



R.C. Parish of the Sacred Heart,
North Gosforth.
Bulletin:
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This Weekend: The 29th Sunday of the Year

Saturday 6.30 pm Gerald Stokle
Sunday 10.00 am Parishioners
6.30 pm Jean Coulson (J.C.)

Next Weekend: The 30th Sunday of the Year

Saturday 6.30 pm Parishioners
Sunday 10.00 am Maureen Douglas
6.30 pm Rita Dixon

Feasts & Mass Intentions during the Week

Monday	Oct 22	Weekday	10.00 am	Michael Williamson
Tuesday	Oct 23	<i>St John of Capistrano</i>	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	Oct 24	<i>St Anthony Mary Claret</i>	10.00 am	Lorna McKenna
Thursday	Oct 25	Weekday	10.00 am	Special Intention (U.B.)
Friday	Oct 26	SS Chad & Cedd	10.00 am	Chrissie Doran (Whitehaven) (E.B.)
Saturday	Oct 27	Weekday	10.00 am	Private Intention

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

Monday - Friday: 10.30 am - 2.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (when there are ministers around to allow this).
Thursday: 10.30 am - 11.30 am: "True Life in God" prayer group, with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 5:45 pm - 6:25 pm: Confessions (The Sacrament of Reconciliation).

ROTAS	READERS			EUCH MIN	10am CHILDREN'S LIT	Anna + Adelaide
THIS WEEK	1st READING	2nd READING	PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		10am SERVERS' TEAM	A: Leo, Thomas, Hannah, Caitlin
6.30pm	M Ramsay	D White	P Fenning	1	CHURCH CLEANING	A Garnish + M Foo
10:00 am	H McTernan	O Dowden	J-T Rivas	5	COUNT	M McKenna + C Weddell
6.30pm	Anna Haighton	C McGrady	C Craig	7	GREETERS	H O'Keefe + T Baker
Composer of the Prayer of the Faithful : K Gosling					TEA ROTA	M McKenna + M O'Sullivan

ROTAS	READERS			EUCH MIN	10am CHILDREN'S LIT	Claire + Anne
NEXT WEEK	1st READING	2nd READING	PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		10am SERVERS' TEAM	B:Padraig,Annie,Ava,Jonathan
6.30pm	P Talbot	A Rose	D Lynn	1	CHURCH CLEANING	
10:00 am	E Posner	F Nilsson	McTernan Family	6	COUNT	P & A Boardman
6:30 pm	W Miller	M Clifford	G Downey	7	GREETERS	M Jackson + L Henderson
Composer of the Prayer of the Faithful: Fr. Jim					TEA ROTA	S Bennison + D Hair

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

Please pray for the Dead:
Recently Dead:
Anniversaries:
Fr. Tom Cass
Gerald Stokle
Joan Short
Robert Laydon
John Hatley
Arnold Robinson
Marlene Douglas
Maureen Shepherd
Mary English
James Brady

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

Irene Farnel	Jim
Fr Jim Doherty	Sister Loreto
Michelle Wilkinson	Mark Bennett
Pat White	Natasha Rose
Margaret Custis	Marie McGinity
Fr. David Tanner	Dorothy Emmerson
Fr. Richard Harriott	Betty Alder
Terry Donnelly	Reg James
Nicola Gauld	Joan Smith
Michael Bowers (Sen)	Julie Yoeart
Susan Hope	Winifred Hope
Albert	Roger Gray
Danielle Borrett	Caroline Dixon
John Nilsson	Jayden Eccles
Fr Peter Etterley	Helen Causer

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

Congratulations!
This weekend, we baptize into the Catholic Church:
Isaac Forster, of Woodlands Park.
Paul Valentine and Lucy Pritchard
get married.

Thank You!
Last weekend: parish cash collection = £482.80.
Thank you for your continuing generous support.

This bulletin is also on the parish website. If you do NOT wish someone's name to appear on the internet, please tell us as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

'GIFT': Growing in Faith Together: Mondays
Our parish adult education group has its meetings on Monday nights at 7pm in the presbytery. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments available.

This Autumn, we're studying Pope Francis' book: "Rejoice and Be Glad! The Call to Holiness in Today's World".

