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RECENTLY DECEASED

Malcolm Hudson, Nora Yardley, Mary Hanlon, Margaret Sheila McAllister.

ANNIVERSARIES

Jean Mackie, Louise Mackie, Canon Gerald Cox, Fr Joseph Blake, Fr James Atkinson, Fr James O'Brien, Fr John McDonald.

MASSES RECEIVED

Margaret & Patrick Loo, John & Alice Pepley, Thanksgiving (Golden Wedding), Eugene Twohig. Archie Jeffrey, Kathleen Hall.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend at all Masses we have a second collection for the sick and retired priests of the Diocese.

REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO OUR LADY

The preparation began on Friday, 21st February. All Catholics and anyone who wants to join in are invited to begin a personal 33 day consecration to Jesus through Mary following the method of St Louis de Montfort. The parish has received some free booklets called '33 Days to Morning Glory' by Fr Michael Gaitley. Please take one home and use it each day. I strongly encourage everyone to take part. This is an excellent opportunity to help bring our country, our parish, our families and ourselves under the powerful protection of Our Lady.

PARISH BAPTISM COURSE

For those parents who have enrolled on the Baptism course, it continues on Wednesday, 26th February at 6.00 pm in the parish hall conference room.

CONFIRMATION 2020

Application forms will be available from 1st March.

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY

On **Friday, 6th March, Mass 12 noon** followed by soup and bread roll in the parish hall for a donation to Cafod. All welcome.

LECTIO DIVINA MEDITATION

On **Tuesday, 3rd March at 7 pm** at St Mary's Cathedral, Bishop Draining will lead a Lectio Divina meditation as part of the **Year of the Word: the God who speaks**. All welcome.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

A one day conference and training event hosted by SPUC on Saturday, 7th March 9.30 am — 4.00 pm at Tyneside Irish Centre. £30 person including lunch and refreshments.

LOURDES SOCIAL EVENING, FRIDAY 27TH MARCH to help finance youth from our parish. Music from 70s, 80s and 90s onwards. Raffle and tombola prizes would be appreciated. Tickets £5 from Eileen Nugent at St. Andrew's, Anne Cuthbert at St. Anne's and Kath McNicholas at St. Peter's.

CORONAVIRUS

Although advice varies, we are currently said to be at low risk of contracting the virus. If the risk is raised, the parish will do what is necessary to protect everyone. If anyone has any concerns please seek guidance from a medical professional.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR A

Genesis 2:1-9, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

MASS ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK = 354

MASSES AND SERVICES THIS WEEK

DAY	TIME	PLACE	INTENTION	FEAST
Saturday	6.30 pm Vigil	St. Andrew's	Martin & Margaret McNulty Doreen & Tom Brown	
Sunday	9.30 am	St. Andrew's	People of the Parish	7th Sunday
	11.00 am	St. Anne's	James Martin	
	12.15 pm	St. Peter's	Dennis McGough	
Monday	9.15 am	St. Andrew's	Seamus Kavanagh	
Tuesday	9.15 am	St. Andrew's	Jean & Louise Mackie	
Wednesday	9.15 am	St. Anne's	Alison Richardson/Nora Broughton	Ash Wednesday
	7.00 pm	St Andrew's	People of the Parish	
Thursday	9.15 am	St. Andrew's	Special Int. Mary Taylor	
Friday	10.30 am	St. Andrew's	Joe & Ella Corrigan/Tony Coyle	
	7.00 pm	St Andrew's	Archie Jeffrey	
Saturday	9.15 am	St. Andrew's	Eileen French	

CONFESSIONS: Each Saturday, 9.45-10.15 am & 5.30-6.00 pm at St. Andrew's Church



Walk With Me booklets are available with a daily reflection for Lent.

LENT is a penitential season designed to help us draw closer to God by **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**. Also, as well as giving things up, we could think of ways to actively witness to our faith with those who need help.

These are some of the many ways to prepare for the great celebration of Easter:

Tuesday's during Lent, starting March 3rd, DVD in the parish hall, upstairs conference room, at 7.00 pm followed by tea and a chat.

Friday's during Lent, St. Andrew's Church 6.40 pm Stations of the Cross followed by 7.00 pm Mass.

PRAYER: The best prayer of all is daily Mass as it is the prayer of Jesus Christ, His sacrifice made present for us. We are, as it were, with Christ on Calvary. The Gospel on Ash Wednesday encourages us to pray privately where only God can see us. This is the prayer of the heart and is most pleasing to God. There are also Lenten devotions we can come to as a parish community, chief of which are the Stations of the Cross.

