

4th Sunday of the Year Sunday 3rd Feb Sat. 6.00 pm Vigil	St. Cecilia's	Marjorie Farrell (R.I.P)
8.00 am	Convent	Josie Bishop & Veronica Nollett & Fam
10.30 am	St. Mary's	Gerry Barry (R.I.P)
5.00 pm	St. Mary's	Ints of Bill Beinge & Family
Monday 4th Feb 9.30 am	Convent	Ints of Pat & Robin Beattie
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Katie Roddy (R.I.P)
Tuesday 5th Feb 9.30 am	Convent	Sr. M Calasanctius (R.I.P)
12.05 pm	St Mary's	Abraham Jacob (R.I.P)
7.00 pm	St. Cecilia's	James Mullen (R.I.P)
Wednesday 6th Feb 9.30 am	St. Mary's	Peggy Roche (R.I.P)
1.30 pm	Convent	Funeral of Sr. M Calasanctius
Thursday 7th Feb 9.30 am	Convent	Ints of Dora and Stan
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Philomena McNally (R.I.P)
Friday 8th Feb 10.00 am	St. Cecilia's	ADORATION & BENEDICTION
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Kathleen & Denis Rowntree (R.I.P)
5.30 pm	Convent	Michael Rochford (R.I.P)
Saturday 9th Feb 9.30 am	Convent	Ann Brantingham (R.I.P)
11.00 am	St. Mary's	John & Les Lane (R.I.P)
Sunday 10th Feb 6.00 pm (<i>Saturday Evening</i>)	St. Cecilia's	Josef Koniszewski (R.I.P)
8.00 am	Convent	Ints of Mabel & Charlie McCann
10.30 am	St Mary's	Laurie & Donis Moore (R.I.P)
5.00 pm	St. Mary's	People of the Parish



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

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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.

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, 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, Luca, Peter, Clara, Patrick Barraclough, Bernadette Lawson, Cecilia Harper; Molly Donkin, Patricia Rutter, Ann Felton, John McConville, Kathleen Conlon, Dorothy Thompson, Jean Ashurst, Hilda and Ronnie Mitchinson who are all sick at this time. **Lately dead** Sr M Calasanctius and Mary White. May they Rest in Peace.

Parish Lottery

THE WINNERS:

First Prize – Theresa Fuory, Second Prize – Pat Turnbull, Third Prize – John Osmoloski. 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.

Important Gift Aid News. Please sign new updated declaration form

Last year it was mentioned that there would be a few updates concerning Gift Aid donations. If you are a tax payer and donate through **envelopes** or **standing orders** it is necessary to sign a revised Gift Aid declaration form. This is necessary for two reasons

Firstly: St Mary's and St Cecilia's bank accounts are closed and there is now a new Our Lady of Mercy, Parish bank account in operation.

Secondly: It is many years since most parishioners signed up to the Gift Aid scheme and with the 2018. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) it is important everyone signs a revised declaration form.

The Diocese have prepared these forms and they just require Gift Aiders to check their address and post code and **add their signature**.

These will be available before and after the Masses in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your assistance and for your generous contribution.

Ken, Parish Gift Aid Organiser

Come and See Weekend

Faith and discernment: Come and spend the weekend with a monastic community and experience a life of prayer and work. From Friday 15th February – Sunday 17th February, for single men and women in their 20s and 30s. This is in Warton, Lancashire. For more information please email Sister Mary Bernard on:

hyningingbookings@yahoo.co.uk

Or Ring: 01524732684

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

You are warmly invited to the celebration of Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is 'World Day of the Sick'. Mass will be celebrated on Monday 11th February at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Penshaw at 7.00pm.

Refreshments are available after Mass.

Sister Calasanctius – RIP

Please pray for Sister Calasanctius who sadly died on Wednesday 23rd January. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 1.30pm in Oaklea Convent. Sister taught Maths and RE and was deputy head teacher at St. Anthony's school.

Holy Hour for Peace

There will be a Partnership Holy Hour for World Peace on Thursday 7th February at 7.00pm in St. Leonard's Church in Silksworth. All welcome.

Over 60's

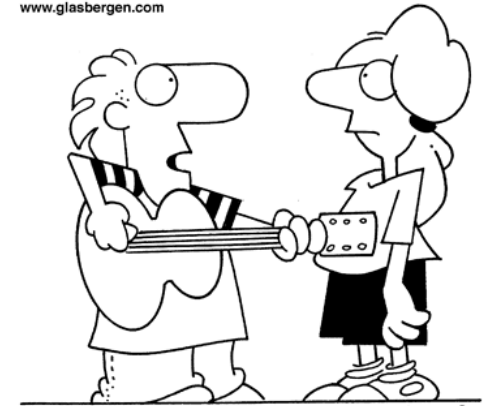
Can I remind you all that we have a wonderful over 60's group operating from St. Mary's Parish centre every Tuesday after the 12.05pm Mass. It is always open to new people coming along, so why not give it a try? You could be enjoying the fun, games, bingo or just a nice chat. All welcome.

