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| PENTECOST Sunday 9th June Sat. 6.00 pm Vigil | 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 |
| Monday 10 th June 9.30 am | Convent | Teresa McGloin (R.I.P) |
| 12.05 pm | St. Mary's | Ints of Tommy Johnson |
| Tuesday 11 th June 9.30 am | Convent | Karen Thompson (R.I.P) |
| 12.00 pm | St. Cecilia's | Funeral Mass of Dr. John Kelly |
| 12.05 pm | St Mary's | Maisie & Jim Mason (R.I.P) |
| Wednesday 12th June 9.30 am | Convent | <i>Convent Liturgy</i> |
| 12.05 pm | St Mary's | Dec'd Members of Murray & Turley Families |
| Thursday 13th June 9.30 am | Convent | Sr. M Loreto (R.I.P) |
| 12.05 pm | St. Mary's | Ints of Simone Prior |
| Friday 14th June 10.00 am | St. Cecilia's | NO ADORATION & BENEDICTION |
| 12.05 pm | St. Mary's | Ints of Sr. M Scholastica |
| 5.30 pm | Convent | Ints of Sr M Aelred & Sisters |
| Saturday 15th June 9.30 am | Convent | Ray Thubron (R.I.P) |
| 11.00 am | St. Mary's | Colum Kelly (R.I.P) |
| Sunday 16th June 6.00 pm (<i>Saturday Evening</i>) | St. Cecilia's | Pat Beattie (R.I.P) |
| 8.00 am | Convent | Pat Beattie (R.I.P) |
| 10.30 am | St Mary's | Ints of Molly South |
| 5.00 pm | St. Mary's | Miriam Barraclough (R.I.P) |

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.



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

9th June 2019 – PENTECOST SUNDAY



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 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.*

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

Parish Lottery

THE WINNERS:

First Prize – John Metcalf, Second Prize – Jill Haistead, Third Prize – Terry Canavan. 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.

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.

Mother and Toddlers

We have a mother and toddlers group that meet in St. Cecilia's Parish Hall every Tuesday from 10.30am.

Please spread the word to anyone with young children that they would be most welcome.

Day of Reflection for Ministers

Entitled 'Serve the Lord with gladness' – all ministers are invited to take part in a day of reflection on Saturday 15th June from 10.30am – 3.30pm. The day will be led by Veronica Murphy of the Archdiocese of Liverpool. It will be held in St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Gateshead (right by Gateshead Metro). Booking is essential as places are limited. To book please ring the liturgy department on: 01912433312.

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.

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.

Newsletter

Can I remind you that these newsletters are first and foremost for those that come to Mass in St. Mary's and St. Cecilia's churches, and the Convent. They are not some sort of newsletter for the partnership in Sunderland. Complaints about the newsletter recently have come from those from different parishes, who have their own newsletters. Please note, that we print enough for our own parishioners, if these run out, we will no longer print more on request. Newsletters can be downloaded from OUR parish website: sunderlandcatholic.com.

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.

Thank you for being here at Mass

Serve the Lord with Joy!

What is cystic fibrosis?

This week I have asked the council to light up significant Sunderland land marks yellow. The colour of the CF trust, to highlight the issues faced by many families in our local area. Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a genetic condition affecting more than 10,400 people in the UK. You are born with CF and cannot catch it later in life, but one in 25 of us carries the faulty gene that causes it, usually without knowing. On Monday this week there will be a debate in Parliament about the illness. There is a lifesaving drug for the illness called "Orkambi" which is not available on the NHS yet. The new wonder drug is available in most other nations, but an agreement between the government and the company that make the drug has not yet been agreed. All the while, children are dying with CF. This weekend, I would like us to raise awareness about the condition, and the debate on Monday. The gene affected by CF controls the movement of salt and water in and out of cells. People with cystic fibrosis experience a build-up of thick sticky mucus in the lungs, digestive system and other organs, causing a wide range of challenging [symptoms](#) affecting the entire body. Read on to find out how CF is diagnosed, how it's treated, how it affects the body and what causes it. To learn more please visit:

www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/what-is-cystic-fibrosis

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



Come, O Holy Spirit by John Henry Newman

Come, O Holy Spirit.

*Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us
within,
come as Holy Light and lead us in the
darkness,
come as Holy Truth and dispel our
ignorance,
come as Holy Power and enable our
weakness,
come as Holy Life and dwell in us.
Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,
until we are set free from the service
of ourselves,
to be your servants to the world.
Amen.*

Pentecost

TODAY WE CELEBRATE what is often called the birthday of the Church.

Full of symbols: Most of us are more familiar with the account given in the Acts of the Apostles which is the First Reading of today's Mass. In this account, the apostles are all gathered in one room at the time of the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which in the Jewish calendar traditionally falls 50 days after the Passover (or Easter in our Christian calendar). What follows is a scene filled with scriptural symbols. First, there is the sound of a mighty wind from heaven filling the whole house. The word in Greek for 'spirit' and 'wind' is the same, so the wind clearly indicates the Spirit of God. Then there appeared tongues of fire which rested on the head of each one present. Again we have a symbol of God's presence. We remember Moses speaking to God out of the bush which was on fire. We remember that, as the Israelites wandered through the desert, they were accompanied during the night by a pillar of fire – God was with them. All present are then filled with the Spirit. The sign of this presence is their ability to speak in different languages.

A message for all

Immediately, the apostles go out and begin to speak to the crowds of people. Jerusalem is filled with Jewish and convert visitors from all over the Mediterranean, from Asia Minor, Egypt and North Africa, even Rome, to celebrate the feast. These people are amazed to hear men, who are clearly relatively unlettered people from the province of Galilee, speaking to them in so many languages. The meaning is clear.

What the apostles are preaching is a message destined for the whole world and not just for one people. A long time ago, as described in the book of Genesis, men tried to build a tower right up to heaven. For such arrogance they were punished by having to speak in a myriad of languages unintelligible to others. Humanity became deeply divided. Today, Babel is reversed. All are speaking and hearing the message with full understanding; people are being brought together in unity under God.

Full of fear: The Gospel today has a quite different account of the coming of the Spirit on the disciples. It is the evening of Easter Sunday and the disciples are in a room, with the doors firmly locked. As accomplices in the work of the executed criminal, Jesus, they are afraid they are the next to be arrested. The authorities would surely want to nip this subversive group in the bud before it gets out of control. Fear and anxiety is the prevailing mood among them. All of a sudden, Jesus is there in their midst. "Shalom, Peace with you" is his greeting. It is the normal Jewish greeting but it has a fuller significance here. Earlier, at the Last Supper, Jesus had promised that he would bring peace, a very special kind of peace, to his disciples. A peace they could not get anywhere else and a peace that no one and nothing could take away from them.

Now, he brings that peace to this highly fearful group. "Peace with you" in the Greek has no verb. It can be read either as a wish or a statement of fact. It is something of both. Jesus then shows them the wounds in his hands and side. There can be no doubt: it is the crucified Jesus himself, risen from the dead. As their fear changes to an unspeakable joy, Jesus again wishes them peace.