

The Newsletter of the parishes of



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14th Sunday of the Year
9nd July, 2023

The following celebrations will take place during the coming week.

Saturday: (8th July) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: Val Cooper

Sunday: (9th July) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: The parishioners intentions

Tuesday: 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Margaret Barnes

Thursday: 10.00 Funeral Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Sheila Scullion

Saturday: (15th July) 18.00 Mass in St. Alban's Church: The parishioners intentions

Sunday: (16th July) 10.00 Mass in St. Patrick's Church: Carol Belton

Mass to view on line

Mass is live streamed from [the Holy Name, Jesmond](#). Visit the website for Mass times this week.

When you are unable to celebrate Mass in Church, you may wish to make this act of spiritual communion:-

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Please keep in your prayers:

- all our parishioners who are sick, housebound or in hospital including Fr. Michael McKenna
- all those whose memories we cherish at this time
- and Sheila Scullion and Mary Nugent who have died. May they rest in the peace of the risen Lord. Please pray for their families too.

Unfortunately Fr. Patterson continues to suffer the debilitating effects of long Covid symptoms which are limiting what he is able to do. His GP has advised that he rests as much as possible. Please keep him in your prayers.

Sea Sunday

This weekend we are asked to remember and support seafarers and fishers who play a vital role in all of our lives but who often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need.

For those of you who wish, to contribute to the work of Stella Maris, simply place your donation in an envelope marked "Sea Sunday" and place it in the collection box as you enter our churches. Those of you with boxes of envelopes should find an envelope in your box. You can also donate by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate. Your donations are vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work.

Listening Experience

Following on from Archbishop McMahon's pastoral letter, he has arranged meetings for the laity of the diocese to allow space and time to hear the impact of Bishop Robert's resignation and the Safeguarding Enquiry report. These listening experiences will be facilitated by Karen Kilby of Durham University, who will be feeding back to the Archbishop. A liturgy of healing will be available at each of the sessions for those who wish to stay and participate. The sessions will take place on 10th July, at St. Mary's Church hall, Forest Hall, 11th July at St. Bede's Church hall, Bedlington, on 12th July at St Michael's Church hall, Houghton-le-Spring and on 13th July at St. Peter & Paul's, Stockton-on-Tees. The meetings begin at 19.00 and finish at 20.30.

St. Alban's Church - Volunteers needed.

Fr. Patterson wishes to explore the possibility of being able to reopen St. Alban's Church for the celebration of Funeral Masses and Funeral Services which we are currently unable to offer.

If we are to succeed, we need a pool of at least eight volunteers who would work in groups of three to open and prepare the church, welcome mourners, distribute hymn books and tidy and lock the church at the end of the service. A pool of eight would ensure we have sufficient volunteers to cover holidays, illness and personal commitments. A simple form would need to be completed to conform with safeguarding requirements.

If you feel able to help, or need to know more, please contact Christine and/or Terry Harbron 0191 469 8697

Concert at Little Sisters of the Poor

The Newcastle Male Chorus will be performing a Sounds of Summer Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home Newcastle, (Little Sisters of the Poor) on Saturday 22nd July 2023 at 19.00. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor in St Joseph's Home.

Tickets are £8 (interval drink included) and are available from St Joseph's Home – 0191 2731279.

Diaconate and Priesthood Ordinations

This Saturday, 8th July, Archbishop McMahon will ordain Allison Rebello and Patrick Rutherford as Permanent Deacons and Paul Kilduff and Endre Kormos are being ordained as Priests. Please keep them in your prayers.

Pauline Books and Media, Newcastle

Please note that from Monday 10th July the Cathedral bookshop will have revised opening hours:

Monday and Tuesday Closed;

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00 – 16:30;

Saturday 9:45 – 16:00 and Sunday 9:30 – 13:15.

A stay in Hospital

If you or any members of your family are going into hospital and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, please ask a member of the ward staff to contact the Catholic Chaplain. Alternatively you can contact the Chaplaincy Department Office directly. For the Queen Elizabeth Hospital telephone 0191 445 2072 (Catholic Chaplain: Rev Paul Nichol). For the RVI and Freeman Hospitals in Newcastle telephone 0191 282 9322 (Catholic Chaplain: Rev Paddy Jackson).

In an emergency, please ask the ward sister to contact the on call Catholic chaplain who carries a bleep. Please do not contact your own parish priest who may be unable to respond due to current hospital protocols.

The Church's mission – an event with Cardinal Tagle

The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and was President of Caritas International (a global network of Catholic relief and development agencies) and is a interesting speaker.

You are invited to join an online talk for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation** in which Cardinal Tagle will speak on the Church's mission and the fundamental links between evangelisation (sharing Christ and his Good News) and social action. The date, Friday, 14th July, 19:00–20:30 Please go to www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation for more information and to book a place for this webinar hosted by CAFOD.

Thank you

Fr. Patterson is grateful for a donation of £40.00 for St. Patrick's parish funds recently received. Thanks to everyone for your ongoing generosity in these difficult times for us all. Although we do not take a collection at Mass by passing round a basket, we do hope you will feel able to make an offering towards the upkeep and running costs of our churches in one of the boxes you will find at the entrances to our churches. Your offerings are our sole source of income. Should you wish to make your offering by standing order the details are:

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