets are on sale: £1 each. Apart from the good prizes, this is a most worthwhile charity to support. *Fr Jim.*

COUNT TEAMS: NEW HELP WANTED!

Gerard Shepherd writes: Could you help the parish by counting the weekly collection on a Sunday evening? We need new volunteers to form teams (usually 2 per team). The commitment is for about 90 minutes every six weeks - less often were there enough teams. If you can help, please contact me at gerardsherp@gmail.com. Thanks.

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD FOR VI FORMERS

Christina Clifford awarded gold! She is a member of the Sunday 6.30pm Mass music group, and recently got the Gold Award from Bishop Seamus in the John Paul II scheme. For full details, see the parish website, or the notice-board at back of church. Congrats & well done!!