



R.C. Parish of the Sacred Heart,
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Bulletin
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This Weekend: The 16th Sunday of the Year

Saturday 6.30 pm Robbie Doney
Sunday 10.00 am Lorna McKenna
6.30 pm Parishioners

Next Weekend: The 17th Sunday of the Year

Saturday 6.30 pm In Thanksgiving (A.L.)
Sunday 10:00 am Don & Kathleen Thomas
6:30 pm Parishioners

Feasts & Mass Intentions during the Week

Monday July 24	Martyrs of the Diocese	10.00 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday July 25	St James, Apostle	8.00 am	Private Intention
Wednesday July 26	SS Joachim & Anne	10.00 am	Coughlan, McKiernan + Boyd Families
Thursday July 27	Weekday	9.30 am	REQUIEM: David Shieber
Friday July 28	Weekday	10.00 am	Maureen McClean (M.R.)
Saturday July 29	St Martha	10.00 am	Holy Souls

Spiritual Programme (These events take place in the day chapel.)

Monday-Friday	11:00 - 2:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - for specific times, see rota in porch.
Wednesday	6:15 - 7:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayers for Peace.
Friday	12:30 - 1:30 pm	'True Life in God' prayer group, with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday	5:45 - 6:25 pm	Confessions (The Sacrament of Reconciliation)

ROTAS	READERS			EUCH MIN	10am CHILDREN'S LIT	Natalie + Sonia
THIS WEEK	1st READING	2nd READING	PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		10am SERVERS' TEAM	D: Henry, Maisie, Antonia, Elisa, Ewen
6.30pm	A Rose	M Taylor	A Plant	1	CHURCH CLEANING	
10:00 am	E Petrie	M Gray	C Weddell	6	COUNT	M McKenna + C Weddell
6.30pm	A Haighton	A Morley	M Potts	7	GREETERS	J Turnbull + B Dowling
COMPOSER OF THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: Fr. Jim					TEA ROTA	Barton + McTernan
ROTAS	READERS			EUCH MIN	10am CHILDREN'S LIT	Adelaide + Lisa
NEXT WEEK	1st READING	2nd READING	PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		10am SERVERS' TEAM	A: Millie, Leo, Emily, Thomas, Hannah
6:30pm	M Weston	P Fenning	J Turley	1	CHURCH CLEANING	A Doney + H Dixon
10:00 am	J-T Rivas	F Nilsson	A Boardman	2	COUNT	J & J Donnelly
6:30 pm	A Hawthorne	P Downey	C Clifford	7	GREETERS	A M Lilloco + A Pritchard
COMPOSER OF THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: J - T Rivas					TEA ROTA	E Henderson + H Dixon

Please pray for the Dead:

Recently Dead:

David Shieber (70), Blyth, ex Cramlington & Wallsend. A pal & fellow altar-server with Fr Jim at the old Willington Quay church. Requiem Mass here, this Thursday (27th), at 9.30am.

Anniversaries:

Robbie Doney	Mona Graydon
Lorna McKenna	Jack Brasington
George McQueen	John Hennity
Doreen Binless	Veronica Rennison
Hilda Rigney	Elsie Dougherty
Gerard Lalor	

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	Gerald Stokle
Kathleen Larsen	Michelle Wilkinson
Pat White	Frank Earl
Margaret Custis	Marie McGinity
Fr. David Tanner	Dorothy Emmerson
Fr. Richard Harriott	Betty Alder
Marjorie Shilling	Terry Donnelly
Nicola Gauld	Joan Smith
Rachel Long (St Oswald's)	Holly Spreadbury (Age 11)
Karen McKeown	Julie Yoeart
Michael Bowers (Sen.)	Susan Hope
Albert	Winifred Hope
Susan Hope	Reg James

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

Congratulations!

This weekend, there are no baptisms/weddings here.
This coming Friday (28th),
Steven Houckham & Nicola Brophy
marry in Sacred Heart Church at 12 noon.

