

PALM SUNDAY 14 TH April Sat. 6.00 pm Vigil	St. Cecilia's	John Christopher(R.I.P.)
8.00 am	Convent	Dick Christon (R.I.P.)
10.30 am	St. Mary's	Staff & Pupils of St Anthony's Academy
5.00 pm	St. Mary's	Harry Burnikell (R.I.P.)
Monday 15 th April	Convent	NO MASS/LITURGY: Retreat
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Mary J. Downie (R.I.P.)
Tuesday 16 th April	Convent	NO MASS/ LITURGY: Retreat
12.05 pm	St Mary's	Bill Spoons (R.I.P.)
7.00pm	St Cecilia's	John & Pat Hair (R.I.P.)
Wednesday 17 th April	Convent	NO MASS/LITURGY: Retreat
12.05pm	St Mary's	David Bellamy (R.I.P.)
Maundy Thursday 18 th April	Convent	NO MASS/LITURGY: Retreat
6.30pm	St. Mary's	Ints of Molly South
Good Friday 19 th April 3pm	St. Mary's	Good Friday Liturgy
	Convent	NO LITURGY: Retreat
Holy Saturday 20 th April	Convent	NO LITURGY: Retreat
11.00am	St. Mary's	Blessing of Polish Bread
EASTER SUNDAY 21 st April 6.00 pm (Saturday Evening)	St. Cecilia's	John Mc Conville(R.I.P.)
8.00 am	Convent	Ints of Foreman Family
10.30 am	St Mary's	People of the Parish
5.00 pm	St. Mary's	Mass in Polish

NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY
Thank you for being part of this community.

Please note: The Sisters in Oaklea are on retreat this week, so services are not open to the public. Thank you.



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

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Parish Deacon: Rev. Eddy Barker
Parish Sister: Sr. Raphael

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Registered Charity: 1143450

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, Kathleen Conlon, Dorothy Thompson, Jean Ashurst, Hilda, Ronnie Mitchinson, Dave the Rave and Brian Latahan who are all sick at this time. Please remember Sheila Pye who has recently died. **May she Rest in Peace.**

Parish Lottery

THE WINNERS:

First Prize – Agnes Winlow, Second Prize – Sheila Cleugh, Third Prize – Paula Gibson. 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.

Holy Week:

Holy Thursday: *Mass of the Lord's Supper is in St. Mary's at 6.30pm.*

Good Friday: *Veneration of the Cross is in St. Mary's at 3.00pm.*

Easter Vigil: Is on Saturday in St. Cecilia's Church at 6.00pm.

Please try to come along to all three of our Holy Week services so we can be part of them together as a community.

Altar Servers Practice times:

Wednesday 17th April at 6.30pm in St. Mary's, for Maunday Thursday.

Friday 19th April at 9.30am in St. Mary's for Good Friday.

Saturday 20th April at 9.30am in St. Cecilia's for the Easter Vigil.

Easter Flowers: St. Cecilia's

Rita has asked for help to tidy up in St. Cecilia's on Easter Saturday (20th April), for an hour at 2.00pm. Please do come along and help tidy the Church ready for the Easter Vigil. It would be greatly appreciated.

Blessing of the bread

The polish tradition of the Blessing of the Bread will take place on Saturday 20th April in St. Mary's Church. All Polish families are asked to leave food at the foot of the altar by 10.50am and Fr. Marc will bless all in accordance to Polish tradition.

Sunderland Floral Art Club

Flowers Demonstration – 'Willow, wood and wine', by Ann Simpson. This will be held in St. Cecilia's parish hall on Tuesday 16th April at 2.00pm. Just pay £4 at the door as a visitor. At the end of the demonstration some of the floral arrangements will be raffled.



Chrism Mass

This will be celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle this Thursday at 11.00am. At this Mass all priests will renew their priestly vows and celebrate the priesthood. It will be celebrated by Bishop Robert and is always an impressive celebration. All welcome, but go early to ensure a seat.

Palm Sunday Reflection

Palm Sunday is this Sunday. Holy Week – the season during which we commemorate the very beginnings of Christianity – has begun with the blessing of the palms and Catholics everywhere will participate in the liturgical year's longest Sunday Gospel reading. Palm Sunday can be heart breaking because it has two very different messages. It begins of course with the happy commemoration of Jesus's triumphant return to Jerusalem – but quickly the mood becomes sombre as we remember the Lord's passion and death in the Gospel reading. The Paschal Mystery and the Last Supper, not only are marked during Holy Week but occur for us during each and every Mass, no matter the time of year.

It is the re-creation in each Mass of the Last Supper and Jesus's presence in the bread and wine that sets us as Catholics apart from other Christian faiths. For us, the "Paschal Mystery" means that we receive Christ's very real body and blood in the sacrament of the Eucharist. For Protestants, communion is a wonderful dinner they have with the Lord. For us it takes on a different meaning. It's Christ's presence with the Father and the Holy Spirit in a sacramental way.

Thank you for being here at Mass, please join us during the Holy Week services.