I have some spare copies, let me know if you need one (07884-979249). Flo Nilsson

The St Vincent de Paul Society in the Parish
Christine Newton, Parish Conference President, writes: Thank you for all your very generous support in our parish. Please continue to help the work of the Sacred Heart St Vincent de Paul Conference through your prayers. You can also help by telling us about isolated persons who would like visits, or about anyone in need of practical / financial help. We meet for prayer each Tuesday evening in the day chapel at 7.30pm. Please ask if you would like to join us. You can contact me on 0191-284-1016. Thanks.

CHRISTMAS CARDS+CATHOLIC DIARIES
...are on sale in the sacristy at the back of church. Each item is individually priced. Please leave the cash in the box marked 'piety stall items'. Thanks

THE WAIT FOR A NEW BISHOP....
...goes on. The system is that the Pope's representative in the UK (the Apostolic Nuncio, popularly called 'Papal' Nuncio) sends to the Vatican the names and CVs of three people the Bishops here think might be suitable - they could be an auxiliary bishops in a huge diocese, bishop of smaller diocese, or a prominent priest in the life of their home diocese. They would be usually aged 50-65 and able to do the job for 10 years+. The problem is that if a person is approached by the Vatican, he might decline the offer - for a number of reasons. Most priests I know would dread the job, but might accept it on the grounds of obeying the Pope's request. Meanwhile, Bishop Seamus must carry on. We all appreciate what he has done for us over years, and wish him strength to continue as long as necessary. *Fr Jim.*

LITTLE SISTERS' CHRISTMAS FAYRE
At St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road
Saturday 3rd November, 1-4 pm All welcome.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS...
Sorry, but there are several in the pipeline. We need one this weekend to cover some diocesan collections we missed in the summer (we'll divide the money between them). Next weekend, there is one for the various missionary societies that operate in the diocese. Apologies! *Fr Jim.*

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARTNERSHIP:
Risen Christ, from your abundant grace, pour out afresh your Holy Spirit upon our Diocese.
As we build on the deep foundations of faith, laid by the countless saints of our Northern lands - by Oswald, Aidan, Hilda, Cuthbert, Wilfrid and Bede, may our Seaton Delaval Partnership continue its mission to build your Kingdom on Earth. May we give living witness to the love, compassion and hope you offer to our world.
We pray in trustful confidence that your power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Through Christ our Lord.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Thu, Nov 8: Bereavement Service, Church, 7pm.
Sat, Nov 10: 1st Communion Catechesis (2), in the parish hall, 10.30-11.45.
Fri, Nov 23: St Oswald's year 5 Mass, 9am, hall.
Sat, Dec 1: 1st Communion Catechesis (3) in the parish hall, 10.30-11.45. (Then no more till Feb.)
Sun, Dec 2: Primary School Christmas Fayre, our parish hall after 10am Mass.
Sat, Dec 15: Mass for the House-bound, 11am, then the usual fish & chip lunch in the hall.
Mon, Dec 17: Candle-lit carols, etc, church, 7pm
Wed, Dec 19: St Oswald's Christmas production, by Years 5 & 6, in the church at 7pm.
Fri, Dec 21: St Oswald's whole-school Mass, 9am

INVITATION TO ALPHA

Deacon John writes: Our Partnership Parish Alpha course started on 4th October alongside St Wilfrid's Alpha in Blyth. There is still time for you to join us to explore the Meaning of Life. The Alpha course is designed for all those who non-practising, puzzled, upset, or curious about the faith, so please come along or invite someone you know. Our Alpha course runs on Thursdays at 7pm in the hall. Each session has a simple meal, video and group discussion. For more information please see parish website or contact me on 0191 243-2379 or Fr Jim. Also, online, see Alpha.org.uk

DIOCESAN 'FAITH IN ACTION' AWARD Recognising young people's contribution

Fr Jim writes: The parish will be working with St Oswald's (for Year 6) & the high schools (for Year 7 upwards) to involve the many young people who contribute to parish life in this scheme. It's for people (in the last year of primary school and the first years at high school) involved in the life of the school and parish. We already have many in that age-range who read and serve (especially at 10am Mass) and I'll be happy to see that work recognised formally. There'll be more information fairly soon.

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO US...

Let us ask the Lord to give us the gentleness to look upon the poor with understanding and love, devoid of human calculation and fear.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PREPARATION

Over the next few Sundays we will be making paper poppies for display the weekend of 10th November. This will be done after morning Mass on Sundays with children in the Hall. (Adults can join in if they behave themselves.)

'LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT'

This is the title of our annual bereavement service. It is aimed at those who have lost loved ones in the past couple of years. It is not a Mass, but includes beautiful music, readings and periods of silence. Many say each year that it helps them. 7pm, Thursday, Nov 8.

'MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE: FINDING FEMININE IN GOD THROUGH ART AND SCRIPTURE.

Saturday 17th November 2018 10am -4pm
St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre

This day of recollection for women, held in partnership with National Board of Catholic Women, led by Rev'd Caroline Worsfold, is an opportunity to reflect and meditate upon the Scriptures and writings of the saints and to look at art in order to uncover where we as women can find ourselves reflected in God.

Tea & coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch.

For more info, or to book your place contact Pat Kennedy 0191 243 3316 or pat.kennedy@diocesehn.org.uk

WELCOME TO VISITORS

We hope you enjoy your visit to our area, where Tyneside and Northumberland meet. Inside the church, please feel free to go on to the altar area, to see better the famous pre-Raphaelite windows by friends Edward Burne-Jones & William Morris. If you look closely at the crucifixion window, you'll see that the Christ-figure has a female face - probably modelled by Morris' wife, Jane.

FOOD COLLECTION: - HOW TO + THANK YOU!

Fr Jim writes: We are collecting food (tinned/packet/NOT fresh or perishable) for use in Newcastle. Please place items in the large container in the sacristy. If you could remember this when shopping/ordering online, many will be helped. **They're desperate for sugar!**

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

See website; communications@rcdhn.org.uk

CONFIRMATIONS

The Partnership has agreed that Confirmations will take place each year. One school year they will be based at St. Paul's Cramlington and the next year they will be at Sacred Heart. Confirmations were celebrated here during the last school year, so our next Confirmations in the parish will be in the school year 2019-2020. They will be aimed at young people in Year 9 and above in September 2019. Normally the group is made up of mainly year 9&10 students but always includes at least 1 or 2 older candidates. The dates and times of preparation sessions and of the Confirmations will be in the bulletin and on the parish website in June/July 2019 as well as through the three Catholic secondary schools in the city.

UNWANTED ROSARY BEADS

The Sunderland branch of The Apostleship of the Sea are collecting old/unwanted rosary beads. These will be given to the sea-farers who come into port. Eileen Bolton will collect them from the porch every Saturday evening.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Jo Shepherd writes: Updated details of the parish safeguarding procedures can be seen on the parish website. There, you can also find a link to a short leaflet which outlines basic safety rules for working with children. Paper copies of the leaflet are also available at the back of church. More info? - Please contact me on 0191-285-8894, or at: jo.a.shepherd@googlemail.com.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

The Sunday morning Children's Liturgy Group is now well established on a weekly basis. However, if it is to continue in the same way, we need more volunteers. If you would consider joining the group of helpers please let Father Jim, Adelaide Emmerson (07790-369843) or any of the current helpers know.

We welcome all ages, and the commitment will not be great - if there are enough volunteers. Plenty of support will be available, if needed, from current members of the group.

If you would like to know more, come and meet Adelaide and the Catechists for a cup of coffee on Sunday 11th November in the hall after 10am Mass.

WHO PICKED MY TEA

Herschel Building Newcastle University
7th November 2018 19.00 - 21.00

Free event:

- Hear first-hand what it's like working and living on tea estates
- Find out what people in Assam are doing to bring about change
- Help plan the next stage of the campaign.

Tickets and more info: traidcraft.org.uk/tea-tour or call 020 3752 5718

FR JIM'S TAILPIECE

Yuk alert... Mrs Jones was a well-known hypochondriac, often visiting her doctor about imaginary illnesses. He always palmed her off with a mild sedative, but every fortnight she returned to the surgery. One day, she complained of a another nasty pain in the chest, so he gave her the usual sedative. Sadly, this time the pain was real, and she died that night of a heart attack. The doctor was so overcome by his error that he himself dropped dead with shock the next day. Later that week, Mrs Jones and the doctor were buried in adjacent plots in the local cemetery. Some time after the funerals, the cemetery gardeners got an awful surprise. They heard a ghostly voice coming from below the ground, where Mrs Jones was buried. It was herself, moaning: "Doctor, Doctor, do you have anything for worms....?"