

### **Message from Bishop Seamus**

We are blessed with many devoted and committed Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who not only help their brothers and sisters receive the Lord at Mass but also express our concern for those who are sick and housebound. Ministers going out to those unable to join us for Sunday Mass have made it possible for very large numbers of parishioners to receive Holy Communion frequently.

I would be grateful if you could remind your Extraordinary Ministers of our gratitude for all that they do but also to point out that on being given the Blessed Sacrament they are expected to go immediately to the home of that housebound person. For example, Extraordinary Ministers may not take the Blessed Sacrament from a Saturday Vigil Mass to their own homes and keep it there overnight with a view to visiting the sick the next morning. Where the custom is to go to the housebound on a Sunday Morning while there is no convenient celebration of Mass on that day then provision should be made for ministers to obtain the Blessed Sacrament from the Tabernacle shortly before they exercise their ministry.

### **Christmas Fayre**

St Bede's Christmas Fayre is to be held on Saturday 25th November from 11.00am to 2.00pm in the Hall. There is an appeal for donations for raffle prizes, for bottles for the bottle stall and also nearer the date for cakes for the cake stall. There is a box in the porch for donations. If you can help with any new gifts that can be used on the various stalls it would be greatly appreciated.

A **Traidcraft** catalogue is available in the Narthex for orders of Christmas cards and gifts.

### **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 8 December 2017 at 7.00pm, 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.

### **Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting takes place at St Robert's Church on Thursday 23rd November at 7.30pm. Any parent wanting a child to be baptised is asked to speak to Fr Peter to make arrangements to attend the meeting.

### **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.

### **Partnership Development Group**

The next Meeting of the Partnership Development Group will be held on Thursday 16th November at Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert, Amble at 7.00pm.

### **"Light in the Darkness"**

There will be a Service for those who mourn the loss of a child, in St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Sunday 5th November at 3.00pm. All welcome.

### **Partnership Service of Remembrance**

St Robert's Church on Friday 17th November at 7.00 pm. This will give all parishioners in our Brinkburn Partnership Parishes the chance to come together to remember our deceased loved ones. Everyone welcome.

### **Diocesan Vacancies**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies: Safeguarding Advisor, Department for Safeguarding, 30 hours per week, permanent contract. Closing date: 10 November.

Volunteering Opportunity – Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Commission. The Chair is an independent, lay appointee with responsibility for ensuring the Commission's regulatory, advisory and scrutiny functions are carried out effectively in regard to matters relating to the safeguarding of children and adults at risk within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us 0191 243 3301, [emailhuman.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:emailhuman.resources@diocesehn.org.uk) Full details of all vacancies are on the diocesan website [/www.rcdhn.org.uk/papers/diovac.php](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/papers/diovac.php)

### **New Monastery of Our Lady of Hope at Minsteracres**

The new monastery offers the advantage of a room for one person to spend a day or a few hours in solitude and prayer with access to the monastic chapel. Available from 9.30am to 5.00pm. Booking necessary. Coffee and tea available you are welcome to bring a packed lunch. Donation accepted. Contact details. Contemplative Passionist Nuns, Mother Monica Curran CP Monastery of Our Lady of Holy Hope, Minsteracres, Consett. DH8 9RT. Telephone: 01434 673002, Mobile: 07544282005 Email: [srmoniacp@aol.com](mailto:srmoniacp@aol.com). The new monastery is in the grounds of Minsteracres Retreat Centre.

### **Annual Mass Count**

We recently had to take the Annual Mass count on four Sundays of October. As a result of that count our Average attendance at the Vigil Mass is now 99. The church is built to seat over 200.

What are we doing to evangelise and reach out to those who we know should be here with us, even those from our own families and our friends. What can you do to encourage family and friends to come to regular Mass?

### **Youth Coordinator Vacancy**

The Brinkburn and Heavenfield Partnerships of Northumberland are seeking to appoint a new Youth Coordinator for a period of three years. Full details of the vacancy are available on the Diocesan website... [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk). Closing Date for applications is 6th November. Please pray that we might be able to appoint the most appropriate person

### **Mass for the Sick and Housebound**

We are having a Mass for Sick and Housebound parishioners on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 1pm. 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 noticeboard.

<b>Mass and Service Times and Intentions</b>			
<b>Saturday 4th November</b>	5.30 pm vigil Mass	Joe & Nancy Riley	<b>31st Sunday of the Year</b>
<b>Monday 6th November</b>	10.00 am	Word & Communion Service	Weekday
<b>Tuesday 7th November</b>	10.00 am	Word and Communion Service	St Willibrord
<b>Wednesday 8th November</b>	10.00 am	Word & Communion Service	Weekday
<b>Thursday 9th November</b>	10.00 am	Word and Communion Service	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
<b>Friday 10th November</b>	10.00 am	Word & Communion Service	St Leo the Great
<b>Saturday 11th November</b>	5.30 pm Vigil Mass	People of Parish	<b>32nd Sunday of the Year</b>

#### **Changes to Mass this week**

Please note that there are no Masses this week. Fr Peter will be attending the Great Britain Lourdes Pilgrimage Directors Conference in Torquay.

#### **Liturgy Rotas**

Please ensure you have an amended copy of the Liturgy Rota, copies of which are available in the Narthex.

#### **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:**

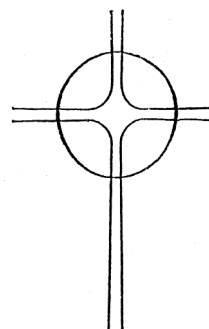
- all who are sick,
- all who have died.
- all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

#### **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: £173, and Clergy Training Fund ££168.20 £8



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**31st Sunday of the Lord  
5th November 2017**