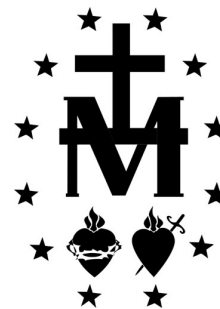


**Psalter Week 2 – 6<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time. Mass Times and Intentions:**

<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b> Sat. 6.00 pm Vigil	St. Cecilia's	Josef Koniszewski (R.I.P)
8.00 am	Convent	People of the Parish
10.30 am	St. Mary's	Annie & P J Gibson (R.I.P)
5.00 pm	St. Mary's	Intentions of Staff at Oaklea
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b> 9.30 am	Convent	Intentions of John Lithgoe (90)
<b>12.05 pm</b>	St. Mary's	Olive Swales (R.I.P)
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b> 9.30 am	Convent	Intentions of Sr. M Adrienne
<b>12.05 pm</b>	St Mary's	Pat Matterson (R.I.P)
<b>7.00 pm</b>	St. Cecilia's	Dec'd Members of Walsh & Docherty Families
<b>ASH WED 14<sup>th</sup> February</b> 12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Bill Gain (R.I.P)
<b>5.30 pm</b>	Convent	Gerry Barry (~R.I.P)
<b>7.00 pm</b>	St. Cecilia's	Agnes Mullen (RIP)
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b> 9.30 am	<b>Convent</b>	Mary Smith (R.I.P)
<b>12.05 pm</b>	St. Mary's	Ann Baldesara (R.I.P)
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> 10.00 am	St. Cecilia's	<i>Adoration &amp; Benediction</i>
<b>12.05 pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	Marrion Hall (R.I.P)
<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Convent</b>	Ints of Sr. Aelred & Pat
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b> 9.30 am	Convent	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
11.00 am	St Mary's	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> 6.00 pm Vigil	St. Cecilia's	Catherine McConville (R.I.P)
8.00 am	Convent	In Thanksgiving (PH)
10.30 am	St Mary's	Yanina Campbell
5.00 pm	St. Mary's	People of the Parish

(Confessions): 10.15 am – 10.45 am: 11.30 am – 12.15 pm



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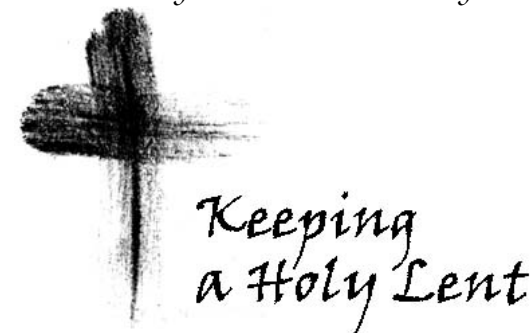
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*Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*



*The Holy season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday*

***Ash Wednesday Mass times:***

*St. Mary's = 12.05pm*

*The Convent = 5.30pm*

*St. Cecilia's = 7.00pm*

***The Response to the Psalm is "You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of Salvation."***

**From both St. Mary's AND St. Cecilia's churches: Please remember especially in your prayers....**

Pat Lawrence, John Turnbull, Doreen Duffy, Pat Hendy, Valerie, Janet Buckland, Jackie Turner, Breda Gleeson, Rebecca Amundsen, Avril Hogg, Simon Nyoike, Margaret Graham, Maureen Walton, Catherine Marshall, Mary Hill, Molly South, Nicholas Wilson, Stephen Hall, Eddie Ashburner, Jean Liddle, Ann-Marie Rain, Christopher Browne, Norah Morris, Ann Forster, Luca, Mary White, William, Peter, Clara, Patrick & Miram Barraclough and Paul Graham who are all sick at this time.

#### **Parish Lottery**

First Prize – Number 27, Aine Warren, Second Prize – Number 39 – Chris Wilson, Third Prize – Number 72, Jane Wilson. Congratulations.

#### **Race Night**

Come along and win some serious cash! We will be having a Race Night in St. Mary's Parish centre on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. With Profits going to the Catholic Society of Sunderland University. Doors open at 7pm and entrance tickets are just £3 (which will include food). Please bring your own drink. Tickets are on sale after Mass and you can pay at the door, if there is space.

#### **Brian Stapleton**

Brian's family wish to welcome friends to Bishop Wearmouth Cemetery for burial of Brian's Ashes at 10am on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February and onto the Rosedene afterwards.

#### **Lent begins this week: Ash**

**Wednesday:** Please make sure you get to one of our Masses on Ash Wednesday. Times on the front and back of this newsletter. Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the 40 days of Lent, a six-week period (excluding Sundays) dedicated to prayer, fasting, and reflection in preparation for the great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum. Lent is a time to re-focus and to re-enter a place of truth. It is here where we find our true identity. Ash Wednesday is the best way to begin a season which calls us into self-examination as well as self-denial, into deeper contemplation about the mystery and grace of God's mercy, and towards more radical giving towards those most in need of comfort, sustenance, and hope.

*"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."* Genesis 3:19. The line from Genesis reminds us our lives on this earth won't last forever. We are a finite people who hold hope in something infinite and beyond ourselves. Bearing a mark throughout the day that is visible to others puts an explanation point on the Genesis passage. We become walking witnesses of that place of truth. Heaping ashes upon the head, rending the garment, and donning sackcloth were all outward signs of penitence in biblical times. Such a display was one of abject humility and repentance, but could also turn into an occasion for infighting and ego-inflation.

#### **Easter Time**

This year, after reflecting on numbers from last year, we will have Maundy Thursday Mass and Good Friday service in St. Mary's, and the Easter vigil in St. Cecilia's.

#### **Congratulations to St. Aidan's**

Well done to all the hard working staff of St. Aidan's who recently received a very positive Ofsted report. Thank you to the hard working staff and leadership team especially – for all that you do.

