

Some Quiet time before Mass

This week Pope Francis remarked, “*And when we go to Mass, maybe we come five minutes before and we start to chit-chat with those beside us. However, it is not time to talk, it is the moment of silence to prepare ourselves for dialogue. It is time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important! Remember what I said last week: the Mass is not a show, but a place where we go to meet with the Lord and silence prepares us and accompanies us. Stay silent together with Jesus. And from the mysterious silence of God comes his Word that resounds in our heart. Jesus himself teaches us how it is really possible to "stay" with the Father and demonstrate it with his prayer.*” There have been some comments that our Church is far too noisy before Mass. We could do well to follow this recommendation of the Holy Father and have some very quiet time before Mass to speak to God, and then to everyone else afterwards.

Youth Sunday

Today we celebrate Youth Sunday. Bishop Seamus and the Youth Ministry Trust wish to thank you for your generous contributions to last year’s collection and for all you have done throughout the year to support our young people on their faith journey. There will be a retiring collection today to support the work of YMT, Envelopes are available if you would like the opportunity to gift aid your donation.

Mass for the Sick and Housebound

We are having a Mass for Sick and Housebound parishioners on Friday (1st) at 1.00pm. Last year the attendance of

parishioners was disappointing, even though we have a number of sick and housebound parishioners. If anyone knows a sick or housebound parishioner who wishes to attend, is there any way we can make sure they are here for the Mass. It is difficult to officially ask parishioners to give a lift to someone, but if a parishioner were to organise some means of transport to help out, it would be appreciated. Those who visit the sick are asked to encourage them to attend. After Mass, refreshments will be available in the Hall. The Mass is open to all who are sick and to all who do not normally manage to get to Mass. Let’s try to make this one good way of reaching out to some of our parishioners. A list, if attending, is on the notice board.

Torchlight Procession 8th December

The Annual Torchlight Procession In Honour of our Blessed Lady Immaculate will be held at St. Mary’s, Hexham on Friday 8th December 2017 at 7.00 pm, to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Meet at the bandstand in the park adjacent to Hexham Abbey, which will be decorated with festive lights to pray the Rosary and sing hymns in honour of Our Lady, followed by a Procession with candles to St. Mary’s for a homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A collection will be taken in aid of the Diocesan Hospitalité of Our Lady of Lourdes. A coach will be arranged, please sign list if interested.

Tea and Coffee will be served after vigil Mass tonight in the Parish Hall. Our next beneficiary, for the next few weeks, from the proceeds of our Saturday evening refreshments will be the Diocesan Hospitalité of Our Lady of Lourdes.

First Confessions

Please pray for all our young people in both St Bede’s and St Robert’s Parishes. He children will be celebrating their First Confessions—St Bede’s on Wednesday 6th December at 6pm and St Robert’s on Thursday 7th December at 6pm. It is an incredibly important moment for these children as they begin a wonderful relationship with god which revolves around love and forgiveness.

World Gifts Catalogue

Are you struggling what to buy your best friend for Christmas? Does your dad want more socks that he doesn’t need? Does your mum want more chocolates that she probably doesn’t really want? We have received a number of World Gifts Catalogues from CAFOD. This gives you the opportunity to give a World Gift in the name of a family member or friend, while at the same time providing something that is much needed in more struggling parts of the world.

For example you could gift, “a goat that gives”, for £28; a solar lamp for £32; water for a family for £32; or chirpy chicken for £20. These are just some of the gifts that you can choose from. Please take a catalogue and think about what you can do to help someone else this year.

The Pope John Paul II Award Scheme

The Pope John Paul II Award Scheme is being launched once again for the current Academic Year. If there are any young Catholics in High School who may be interested in taking part in this Award Scheme, please contact Fr Peter or Joe Gallagher, our Parish Coordinator for the award.

The Source

Wednesday 6th December, 7.00 to 8.30 pm at St Mary’s Cathedral for Year 9 and above. Parishes, Partnerships and schools are encouraged to bring young people to this special Advent Source with the theme “*I’m Coming Back Again*”. Music by ‘Writing in Kings’ and time to reflect and pray. Hot chocolate in the Courtyard from 6.30 pm.

Catholic Theology Research Seminar

Laudato Si’: Background and Contributions, Mgr Kevin Irwin (Catholic University of America) on Monday 4 December 2017 at Abbey House, Department of Theology and Religion, Palace Green, Durham 5.30 pm: Drinks in the common room 5.45-7.15 pm: Paper and discussion in Seminar Room B. Please register online.

Advent Service of Reconciliation

The Partnership Parishes will be celebrating an Advent Service of Reconciliation and all priests of the partnership will be present to celebrate this. It will be held at St Aidan’s Church, Ashington on Friday 15th December at 7pm, You are encouraged to come along and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

CWL Advent Service

The Catholic Women’s League Advent Service will be celebrated at 2pm on Sunday 2nd December. It is a great way to begin the Season of Advent and we welcome you to join with the CWL on this special occasion.

Mass and Service Times and Intentions

Saturday 26th November	5.30 pm vigil Mass	Lily & Ken Mullen	Jesus Christ the King
Monday 27th November	10.00 am Mass	Andrew Wright	Weekday
Tuesday 28th November	10.00 am	<i>Word and Communion Service</i>	Weekday
Wednesday 29th November	10.00 am Mass	Brian Gregory	Weekday
Thursday 30th November	10.00 am	<i>Word and Communion Service</i>	St Andrew
Friday 1st December	1.00 pm Mass	Peter & Betty Quinn	Weekday
Saturday 2nd December	5.30 pm Vigil Mass	Walter Cox	1st Sunday of Advent

Devotions this Week

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.20 - 9.50 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00 pm - 5.15 pm
The Rosary: Saturday 5.00 pm

Please pray for:

- all who are sick,
- all who have died.
- all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

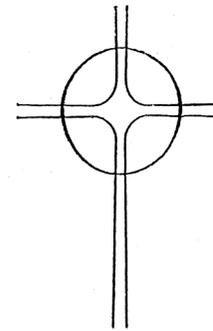
Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for November 2017

Evangelisation: To witness to the Gospel in Asia

That Christians in Asia, hearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Offertory: Thanks for offertories: £305.30

Advent Alms Throughout Advent it is customary for us to support our local diocesan Charity, St Cuthbert's Care. They do great work in local communities throughout the diocese, supporting the elderly, the disabled, families and running day care centre, drop-ins, the Alan Shearer Centre and St Catherine's Care Home in Newcastle and Holy Cross Home in Sunderland. If you can support the work of St Cuthbert's Care in the weeks of Advent, please use a St Cuthbert's Care envelope, but if you cannot find one of them, place in an ordinary envelope making it clear that it is for Advent Alms: St Cuthbert's Care.



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**Out Lord Jesus Christ the King
26th November 2017**