

N 1st Sunday of Lent 10th March Sat. 6.00 pm Vigil	St. Cecilia's	Mary White (R.I.P.)
8.00 am	Convent	Michael Rochford (R.I.P.)
10.30 am	St. Mary's	Nora Campbell (R.I.P.)
5.00 pm	St. Mary's	People of the Parish
Monday 11th March 9.30 am	Convent	Ann Brantingham(R.I.P)
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Franca Louise Warrington(R.I.P.)
Tuesday 12th March 9.30 am	Convent	Ints of Pat Bevis
12.05 pm	St Mary's	Stella Close(R.I.P)
7.00pm	St Cecilia's	Sean Jacob (R.I.P.)
Wednesday 13 th March 9.30am	Convent	Convent Liturgy
12.05pm	St Mary's	Bernadette Lawson(R.I.P.)
Thursday 14th March 9.30am	Convent	Richard Christon(R.I.P.)
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Mary White(R.I.P.)
Friday 15th March 10.00 am	St. Cecilia's	ADORATION & BENEDICTION
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Edmund Leonard(R.I.P.)
5.30 pm	Convent	Ints of Sr.M.Immaculata
Saturday 16th March 9.30am	Convent	Ray Thubron(R.I.P.)
11.00 am	St. Mary's	Joseph,Mary&Pat Ivory(R.I.P.)
Sunday 17th March 6.00 pm (<i>Saturday Evening</i>)	St. Cecilia's	Albert,Rene&Mary White(R.I.P.)
8.00 am	Convent	Vera Ratton(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.

Thank you for being part of this community.



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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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 Cecilia Harper; Molly Donkin, Patricia Rutter, Ann Felton, John McConville, Kathleen Conlon, Dorothy Thompson, Jean Ashurst, Hilda, Ronnie Mitchinson, and Dave the Rave who are all sick at this time.

St. Patrick's Ceilidh

We will be having a Grand St. Patrick's Ceilidh on **Saturday March 16th at 7.30pm** in The Alexandra in Grangetown.

This will be open to all parishes in Sunderland. There will be music by The Mussel Square Boys, with dancing, raffle and games it promises to be a great night. Tickets are £5.00, and children 16 and under are free. Tickets can be bought after Mass or from St. Mary's. Please do come along, and bring friends.

Parish Lottery

THE WINNERS:

First Prize – Elizabeth Lane, Second Prize – Peter Wood, Third Prize – Evelyn Rodgers. 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.

Word on Fire

Would you like to follow Jesus more closely? Encourage others to do the same?

Gain a deeper insight, knowledge and understanding of authority, beautify and joy of the Catholic faith?

Grow stronger as a parish family?

Then I strongly recommend that you download app Word on Fire Digital, for your smart phone. There is a monthly or yearly subscription charge for the app. But it provides all kinds of resources and videos for you to watch and learn more about your faith.

Hopefully in the future we will offer a series of talks drawing from Word on Fire, which is a global Catholic outreach program which has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics around the world.

It is well worth the investment.

The First Sunday in Lent



LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness; to thy honour and glory who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. *Amen.*

First Sunday of
Lent
We Repent

Walk for Autism

The North East 'Walk for Autism' will take place on Friday 12th April from 10.00am in Herrington Park, Sunderland. To take part costs £5.00, but 15 year olds and under go free. The walk is one mile and is wheelchair and pushchair friendly.

The route will include an Easter egg rolling activity, certificates from Pawsum Panda, music, face painting and games. All welcome. If you would like more information call: 0191-4109974

St. Anne's Primary School - Lent

St. Anne's school in Pennywell, would like to invite all people from Sunderland parishes to their Lenten reflection on Thursday 21st March starting at 6.30pm in St. Anne's Church.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The North East Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine of Walsingham is on Friday 23rd August – Sunday 25th August. For further details please contact John Ross on: 0191-4404391 or Theresa Ivory on 0191-5523747

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.