Saint Quote:

"We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials."

-St. Teresa of Avila.

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**"Writing hymns is harder than I thought!
I can't think of anything that rhymes with
'Hallelujah' except 'glad I knew ya'
and 'we'll tattoo ya!'"**

Flame

We have a group of students from the university going to the youth event in London. We have a couple of spare tickets for only £20, including transport to and from London for the day. Any young person going should see Fr. Marc or Mary as soon as possible.

Weight Watchers

Could you do with losing a few pounds? (Then put it in the collection!) But if you would like to lose a little weight this summer, weight watchers runs every Saturday and Sunday morning from 9am in St. Mary's Parish Centre.

Mary White - RIP

Mary White has died and her funeral will be at St. Joseph's Parish (not our parish), in accordance with her wishes, on February 14th at 1.45pm

Ushaw Lecture

A lecture by Prof. Martin Stannard, on 'Evelyn Waugh, Catholicism and America: Hollywood, Death, and the Religious Life.' On Tuesday 12 February (drinks reception at 5.30pm in the Refectory) with lecture from 6.00pm - 7.15pm in the Exhibition Hall at Ushaw College. This lecture is open to all and is free of charge, but registration is essential by phone on 0191 334 1656.

City Prayer Walk

This month's prayer walk will start at Bede Tower on 8th February at 7.00am. All Welcome

Mental Health First Aid

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st February: This is a two day mental Health First Aid course which gives participants a thorough grounding in understanding mental health problems, offering support and dealing with mental health crisis. Cost is £50. To book email Dave Burke via email: davedburke@gmail.com

Prayer Group

All are welcome in St. Mary's for a Holy Hour on Thursday Evening 7pm-8pm. This is in the Mercy Chapel and the Holy Hour will be led by our young people. Please do come and support them.

Thank you for being here at Mass, you are very welcome.

The Summit

This returns for 2019 just in time for Valentine's Day! It's the usual inspiring mix of Praise & Worship, teaching and testimony, specially designed to stir the Spirit within you. Expedition Worship will be there to lead us with their uplifting music and we've invited some guest speakers who promise to make you think.

We'd love you to join us on Wednesday 13 February 2019 from 7.00pm until 9.00pm at St. Augustine's in Darlington.

Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture 2019

Prof. Myriam Wijlens talks on '*Communio Fidelium - Communio Ecclesiarum - Communio Episcoporum: Representation in Synodal Structures.*'

On Tuesday 26 February from 6.00pm in the Exhibition Hall at Ushaw College.

All are welcome, but registration is essential as this is a ticketed event; tickets must be booked by 10.00am on 19 February. Visit: rcdhn.org.uk

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

Thank you for your donations and support.

Music Workshop

Diocesan Church Music Association present a '**Keyboard-free**' music workshop.

On Saturday 9 March from 10.00am until 3.30pm at Ushaw College, Durham. £10, booking required, to book your place. Contact: Alison or call on 0191 371 9184.

The Upper Room

The Upper Room, upstairs in the Parish Centre, is open during the week for Students of Sunderland University. With free Wi-Fi and tea/coffee, study space, and a chill out zone, students are welcome to use this space free of charge. Hope of the Catholic Society, all students welcome.

Can you house a Refugee?

Do you have a spare room? We are looking for people to give short term help to destitute asylum seekers. Your role will be to provide your guest with: 1) A warm, supportive and safe living environment. 2) A bedroom, clean bedding and towels. 3) Laundry and bathroom facilities. 4) A meal on the first night. Hosts will be given constant support and review. Application forms can be found online: www.actionfoundation.org.uk.

Thank you

Thanks to everyone who came along to the Race Night last Saturday, it was a huge success and raised over £500 for the students and the Catholic Society in Sunderland. Make sure you come to our next one!

A Prayer for unborn babies:

"I will give him to the people in all my personal love, in my compassion, in my help, in my protection: because I am truly your merciful Mother, yours and all the people who live united in this land and of all other people of different ancestries, my lovers, who love me, those who seek me, those who trust in me. Here I will hear their weeping, their complaints and heal all their sorrows, hardships and sufferings."

Virgin of Guadalupe,
Patroness of unborn children,
we implore your intercession
for every child in the womb.
Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life.
Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home.
Help us never to see others as burdens.
Guide our public officials
to defend each and every human life through just laws.
Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself.
Amen.