

<b>CHRIST THE KING</b> Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov Sat. 6.00 pm Vigil	St. Cecilia's	Veronica Carr (R.I.P)
8.00 am	Convent	Charles Ratton (R.I.P)
10.30 am	St. Mary's	William Cheal (R.I.P)
5.00 pm	St. Mary's	Janina Campbell (R.I.P)
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> 9.30 am	Convent	Sr. M Patricia (R.I.P)
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Ints of Ann Davis
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> 9.30 am	Convent	<i>Convent Liturgy</i>
12.05 pm	St Mary's	Ints of B R Hughes
<b>7.00 pm</b>	St. Cecilia's	Dec'd Members of Mullen Family (R.I.P)
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> 9.30 am	Convent	<i>Convent Liturgy</i>
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Ints of Legion of Mary
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> 9.30 am	Convent	<i>Convent Liturgy</i>
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Holy Souls
<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>St. Marys</b>	<b>Bereavement Mass</b>
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> 10.00 am	St. Cecilia's	Adoration & Benediction
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Thomas Hourigan (R.I.P)
5.30 pm	Convent	John Cowie (R.I.P)
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b> 9.30 am	Convent	<i>Convent Liturgy</i>
11.00 am	St. Mary's	Ernie Heskett R.I.P)
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b> 6.00 pm ( <i>Saturday Evening</i> )	St. Cecilia's	Decd Members of Whelan & Farrell Families
8.00 am	Convent	Sr. M Loreto R.I.P
10.30 am	St Mary's	People of the Parish
5.00 pm	St. Mary's	Miriam Barraclough (R.I.P)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays in the Mercy Chapel (Confessions): 10.15 – 10.45 am and 11.30 – 12.15 pm**  
St. Cecilia's confessions: Before Mass, or by appointment.



# OUR LADY of MERCY

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Parish, Sunderland.  
Made up of:

*St. Mary's Church, 27 Bridge Street, Sunderland, SR1 1TQ*  
*St. Cecilia's and St. Patrick's Church, Ryhope Road, Sunderland, SR2 7TG*  
*St. Anthony's Convent, Tunstall Road, Sunderland, SR2 7JR*  
*Sunderland University Catholic Chaplaincy (Located at St. Mary's)*

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Parish Website: [www.sunderlandcatholic.com](http://www.sunderlandcatholic.com)

**Parish Priest: Fr. Marc Lyden-Smith**  
Assistant Priest: Canon A.H. Barrass (*Retired*)  
Parish Deacon: Rev. Eddy Barker  
Parish Sister: Sr. Raphael

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 –CHRIST THE KING**



*Part of the Catholic Partnership of Monkwearmouth, Sunderland. In the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.*

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

Pat Lawrence, John Turnbull, Doreen Duffy, Pat Henty, Valerie, Janet Buckland, Jackie Turner, Breda Gleeson, Rebecca Amundsen, Avril Hogg, Simon Nyoike, Margaret Graham, Maureen Walton, Catherine Marshall, Molly South, Nicholas Wilson, Stephen Hall, Eddie Ashburner, Jean Liddle, Ann-Marie Rain, Christopher Browne, Norah Morris, Ann Forster, Luca, Mary White, Peter, Clara, Patrick Barraclough, Bernadette Lawson, Cecilia Harper; Molly Donkin, Patricia Rutter, Hannah O'Neill, Ann Felton, and John McConville who are all sick at this time .

**Parish Lottery**

First Prize – Terry Canavan, Second Prize – Angela Warren, Third Prize – Thomas Langier. Congratulations to you all. ☺

If you would like to join the Parish Lotto for £1 a week, you are very welcome to do so – see Fr. Marc and you could be a winner.

*The Parish Office is usually open Monday – Friday, 9.30am – 11.45 am. Sister Raphael will endeavour to assist with all relevant enquiries, including Baptism and Marriage enquiries, Mass Intentions, Planned Giving & Gift Aid donations and any forthcoming events in St Mary's and our Parish centre*

**Remembering our loved ones who have died in the parish...**

We will have a memorial Mass for all those who have died in our Parish, especially for those who have died in 2018, on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Church. All welcome, please come and remember a loved one who has died.

**Rise - Morning Prayer**

Anyone wishing to start off the week with Morning Prayer is very welcome to St. Mary's Parish Centre at 8.00am. Morning Prayer will be followed by breakfast at 8.15am. Students especially welcome.

**"Giving" Carol Service**

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Church, we will have a "Giving" Carol Service, followed by mince pies and hot drinks in the Parish Centre.

At the Carol Service, children are invited to bring a toy that can be left in Church. All toys left in Church will be taken and given to special young people. This is a wonderful opportunity to think about those who have had a difficult start to life, and to show them that people care. All toys will be given to local charity 'Sunderland Carers Centre', who we worked with last year.

Please bring one brand new toy for a child of any age, and all children who bring a toy offering will receive a special treat.

I hope to see as many families as possible here.