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.

Please remember that St. Mary's is open all day every day for quite peaceful prayer in the midst of the city centre.

The Mercy Chapel is always open for you to spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Call in and see him this Lent.

Parish Text Service

If you would like to be included in our Parish Text Service for ABSOULETLY FREE, then you can be.

Simply Text the word CATH to 82228 from your mobile. When you text CATH (as in Catholic), you will receive any parish news or events, or inspirational quotes from the saints or Catholic resources. Please don't worry, you will not be inundated, probably two or three a week, and you will receive them free of charge. You can also stop them any time by texting CATHSTOP to 82228.

Why not try this free service from your parish this Lent. So Text CATH to 82228 today.

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, all are welcome. Why not invite someone to come with you next week?

Important Gift Aid News

Please sign new updated declaration form
Thank you to everyone who has signed their updated Gift Aid Declaration form. 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
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 the 2018 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). The Diocese have prepared these forms and they just require Gift Aiders to check their address and post code and **add their signature**. Thank you for your assistance and for your generous contribution.

If you have re/ joined Gift Aid in the last year there is no need to sign the form as the 2018 declaration is fine.

The Upper Room

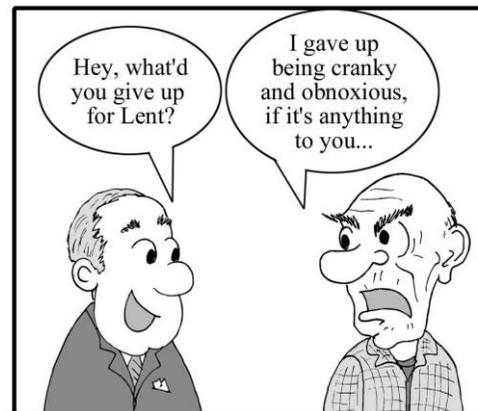
The Upper Room, upstairs in the Parish Centre, is open during the week for Students of Sunderland University. With free Wi-Fi and tea/coffee, study space, and a chill out zone, students are welcome to use this space free of charge. Home of the Catholic Society, all students welcome.

Sunderland Symphony Orchestra

Spring into Jazz concert will be on Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm at West Park Church in Sunderland.

Bishop Robert Byrne C.O.

This weekend at Mass all parishioners will receive a prayer card for a new bishop, Robert Byrne. Bishop Robert will be installed as our shepherd on March 25th in St. Mary's Cathedral. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares to move to our diocese and lead us in faith.



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Call upon the name of the Lord!

Focus on a lesser known Saint:

Fr. Giuseppe Puglisi, (1937-93) was beatified as a martyr [in Palermo, Sicily, on May 25](#). Ordained to the priesthood in 1960, he held various assignments including parish priest, seminary vice rector, diocesan vocation director, and school teacher. In 1990, he was appointed parish priest in the neighborhood of Brancaccio; after denouncing the mafia, he was murdered. In 1998, four hit men and two mafia bosses were sentenced in slaying.

"His heart was on fire with authentic pastoral charity; in his zealous ministry he made a lot of room for the education of children and young people and at the same time strove to ensure that every Christian family might live its fundamental vocation as the first teacher of the faith to children," Pope Benedict XVI preached during his 2010 apostolic journey to Palermo.

"The same people entrusted to his pastoral care were able to quench their thirst with the spiritual riches of this good pastor, the cause of whose beatification is underway. I urge you to keep alive the memory of his fruitful priestly witness, following his heroic example." "In teaching boys in accordance with the Gospel, he saved them from the criminal underworld and thus the latter sought to get the better of him by killing him," Pope Francis said the day after the beatification. "However, in fact it is he who won, with the Risen Christ ... Let us pray that these members of the Mafia be converted to God and let us praise God for the luminous witness borne by Father Giuseppe Puglisi."

We pray for the conversation of hearts of all those involved in organised crime.