

7 th July Sat. 6.00 pm Vigil	St. Cecilia's	John Mc Conville (R.I.P.)
8.00 am	Convent	Ray Thubron (R.I.P.)
10.30 am	St. Mary's	Terry Smith (R.I.P.)
5.00 pm	St. Mary's	People of the Parish
Monday 8 th July 9.30 am	Convent	Sr. M Calasanctius (R.I.P)
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Mary Cook (R.I.P)
Tuesday 9 th July 9.30 am	Convent	<i>Convent Liturgy</i>
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Alan Burns (R.I.P)
7.00 pm	St. Cecilia's	John McConville (R.I.P)
Wednesday 10 th July 9.30 am	Convent	Ints of Sr. M Michael
12.05 pm	St Mary's	Ints of Mary Turnbull
Thursday 11 th July 9.30 am	Convent	Pat Beattie (R.I.P)
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Ints Joe & Veronica Jacob
Friday 12 th July 10.am	St. Cecilia's	ADORATION & BENEDICTION
12.05 pm	St. Mary's	Int of Margaret & Stephen Eccleston
5.30 pm	Convent	Ints of Sr. M Baptist
Saturday 13 th July 9.30 am	Convent	Ints of Sr. M Scholastica
11.00 am	St. Mary's	Elizabeth Smith (R.I.P)
Sunday 14 th July 6.00 pm (<i>Saturday Evening</i>)	St. Cecilia's	Margaret Tuckerman (Sr.) (R.I.P)
8.00 am	Convent	Dick Christon (R.I.P)
10.30 am	St Mary's	Anne Rumis (R.I.P)
5.00 pm	St. Mary's	People of the Parish

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
St. Anthony's Convent, Tunstall Road, Sunderland, SR2 7JR
Sunderland University Catholic Chaplaincy (Located at St. Mary's)

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Parish Twitter: @St_MarysRC

Parish Website: www.sunderlandcatholic.com

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

7th July 2019 - 14th Sunday of the Year



*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, Kathleen Conlon, Dorothy Thompson, Jean Ashurst, Hilda, Ronnie Mitchinson, Dave the Rave Brian & Carole Lathaen, Alan Conniffy, John Limer and Margaret Spoor who are all sick at this time and

Parish Lottery

THE WINNERS:

First Prize – Bernadette McDonough, Second Prize – Vivian Ezeugaeny, Third Prize – Meg Kay. 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.

St. Anthony's

As part of our annual Faith Festival Celebration, St. Anthony's are hosting two 'Faith Chat' sessions with pupils. We are looking for people who are willing to come and speak to pupils about their journey in faith, what inspires their faith, what maintains their faith etc. The chat need only last 10 minutes and is informal. The sessions will be held on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th July from 11am – 12.20pm. If anyone is interested please ring Sister Josepha on 07763178455.

St. Cecilia's Masses

Please note, that there is a three month delay in Masses now for St. Cecilia's. We had a sudden rush, so apologies for the delay. If you would like a Mass offered in St. Mary's please do so.

Diocesan Education Mass

There will be a special Mass for all those who have worked in education or formation in the diocese at St. Mary's Cathedral on Monday 8th July at 6.30pm. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Robert, will be followed by a drinks reception in the Cathedral. If you have or are working in any of our schools, then you are especially invited.

Rosary Rally

Minsteracres retreat centre will hold a Rosary Rally on Saturday 10th August from 12 noon – 4.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch, coffee and tea will be provided. All welcome.

Vacancy: Data Input Clerk (Temporary – part-time or full-time, flexible hours). Do you have excellent IT skills and the ability to process large volumes of data and to type quickly and accurately? Can you work under pressure and to deadlines? We are looking to appoint two Data Input Clerks to support our Safeguarding team with the processing of DBS checks. Experience of processing DBS applications and inputting large volumes of data into a database is desirable but not essential. Full-time or part-time hours are available.

It is important that the person appointed is sympathetic to the aims and ethos of the Diocese.

Hours of work: Flexible – by agreement £9.80 per hour.

To apply, please forward your CV and a covering letter to the Human Resources Manager

human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk Tel: 0191 243 3301. Please confirm your preferred working hours and availability.

Northern Cross

The July edition of the Northern Cross is now on sale at the back of both of our churches and the convent.