**Citizens Advice Sunderland**

Are you worried about money? Struggling with debts or paying bills? If so, then Citizens Advice Sunderland can help! We provide free, confidential, independent and impartial advice to everyone living in Sunderland and Washington. As a local, independent charity we work with clients to resolve any debt issues they may have. We can provide budgeting advice, negotiate with creditors, handle both emergency and non-emergency debts and identify suitable strategies for the next steps.

But don't just take our word for it, here's what one of our many satisfied clients has said: "I received exceptional service at Citizens Advice Sunderland throughout my worrying time. Very, very helpful. Thank you so much."

For more information, pop into one of our offices or call our dedicated debt line on: **0191 415 8998**.

**Our Offices:**

**5a Waterloo Place, Sunderland, SR1 3HT.**

**Unit 56, First Floor, The Galleries, Washington, NE38 7SD.**

The Citizens Advice are also looking for volunteers are the moment. Could you be interested in helping them out? To make a difference in your local community, gain new skills and meet new people **contact Hannah** on [hannah.finney@citizensadviceunderland.co.uk](mailto:hannah.finney@citizensadviceunderland.co.uk) or telephone **0191 417 4048**.

**Christ Extravaganza**

Brought to you by the Sunderland Youth Orchestra on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm in St. Mary's Church. Join in Christmas Carols and hear festive favourites like 'The Snowman' and many more. Then join us for mince pies and refreshments in the Parish Hall. Tickets are £4 for entry with all money going to charity. Do not miss this Extravaganza!

**St. Anthony's Girls**

The senior choir of St. Anthony's Girl School will return to St. Mary's again this for their Carol Service on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm, followed by refreshments in the Hall afterwards. You can pay on the door for entry, but do not miss these very talented ladies performing in Church.

**Over 60's**

Can I remind you all that we have a wonderful over 60's group operating from St. Mary's Parish centre every Tuesday after the 12.05pm Mass. It is always open to new people coming along, so why not give it a try? You could be enjoying the fun, games, bingo or just a nice chat.

**St. Anthony's Bread**

Thank you to everyone who puts money in the *St. Anthony's Bread* box at the back of Church. This money goes a long way in helping the most vulnerable people in our city. You help people more than you know. On their behalf: **THANK YOU!** ☺

## Sunderland Reindeer Dash

Can you help Santa by becoming a reindeer for a day?

If you think you can, then head to the Bridges on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December for a unique 1k indoor family fun run to raise money for charity. Dick, from TV'S Dick 'n' Dom will be there to cheer the kids on. Children's entry (12 and under) cost £3 which includes a reindeer nose and antlers, plus a reindeer medal. And for all you adults who are young at heart, you can join in the fun for £5.

9am-9.30am: Registration.

9.45am: Race start.

10.15am: Medal Ceremony.

10.30am: Mass (So race round).

## St. Cecilia's Red Box

The Red Mission Box October collection amounted to £613.68. That is a great amount, thank you for your generosity, and thank you to Bill Mellish and Ronnie Mitchinson for all their hard work in sorting this out.

St. Cecilia's also made £56.32 for the Poppy Appeal, thanks Tom Martin.

Remembrance Weekend was beautiful this year.

## Parish Bank Details

If you would like to set up a STANDING ORDER with your bank and your parish; here are the details: Our HSBC Account, (Newcastle branch), is this:

**Sort Code: 40-34-18**

**Account Number: 84456955.**



## Weight Watchers

Could you do with losing a few pounds?

If you would like to lose a little weight in the run up to Christmas this year, weight watchers runs every Saturday and Sunday morning in St. Mary's Catholic Centre.

## Thank you

Thank you to Kathleen Blackmore for all her hard work at St. Cecilia's. She has done so much work with the parish finances and banking, behind the scenes, for many years. She is retiring from some of this work. Thank you Kathleen for all your service.

## Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in the Sunderland Minster in aid of North East Autism Society. Book online to get your ticket at: [www.NE-AS.ORG.UK/CAROLS](http://www.NE-AS.ORG.UK/CAROLS)

## Youth Sunday

Today we celebrate National Youth Sunday on the Feast of Christ the King and we give thanks for the special graces received during the Jubilee year of Mercy. Inspired by the gospel we pray for the grace to be as brave as the good thief, who receives far more than expected by calling out to Jesus on the cross. The good thief reminds us that it is never too late to receive God's mercy and experience a taste of paradise. National Youth Sunday also offers us the opportunity to be merciful by welcoming young people into the heart of our community.

Each of us can let our young know that they are accepted, important and loved through a prayer, a smile or a kind word. For more information about National Youth Sunday please visit:

[www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk](http://www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk)

follow @NYS\_HeisMercy on Twitter or liking the National Youth Sunday page on Facebook.



## Christ the King

Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925, to be celebrated throughout the universal church, in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. He connected the increasing denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism throughout much of Europe. At the time of *Quas Primas*, many Christians (including Catholics) began to doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority. Pius XI, and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of non-Christian (or nominally Christian) dictatorships throughout Europe, and saw Catholics being persuaded by these earthly leaders. These dictators also often attempted to assert authority over the Church. Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning, when the feast was needed most.