Thank You!

Last weekend: parish cash collection - £502.66;
Apostleship of the Sea Appeal = £339.29.

Thank you for your continuing generous support.

SEATON DELAVAL PARTNERSHIP

The partnership parishes in our area are: Annitsford, Blyth, Cowpen, Cramlington, New Hartley, and North Gosforth.

Fr Jim writes: We have now established the Partnership Finance Group, to work under the Partnership Development Group, which is the main body to oversee our joint work in the area. Mrs Angela Gray (from here) is the financial group chair. Each parish will keep its existing system, but the partnership will also have a joint account, to allow some resources to be shared. This will also apply to any admin help we employ.

The spirituality network (with 2 reps from all parishes + the clergy), will be formed as a focused working group by Deacon John in September, also including a youth element. Some people from the various parishes met here recently, to plan a partnership Mass for 7pm, Friday Sept 22nd, at New Hartley, to which all will be invited. Like the one we had here on March 31st, we want to involve young people and their families, - plus have a social afterwards. In addition, there'll be a family & school-based "Harvest Festival" Celebration here at Sacred Heart, 11am, Sat Oct. 7th: Mass at 11am & lunch in the hall to follow.

St OSWALD'S PTA FUNDRAISING SCHEME..

Fr Jim writes: Our primary school's Parent - Teacher Association are running a 200 Club. There is a monthly prize-number draw, and each number costs you £1. Contact PTA rep Pamela Mudie on 07939-810289. or by email: Pamela.mudie@hotmail.com. Also, I can pass your details (and money!!) on to them at school. Can you help??

CONTACT DETAILS: for our partnership...

- which launched in May. We need good communications. Email might be one way in which this could be done. With this in mind, the parish would like to construct a parish mailing list. If you would be willing to help develop this please get in touch with Fr Jim.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Next Sunday = 17th of Year (A)

1st Kings 3:5+7-12;

Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52.

NEW READERS ROTA

Now available in the porch.

PPC MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held 2nd July are available at the back of church and on the parish website. The next meeting will be 3rd Sept.

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. Sep 22: Partnership Mass & Social, 7pm, at New Hartley. See left column

Fri. Sept 29: MacMillan Nurses' national 'Big Coffee Morning': in the parish hall, 10.30am.

Sat. Oct 7: Harvest Festival Mass, here, 11am, then 'do' in the hall. See left column.

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO US

Today we need a church capable of walking at people's side, of doing more than simply listening to them; a church which accompanies them on their journey.

WANTED! MUSICIANS FOR 10AM MASS TEAM...

We've enjoyed the contributions of many people & instruments over the years, but with Thomas (viola) going to University in October, the team will be again down to Anna (guitar), Ewa (flute) and myself. There must be young people in the congregation who are learning instruments and would be brave enough to try playing with us! I can supply music in advance and if you're just starting out it can be very easy - Grade 1 or 2! Come and talk to me after morning Mass. PENNY.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - APPEAL FOR NURSES

Due to more needing nursing care & help on our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes we need to make an appeal for more nurses.

Are you a nurse? Could you join us? Do you know a nurse in your family, or a friend, or a nurse in your parish that you might think could help us in Lourdes? Could your parish support funding for a nurse to come to Lourdes?

Are a registered Nurse / Adult Carer, who can give some time over to helping sick people travel to Lourdes? If you can help please get in touch with Fr Peter J Stott on 01670 513410 www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk or contact lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk

THE END OF THE SCHOOL TERM

Fr Jim writes: St Oswald's had their usual events to mark this time of year. On Wednesday evening, there was the Year 6 Leavers' Mass, to celebrate their years at primary school, and their academic successes (which we too often take for granted at St Oswald's!). On Thursday, there was the end-of-year Mass, with the whole school there, plus parish visitors. Friday saw the Year 6 Leavers' show, when staff members got taken off(!) Sacred Heart High School had their "Big Mass" on Tuesday afternoon. It gave me the chance to tell the girls of Fr O'Connor's contribution to the school (as a governor with me) & to parish life in St Charles'. I know that St Cuthbert's & St Mary's High Schools also had big events to mark the end of term. I wish all families happy holidays, with weather to match! (With our schools breaking up so late, in recent years we've often had low pressure arriving about now, so that lovely weather in term-time gives way to cooler, wetter weather in the hols. Let's hope for good weather these next 6 weeks.)



