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THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

ST. ANDREW'S		
Sat	6.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun	9.30 am	Bill & Joan Noteyoung
Mon	9.15 am	Alice Dalton
Tues	9.15 am	Owen & Renee Boyle
Thurs	9.15 am	For two successful operations
Fri	10.30 am	Fr. Jack's Intentions
Sat	9.15 am	Rosemary Woodall & Olwyn Cecilia Hughes
ST. ANNE'S		
Sun	11.00 am	Fr. Jack's Intentions
Wed	9.15 am	John Patrick Finn
ST. PETER'S		
Sun	12.15 pm	Sheila Byrnes

CONFESSION

Saturday, 9.45 – 10.15 am & 5.30-6.00 pm
at St. Andrew's Church or on request

FUNERAL SERVICE THIS WEEK

at St Andrew's: 2pm on Wednesday for Patricia Ratcliffe

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sean McPolin, George Stokes

ANNIVERSARIES

Philomena Snook, Margaret Sharpe, Canon Knowles, Fr Pears, Fr Aylward, Canon Lynam.

MASSES RECEIVED

Eugene Twohig, Gordon Mayhew, Mr & Mrs Ward, George Stokes RD, Malcolm Hall RD, Philomena Snook, Margaret Sharpe.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Fri: St Anthony of Egypt

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A
Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

THERE ARE STILL A FEW 2020 YEAR BOOKS
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MASS ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK = 317

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FEAST OF BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

In some ways it seems strange that Christ should need to be baptised, as we are taught by the Church that this sacrament is necessary for forgiveness of sin, particularly Original Sin. After all, we know Jesus was born without Original Sin, and committed no sins in his earthly life. So why?

In humbly accepting baptism from John the Baptist, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If he should be baptised, though he had didn't need it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and brings us into the family of the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary – not for Him, but for us.

Today's feast brings to an end the Christmas season.



SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD

This weekend at all Masses there will be a collection for SPUC's White Flower appeal. On 21st October 2019 the most extreme abortion regime was imposed on the people of Northern Ireland by the government at Westminster permitting abortion for any reason up to 24 weeks and even later. The Abortion lobby now wants it introduced in England and Wales. Please be generous in you giving to support the rights of the unborn child and for the work of SPUC.

CLEANING IN ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Our church cleaning team at St. Andrew's church are looking for new people to help them on a Monday morning after Mass, currently once a fortnight. The first of 2020 is tomorrow.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Registration is on Tuesday at 6.00 pm in the parish hall. Children who are Baptised and can produce a Baptism certificate and who are committed to attending Sunday Mass and preparation classes are eligible. All children must be represented..

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Beginning on Saturday, 18th January and ending on Saturday, January 25th. During this week we are encouraged to pray for the unity of all Christians by the Bishops of England & Wales.

ANNUAL UNITY SERVICE

hosted by St George's and Christ Church Ladies Fellowship will take place on 22nd January, 2 pm at St George's church. The Speaker is Rev Andy Grant, followed by refreshments.

PARISH FAMILY QUIZ

On Friday, 31st January in the parish hall at 6.30pm. £1 per person to enter the quiz. Why not enter a team from your family, friends or work mates and try and beat our champions from October! Bring your own drinks & nibbles.

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 and who have not been before.

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.

300 CLUB SUBS DUE — STILL TIME TO JOIN

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to renew their subscriptions. If you have not done it yet there is still time and envelopes are at the back of all our churches. **£12 per year for a monthly £1 draw, presently consisting of three cash prizes - £90, £30 and £10.** If you are not a member why not consider joining and give yourself a chance of winning one of the three monthly prizes. (it would help with administration if everyone considered paying annually). The first draw of the year will be made first week in February.

BONUS BALL DRAW

Wednesday, 8th January: **No — 32 —**

£30 each goes to: **Tommy Conway & Maureen McElvaney**
Contact Paul Terry with your winning ticket to claim your prize.

HELP WANTED SELLING TICKETS AT ST. ANNE'S

Amanda Thompson has stopped selling the Bonus Ball Tickets at St. Anne's Church. We would like to thank her for her time over the past few years. **We are now looking for a volunteer that can sell the tickets before and/or after 11.00 am Mass.** Please contact Paul if you can help. Thank you.

JIMMY CRICKET'S NEW COMEDY PLAY

'NO MORE FIFFEN & FAFFEN' on Thursday, January 23rd at Middlesbrough Theatre. It tells the story of a Comedy Duo act on their last night in showbusiness. More information available from www.jimmycricket.co.uk/agents-and-promoters/

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DIARY DATES

January 18th—25th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 26th Day of Prayer: Sunday of the Word of God
Friday, February 7th Blood Donor Service, parish hall.

Friday, February 14th SVP Coffee Morning 11.00 am

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

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 6.30—9.00 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
First Communion meeting 6.00—7.00 pm Conf. room
Labour Party branch meeting 6.30—8.00 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: Labour Party meeting 6.30—9.00 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.