#### **Baptisms**

Please note that there are no baptisms during the season of Lent, but baptism request forms are still available from the office, and preparation class can still take place.

#### **Sister Raphael away**

Please note that Sister Raphael is visiting her brother in Columbia, please keep her in your prayers while she is away. The office will remain open while she is away, but responses may not be as prompt as usual.

#### **Are you married in the Church?**

Many Catholic's, for whatever reason, have got married outside of the Church, maybe in a hotel for example. If you are in this situation, and would like your marriage valid in the Church, it is a straightforward process with a simple, free service. (Providing neither of you have been married before – if you have been before, it is still possible to sort out – so don't be afraid to come and have a chat about it). If you would like a convalidation of marriage please see Fr. Marc

#### **Raised on Songs and Stories**

Due to its popularity over the last two years, I have asked the Irish Cultural society to come make a return to St. Mary's. Raised on Songs and stories will return to St. Mary's Catholic Centre after the 12.05pm Mass on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. With Irish music, dance, stories from Ireland, and refreshments. Celebrate your Irish roots and come along and join the fun. All welcome.

#### **Parish Pilgrimage**

We still have a couple of places on the Parish pilgrimage to the home of St. Therese in France from Monday-Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Trip also includes places of historical value as well as spiritual. See Fr. Marc if interested.

#### **Friday Soup and Sandwiches**

As we enter into lent, I would like to invite everyone into the Parish Centre after the 12.05pm on Mass of Friday. From now on Soup and Sandwiches will be on sale after Mass with teas and coffee, with any money raised going to charity. It will be good to come together as a community, and have a Lenten lunch together. Please do come in.

#### **Legion of Mary**

Meets after 12.05pm Mass every Monday to pray the rosary and the Chaplet. Please do join them. The Rosary is such a powerful prayer.

**New items are out in the repository,** eg St Patrick's Day cards, Mothers' Day cards, sympathy cards, etc. We have reordered some Easter cards as many of them were discontinued.

**Lost property:** there are many umbrellas, walking sticks, specs, gloves, etc at the back of church. Please collect them if they belong to you!

**SEA CITIES:** Sunderland – did you see the half-hour programme about Sunderland on BBC2 last week? If you missed it, the full hour-long version is on Thursday, BBC2 at 8pm. It looks at the city's maritime, shipbuilding and coalmining history, the air show, the new bridge and lots more – and it features Sister Scholastica in her Apostleship of the Sea work for seafarers in the headquarters down on the docks and her ship's visits. She is pictured in Radio Times at the top of the listings column on Thursday – even though her name is misspelt! Don't miss this wonderful programme.

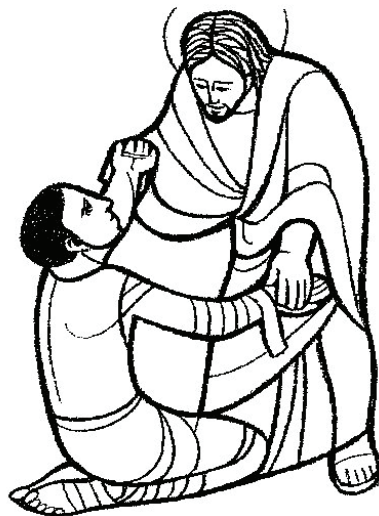


### Reflection for Lent

Lent is a solemn season, a time when we contemplate the great mysteries of our faith and receive a deeper understanding of the great work that Jesus did in saving us from the consequences of our sins. Our own celebration of Lent brings us into the presence of God.

Heavenly God, whose Son came among us for our redemption, prepare our hearts and minds to keep the holy season of Lent. Call us to repentance and to hope, by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Rhythm of the Hours*



### ROTAS FOR Saturday 17th February:

**Welcomers:** Mary Scorer and Margaret Bute;

**Readers:** Paul Collins (Lessons); Amy Lumsdon (Bidding Prayers);

**Offertory:** ;

**Eucharistic Ministers:** David Lawson, Val Barlow, Ronnie Mitchinson;

**Counting Team:** Team F

**We were sorry to learn of the death of Rita Thistleton** who for many years was an active parishioner here with her husband Jack. The couple moved to St Leonard's parish in Silksworth and Rita died last week. Her funeral will be at St Leonard's on Feb 21. We send our love and sympathy to Jack. May she rest in peace.

**Grand ceilidh at the Alexandra on March 24** for all of the Monkwearmouth Partnership parishes. And thanks to the people who turned up for the short meeting last Saturday evening. There has already been interest shown from some of the other Sunderland parishes, and it will be a good chance for all of us to get to know each other in a friendly and fun-filled atmosphere. Tickets are now on sale after Mass this evening, £5 for adults, and children come free. Music is by the Mussel Square Boys, a very lively and enthusiastic group, and it should be a great night. Please keep the date free and bring your friends along.



**ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb 14** this year, marks the beginning of Lent. It is one of only two days each year appointed to be a Day of Fasting and Abstinence or

other act of self-denial (the other is Good Friday). We are asked to pray during Lent for these intentions - Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

**Flowers:** the 'flower girls', Ronnie and Rita, who make the altar look so beautiful can have a rest during Lent, as the sanctuary has no flowers until Easter, except for the 4th Sunday of Lent, Mothers' Day.



**NORTHERN CROSS:** only a very few copies left, so please get your copy quickly. If you need one and they have all gone, please see Bernadette Lawson who will try to get more.

**Hymn books:** already 66 books have been 'reserved' for dedications. A list of the dedications is on the board at the back of church. Please check to see that the names are correct before they are prepared for the books. There is still a chance to remember one of your loved ones, or in thanksgiving for a jubilee, etc.