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RECENTLY DECEASED

Maureen Wentworth, Gerard Alwyn Hey.

ANNIVERSARIES

Denis McGough, Joe O'Neill, Margaret Fletcher, Mandy O'Connor, Betty Devine.

MASSES RECEIVED

Nora Broughton, Maureen Wentworth (RD), William Chapman (RD), June Jeffrey, Very special intention, Betty Devine, Mandy O'Connor, Margaret Fletcher, Joe O'Neill, Dennis McGough, Ken Waters.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Registration for First Holy Communion is now closed.. Please keep them in your prayers as well as the catechists and teachers who are helping to prepare them.

SPUC - "STRINGS ATTACHED"

The SPUC film, "Strings Attached" will be shown at St Mary's Cathedral Hall on Wednesday 5th February at 7.15 pm.

LOURDES MASS

For The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes for our Registered Pilgrims, Hospitalite and All are welcome, for the **Tuesday, 11th February 2020, at 6.30 pm at The Cathedral.** We will have tea/coffee and biscuits afterwards.

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.

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.

CONFIRMATION — JUNE 2020

Young people in Year 9 and above who would like to be confirmed by the Bishop please let Fr. Michael know asap. Applicants need to be Baptised, to have made their First Confession and Holy Communion and attend Sunday Mass.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

MASS ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK = 373

MASSES AND SERVICES THIS WEEK

DAY	TIME	PLACE	INTENTION	FEAST
Saturday	6.30 pm Vigil	St. Andrew's	People of the Parish	
Sunday	9.30 am	St. Andrew's	Kathleen Joseph	Presentation of the Lord
	11.00 am	St. Anne's	Fr Jack's Intentions	
	12.15 pm	St. Peter's	People of the Parish	
Monday	9.15 am	St. Andrew's	Nora Broughton	St Blaise
Tuesday	9.15 am	St. Andrew's	Paul Haley	
Wednesday	9.15 am	St. Anne's	John & Molly Forrestal	St Agatha
Thursday	9.15 am	St. Andrew's	Mr PR	St Paul Miki & Companions
Friday	10.30 am	St. Andrew's	Fr. Jack's Intentions	
Saturday	9.15 am	St. Andrew's	Yorkshire Brethren	Votive Mass of Our Lady

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

300 CLUB SUBS DUE — STILL TIME TO JOIN

This is the last weekend for renewing or joining the 300 club before the first draw is made but we are still along way short of our target and we may have to look at reducing the prizes which **presently consist of three cash prizes - £90, £30 and £10.** Envelopes are at the back of all our churches, **£12 per year for a monthly £1 draw.** If you are not a member why not consider joining and asking your family and friends and give yourselves a chance of winning one of the three monthly prizes.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGES - MAY 2020

1. BY LUXURY COACH

With Mgr Morgan on Friday May 22nd — Saturday, May 30th. Limited seats available. For more info contact Sue Golden on 01642 465020.

2. BY AEROPLANE

Flying from Durham Tees Valley Airport on Friday, May 22nd — Friday, May 29th. More information available from Keith Tillotson on 01642 324043 or e-mail: pilgrimagedirector@rcd.org.uk

THE PARISH CAN HELP...

Anyone who would like to nominate a parishioner who would benefit from joining either of the above Pilgrimages please contact Fr Michael as soon as possible. Special consideration will be given to those who are ill & who have not been before.

CONGRATULATIONS ON GOLDEN WEDDING



Mick and Mal Applegarth celebrated 50 years of marriage on Friday, January 24th and to mark their milestone they were presented with a bouquet of flowers on Saturday, January 25th at the 6.30 pm Mass from the parish by Fr. Michael. Mick and Mal met when they both lived in the street and they were married in St. Peter's by Fr. Joseph O'Mahony.

FUNDRAISING GROUP MEETING

Is on Thursday, February 11th at 6.30 pm in the parish hall, upstairs room 4. Minutes to be distributed at the meeting.

BONUS BALL DRAW

Wednesday, 29th January: **No — 58 —**
£30 each goes to: **Lional P. Kilford and Cath Coyle.**
Contact Paul Terry with your winning ticket to claim your prize.

DIARY DATES

Friday, 27th March: Lourdes Social Evening to help finance school children who are valuable helpers to travel to Lourdes. Tombola & Raffle prizes would be appreciated. Tickets available shortly.

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

THIS WEEK'S HALL DIARY

Mon: Weight Watchers 9.00—11.00 am Room 8
Grandparents Kinship meeting 10.0 — 11.00 am Room 4
Bingo 5.30 — 8.00 pm Main Hall
Tues: J&K Training 8.30 am — 4.30 pm Room 2
Mother's Prayers group 10.00 — 11.30 am Room 3
MAP Asylum Seekers Noon — 2.00 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
Thurs: 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
Fri: SVP coffee morning 11.00 — Noon Main Hall
Blood Donor Service 1.30—8.30 pm Main Hall

REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO OUR LADY

As a preparation for the rededication of the country to Our Lady in February, The Angelus is recommended to us. Traditionally it was prayed at 6.00 am, 12 noon and 6.00 pm. It can help to break up the day with short periods of prayer.

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary, full of grace, etc.
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. *Hail Mary, etc.*
V. And the Word was made Flesh.
R. And dwelt among us. *Hail Mary, etc.*
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Let us pray.
Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Preparation begins 21st February with 33 days of prayer and consecration to Our Lady. The rededication is to be on Sunday, 29th March.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA — SATURDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY

Born in Darfur, southern Sudan, St Josephine was kidnapped at the age of 7, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means *fortunate*. She was resold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum. Two years later, she was given to Augusto Michieli. She became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens. There, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptised and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine. When the Michielis returned from Africa they wanted Josephine to go back with them, but the future saint refused to go. A court case ensued; the Canossian Sisters and the patriarch of



Venice intervened. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had been free since 1885. Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. In 1902, she was transferred to Schio (near Verona), where she assisted her religious community with various tasks and welcomed visitors at the door. She became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and the local citizens and once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!" Though a slave for many years, she was always free and that spirit prevailed. She was canonised in October 2000.

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