

<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> Sat. 6.00 pm Vigil	St. Cecilia's	John Snowdon (R.I.P)
8.00 am	Convent	Ints of John & Sheila Davison
10.30 am	St. Mary's	In Thanksgiving (JT)
5.00 pm	St. Mary's	People of the Parish
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 9.30 am	Convent	Elizabeth Clune (Babs) (R.I.P)
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Harriet Wilson (R.I.P)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 9.30 am	Convent	Kath Jackson (Slattery) (R.I.P)
12.05 pm	St Mary's	Ints of Sheila and John Davison
7 .00 pm	St. Cecilia's	Pat Beattie (R.I.P)
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 am</b>	Convent	<i>Convent Liturgy</i>
12.05 pm	<b>St Mary's</b>	Ints of Osarode Obasohan (Osa)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 9.30 am	Convent	Ints of Sr. M Francis
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Miriam Barraclough (R.I.P)
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am</b>	<b>St. Cecilia's</b>	<b>NO ADORATION &amp; BENEDICTION</b>
12.05 pm	<b>St. Mary's</b>	Thomas Scorer (R.I.P)
5.30 pm	Convent	Ints of Oaklea Sisters
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 am</b>	Convent	Ints of Sr MBede
11.00 am	St. Mary's	Tom & Theresa Maxfield (R.I.P)
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> 6.00 pm ( <i>Saturday Evening</i> )	St. Cecilia's	Clare Anderson (R.I.P)
8.00 am	Convent	Pat Beattie (R.I.P)
10.30 am	St Mary's	Ints of Sr M Scholastica
5.00 pm	St. Mary's	People of the Parish



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

**2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 – 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.*

*Registered Charity: 1143450*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: (CONFESSIONS)**

**Saturday** In the Mercy Chapel 10.15am – 10.45am and 11.30am-  
12.15pm

Also available before the 12.05pm Mass (11.30am-11.50am), and before  
The Vigil Mass at St. Cecilia's from 5.30pm – 5.45pm.

**Thank you for being part of this community.**

**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 Brian & Carole Lathaen, Alan Conniffy and John Limer who are all sick at this time. And John Kelly and Christiane Taylor who have died recently.

**Parish Lottery**

**THE WINNERS:**

First Prize – Rebecca Amundson, Second Prize – Sheila Cleugh, Third Prize – Steven Crawford. 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.

**Christine Taylor – RIP**

Sad news that Christine Taylor has died. Christine was the head teacher at St. Mary's School from 1990 – 2006, and was a very popular and well-known figure in Sunderland. Her funeral will be at 10.30am on June 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's parish in Gilesgate, Durham, which is her home parish. Please keep her in your prayers

**Dementia or Alzheimer's**

Holy Rosary Parish centre host a Day centre every Friday from 10am – 2pm, for anyone living with dementia and Alzheimer's. Activities include: Arts and crafts, singing, bingo, bingo and light meal. Only £20 per person and this includes a full meal.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

If alcohol is costing you more than just money then call AA for help. The Sunderland helpline is: 0191-5334434.

**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, and get beach body ready, weight watchers runs every Saturday and Sunday morning from 9am in St. Mary's Parish Centre.

**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

**Picnic at the Beach**

To celebrate the end of term all students and young people are invited to join Durham and Newcastle Catholic societies, as we the Sunderland Cathsoc, host a picnic at the beach!  
This will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm at Roker Beach. All welcome

**Newsletter complaint**

There was a complaint about last week's newsletter with regards to the 'Catholicism and the European Union' part. This was taken from a book 'Religion and the struggle for the European Union' by political scientists Brent Nelsen and James Guth. The statics are facts, and not just made up by me. The complainant suggested I was stupid for writing this and that is causing a great deal of trouble between Catholics and Protestants. I've called round most of my friends and colleagues from different denominations, all of whom haven't heard a thing about it, or don't see any issue. Sometimes the newsletter is used to show a range of opinions and ideas, never intended to cause offense.

**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.

**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.

**Sending Forth Mass**

Welcome to our 10.30am Mass this weekend our First Holy Communion Children. They all attend together and have breakfast in the Hall afterwards. Please keep all our children in your prayers.

**Interreligious Event**

The Joint Christian/Muslim Visit to Pray for Peace takes place on Saturday 29 June at 2.30pm at St. Mary's Chapel, Reid Park Road, Jesmond. Having prayed together refreshments will be available at Holy Name Hall.

**Holy Island Pilgrimage**

A day of prayer & pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne will take place on Saturday 8 June 2019 led by the Rt. Rev. Paul Mason, AoS Bishop Promoter, England & Wales.



Hope you have all survived the half term holiday. Good luck for going back to school for the final term.

## Why is praying the Rosary so important?

Praying the rosary has been a tradition in the Church for a long time. It's a bit fuzzy who made it more formal; some say it was St. Dominic and others say it wasn't. What really matters is that this prayer is super powerful.

Throughout Church history, many popes and saints have highly recommended that we pray the rosary. St. Louis de Montfort said, 'When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer.'

The rosary begins with the recitation of the Apostle's Creed, an Our Father, three Hail Mary's and a Glory Be. Then there are five decades which each begin and end with an Our Father and Glory Be, and have ten Hail Mary's in between. When you pray the rosary, you meditate on the events in Jesus' life. There are the joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries.

In various apparitions, Mary has appeared holding a rosary and has asked that we continue to pray this prayer. She always leads us to her Son, and

presents our needs before Him. Prayer is about developing our relationship with God, and loving Him more, so it makes sense to get to know Him through the events of the life of Christ that we meditate on during the rosary.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says:

'Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in lectio divina or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him' (CCC 2708).

Rosaries are *not* just decorations. Battles have been won because people prayed the rosary! There have been hearts converted, and impossible intentions answered too. Your life can only be blessed if you start praying the rosary.

## Lourdes Pilgrimage

The 2019 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place between Friday 26 July and Friday 2 August. The Youth Section will depart from Newcastle a day earlier on Thursday 25 July returning on Friday 2 August.

The theme for 2019's pilgrimage is "*Blessed are the poor, for the Kingdom of God is theirs*" and asks us to reflect on the life of Bernadette in the light of this Beatitude from St Luke's gospel. To book - the pilgrimage contact is Fr. Peter Stott at: St. Robert of Newminster Presbytery, Oldgate, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 1QF. Tel: 01670 513410 or email: [lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk).



## Dr. John Kelly – RIP

Doctor John Kelly, a parishioner from St. Cecilia's parish for many years, has sadly died, aged 100 years old. Funeral will be on June 11<sup>th</sup> in St. Cecilia's at 12 noon.

## St. Charles Lwanga

Charles Lwanga was born in Uganda on the continent of Africa in the last half of the 19th century. He and other young men and boys were required to work for King Mwanga. King Mwanga was an evil man who treated all people harshly, especially the boys who worked for him.

Charles and his friends learned about Christianity from the Society of Missionaries of Africa who were working in Uganda. They learned about Jesus and asked to be baptized. They became followers of Jesus Christ. The missionaries also tried to keep the boys safe from the king.

One day, King Mwanga forced the missionaries to leave the country. So, Charles began teaching people about Jesus. There were only a few hundred Christians in Uganda at that time. He also worked to protect his friends from the wicked king. The king became so angry that he ordered Charles and his friends put into prison and then killed in 1886. They were forced to walk 37 miles to the place where they were burned to death.

Charles and his friends are called martyrs because they died for their faith. Charles Lwanga and the other Ugandan martyrs were canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1964. St. Charles Lwanga is the patron saint of African youth. **Fest Day = This Monday**