Pick yours up today for just £1

“Pray, love and don't worry!” – St. Padre Pio

Clergy Moves

Father Michael McCoy is leaving Sunderland, and has been appointed by the bishop to St. Mary's in Newcastle. Father David Russell has been appointed parish priest of St. Benet's, St. Hilda's and Sacred Heart parishes. Father David is currently a parish priest in Darlington. The Carmelites will become parish priests of St. Joseph's parish, and will no longer be at Sacred Heart. These moves will take place from September.

Mother and Toddlers

We have a mother and toddlers group that meet in St. Cecilia's Parish Hall every Tuesday from 9am - 11.30am.

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

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.

St. Benedict – Feast Day: Thursday

St Benedict was named as Patron of Europe in 1964. At the time, Europe was finally beginning to recover from the devastation wrought by two world wars, and the movement towards European unity had begun to develop. It was natural that the Church should have placed this desire within a sacred context under a spiritual patron. St Benedict seems to have been an inspired choice.

A vision for the dissemination of Christian culture in a spiritually united Europe, under the protection of a patron such as St Benedict, was certainly noble. Yet I cannot help but feel that we haven't fully embraced St Benedict as the patron of our nations. St Benedict's mission brought forth a new and brighter era to Europe. He established priorities which inspired men and woman to embrace the religious life and develop houses and foundations all in many nations. In a world which was often devoid of civilisation, those who followed St Benedict brought light and hope where previously there has been division and darkness. The vacuum left by the retreating and crumbling Roman Empire had created a Europe with little prospect of goodness and Benedictines were a key part of the remedy.

In the second half of the twentieth Century, as modern Europe was recovering from its own darkness, the impetus that St Benedict gave to spiritual unity and order made him an obvious choice as Patron. St Benedict, who helped to dispel the power of darkness in his own time, was sought to pray for the light of Jesus to be made known in our own family of nations which had been divided and ravaged by war.

So what does St Benedict's patronage mean to us today? Pope Pius XII saluted St Benedict as the "father of Europe". Thinking beyond the recent referendum, it is clear that Europe, as a continent, needs a spiritual father who can engender unity and gather his children together. The European family cannot afford to be characterised by dissonance and division.

We are entering a new reality which we must now embrace even if the immediate future seems uncertain. During his lifetime St Benedict brought consistency to public life. We need him more than ever, as the father and patron of Europe, to provide example and intercession. In the Europe of today we see a situation which has many parallels to the world inhabited by St Benedict. Intolerance, lack of concern for the vulnerable, extremism and prejudice were all part of the context within which Benedictine communities grew. St Benedict responded positively and practically to human needs which were not too dissimilar to the needs of those who are now fleeing poverty, disease and war in search of a better life in Europe.

One of the key charisms of St Benedict was hospitality. His genius for organisation coupled with generosity of resources is a pattern that we should try to emulate. Part of me can't help but think that St Benedict would have been dismayed at the heavily bureaucratic reality that the European Union has become. Any new reality would do well to understand something of the simplicity and munificence of Benedictine life, order and spirituality. Our relationship with Europe will change. But as Catholics, our commitment to Pope Paul VI's vision of a spiritually united community of peoples, under St Benedict's protection, should not be allowed to die.

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.

A Day for Peace

Joint Christian / Muslim visit to 'Pray for Peace'.

An event for Women and Young Children only.

Is being held at St. Mary's Chapel, Reid Park Road, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne on Saturday 29 June 2019 from 2.30pm.

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.

The Hume Lecture

The Cardinal Hume Memorial Lecture will take place in St. Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle on Thursday 11th July at 7.00pm.

The speaker is Catherine Pepinster, the former editor of the tablet magazine and a religious correspondent. The title of the lecture is: A migrant, pilgrimage people – how the Catholic revival shaped the Church today'.

The lecture is free of charge and all are welcome.

A Prayer to Heal Stress

Heavenly Father, please grant me peace of mind and calm my troubled heart. My soul is like a turbulent sea. I can't seem to find my balance so I stumble and worry constantly. Give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose and walk the path you've laid out for me. I trust your Love God, and know that you will heal this stress. Just as the sun rises each day against the dark of night. Please bring me clarity with the light of God.

In your name I pray, Amen.

*Thank you for being here at Mass,
this is your spiritual home, and you
are always welcome here!*