WELCOME TO VISITORS

We hope you enjoy your visit to this area, on the northern edge of Tyneside. The church is open all day, via the glass side-porch near the house. Please do come on to the altar area, for a better view of the stained glass windows - they are by the pre-Raphaelite artists Edward Burne-Jones and William Morris.

CHARITY CLOTHING COLLECTIONS

Fr Jim writes: The collections in the side-door porch are being restarted: Ged Downey is asking for all types of girls' clothing for families in the west end that are being helped by an Anglican priest and his family. Please leave them in clearly-labelled plastic bags.

ANNITSFORD GARDEN PARTY: (July 9th.)

The organizer, Kathryn Maggs, thanks those who took part. It was a lovely occasion, in hot sunshine, with a good crowd, including several from this parish. *Any profit was NOT for their parish funds; it was for CAFOD.* In the event, over £1,000 was raised. We congratulate all involved.

CLERGY NEWS

Fr Jim writes: Recently, the bishop announced a set of moves for the priests. The main local event is that Fr O'Connor is leaving St Charles to go to the country town of Lanchester, in north west Co Durham. I'm sure he'll be happy there - he certainly deserves it, after decades of work in heavy parishes round the diocese. In his place at St Charles comes Fr Bill Agley, who has joined our diocese from Southwark, in SE England. In recent years, Fr Agley has been in Rome, working for the Vatican. We welcome him to the Gosforth area, and hope he'll have many years of happiness. Fr Michael Whalen (whom we all know) leaves Newton Aycliffe to go to the smaller parish of Prudhoe. Fr Jim O'Keefe goes to Washington - with - Peshaw, a huge set-up with two priests. Fr Gordon Ryan goes from Crook to the big town-centre parish of St Augustine's, Darlington. In the Cathedral this weekend, Rev Peter Stoddart was ordained priest.. We wish him well, and pray for his future ministry in the diocese.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Gerard Shepherd writes:

Assistant treasurer: Sheila Cunningham has been an excellent treasurer for many years, and long may she continue. Sheila and the committee feel it is the right time to find an assistant to support her. If you can help, please see Fr Jim or myself.

Centenary Fund: The Centenary Fund allows the parish to make donations to charities which might not attract support from larger bodies. If you are fundraising for the parish you may consider directing some/all your money to this Fund. We give donations to local initiatives, e.g. *Healing on The Streets*, (for a hot drink and sandwich for the homeless), *Street Pastors*, *St Bernadette's Club for the Handicapped*, and *Gosforth Traffic's* crowd-funding to maintain a crossing patrol on Broadway East, for the safety of our children going to St Oswald's, & those attending other schools.

A Financial Statement will be read out to the parish after the holiday season - by either myself (parish finance chair) or Angela Gray (partnership finance chair).

FR JIM'S TAILPIECE

After years of renting various flats, Tom was able buy his first house. His pal Bill couldn't make the house-warming party, but gave him a bottle of good champagne for the celebrations.. Sadly, it got put away by mistake, and forgotten. Meanwhile, Tom married Sue; she moved in with him and they started a family. Years later, just after the third child was born, while they were clearing out a cupboard, Bill's bottle of champagne was found. Tom cleaned it up, chilled it, and felt it would be good to use at the party after the baby's baptism. With all their family and friends there, Tom's father-in-law was invited to open the bottle of champagne, in his role as a proud grand-dad. He uncorked it, then read out loud Bill's years-old message on the label: *Congratulations, Tom, my old mate. This time it's actually yours.....*