FASTING: The simple meaning of fasting is to reduce our intake of food and to feel hunger. Our hunger should make us realise our dependence on God. Fasting also can be the giving up of certain things e.g. sweets, cigarettes, computer games etc. The time we can gain from giving up things could allow us to spend more time in prayer and spiritual reading.

ALMSGIVING: Our Lenten Alms box will be at the shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. All money collected will go to SPA for the training of priests. We can also spend time with someone who would welcome a listening ear.

ROMERO PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY ISLAND

On Saturday, 4th April. A celebration of the life of St. Oscar Romero as we reflect on the 40th anniversary of his martyrdom. Welcome gathering and prayer at 11.00 am. Take a picnic lunch or buy food on the island. See notice board for more information.

SVP MEETINGS AND COFFEE MORNINGS

The SVP have changed their meetings from Mondays to the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month in the parish hall after the morning Mass. New members are always welcome. Preceding each meeting they will host a coffee morning. There is no charge so please come along for a cuppa and a chat, starting this Friday. It would be great if any of the other parish groups could run one on the 2nd & 4th Fridays also.

CLEANING ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Cleaning at St. Andrew's church is the **second Monday of the month after 9.15 am Mass**. The team would welcome any new volunteers. Just turn up between 9.45 and 10.00 am. A cuppa and a biscuit may be on offer too!!

DBS CHECKING

Several of our parish Ministers of Communion and Catechists are due to be rechecked. Patricia and Paul have emailed links and paperwork to be completed. If you have received notification please don't delay in completing them, and then contact either Patricia McClurey on 07851943978 or Paul Terry in the parish office, 01642 453556, for verification..

NEXT FINANCE MEETING

PLEASE NOTE: The finance meeting planned for March has been postponed until after Easter. Watch this space for a new date.

NEW HALL BOOKING

A training company based in Newcastle have booked into our Conference Room initially until March 12th but with the possibility of a long term agreement, offering an IT Skills course for 50 plus unemployed people.. Also from March 3rd J&K training are increasing the number of days to four that they are offering Maths and English courses. This makes good use of our facilities and will bring in much needed income into the parish.

DIARY DATES

Friday 13th March: Irish Night at St Gabriel's with Janie St John
Tickets £5 (incl Pie & Peas) Raffle, tombola, Bingo.

COUNTING TEAM: This week 'B' Next week 'C'

THIS WEEK'S HALL DIARY

Mon: Weight Watchers 9.00—11.00 am Room 8
IT skills for over 50s 9.30 - 2.30 pm Conference Room
Bingo 5.30 — 8.00 pm Main Hall

Tues: J&K Training 8.30 am — 4.30 pm Room 2
IT skills for over 50s 9.30 - 2.30 pm Conference Room
Mother's Prayers group 10.00 — 11.30 am Room 3
MAP Asylum Seekers Noon — 2.00 pm Main Hall
R&C Borough Council 5.30—7.30 pm Main Hall
Meditation Group 7.00 — 8.30 pm Room 3

Wed: J&K Training 8.30 am — 4.30 pm Room 2
Parent & Toddler Group 9.30 — 11.30 am Main Hall
Weight Watchers 5.00 — 7.00 pm Room 8
Sync Dancing 7.30 — 10.30 pm Main Hall
Parish Baptism Course 6.00 — 8.00 pm Conference Room

Thurs: IT skills for over 50s 9.30 - 2.30 pm Conference Room
Legion of Mary 10.00 — 11.30 am Room 3
Bingo 1.30 — 4.00 pm Main Hall
Swing Fit 7.00—8.00 pm Main Hall
Labour Party branch meeting 6.30—8.00 pm Room 8

BONUS BALL DRAW

Wednesday, February 12th: **No —10 —**
£30 each goes to: **Anne Bailes and Cath Best**
Contact Paul Terry with your winning ticket to claim your prize.

STILL TIME TO JOIN FOR FEBRUARY DRAW

Thank you to everyone who have renewed or joined this year. The prizes for this year will be **£90, £15 and £10**. Please remember **IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN!** So if you are not a member why not consider joining and asking your family and friends to give yourselves a chance of winning one of the three monthly prizes. **£11 for the remainder of the year** for a monthly £1 draw. You can also pay £1 each month or even every quarter as some of our members do... it really is that flexible. Envelopes are at the back of all our churches for you to use.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF GIFT...

Stuck for a gift idea to give at birthdays etc... As part of the present why not consider giving a subscription to our 300 Club for the remainder of the year. With a top prize of £90 it would be great to receive and bring a smile to their face if their number came up. If you are interested simply pop your money in one of the envelopes with the recipients name on it and marked 'Gift' and your own name and hand it to Paul Terry or put it in the offertory collection.

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