

What's going on...?

Hymn Request Forms: Don't forget that you can now nominate a favourite hymn for the choir to lead us in at Mass. Forms are available at the rear of the church.

Cleaning Day: The parish is planning a major cleaning day for the church, sacristy, vestry and the ground floor of the presbytery next **Saturday, 01 September** from **10:00am - 2:00pm**. There will be jobs which can be undertaken for everyone regardless of age, mobility etc. A light lunch will be part of the day. This will be a day which not only gives us a cleaner parish but also will help foster greater unity in the parish! **A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church.** Please note that you don't have to be here for the full four hours. If you can only spare an hour or so, that's fine!

Annual Leave: I will be away from the parish on two weeks of annual leave next month. Fr Brian Murphy will be celebrating the **Saturday evening Masses on 08 and 15 September** and there will be Communion services on two Wednesdays I am away, 12 and 19 September.

Rosary Group: A reminder that a group of parishioners meet regularly after the 9:30am Mass on Thursday to pray the Rosary. Feel free to join them!

Memory Café: The parish of Durham Martyrs hold a café on the **second Tuesday** of every month, from **1:00pm - 3:00pm**, for those affected by dementia and their carers. They meet at St Joseph's Church in Gilesgate. For more information contact the parish secretary on (091) 384 3810. See the noticeboard for more details.

Diocesan YouTube Channel: Did you know the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has a YouTube channel? Search for it and subscribe for no cost. This channel will also link you to "The Pope Video" which has some short videos (1 - 1½ minutes) from Pope Francis on different topics of importance.

Prayer Walks: A Prayer Walk is a great way of being active in prayer, and it's as simple as it sounds, pray while you are walking. So, if you are out and about over the summer why not consider looking at the walks we currently have on the diocesan website to help guide you on your way. Alternatively, perhaps you have a walk that we could add to our list, if so, please contact the department.

SVP Kerala Floods Appeal: As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India - it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

The Kids' Bulletin

The Apostles Stay with Jesus Word Puzzle

John 6:60-69
Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks.
Use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.



Jesus said to the

_____ ³ [EVLWTE],

"Do _____ ⁵ [UOY] also wish to go away?"

_____ ¹¹ [NMIOS] Peter

_____ ¹² [WSNAREED]

_____ ¹ [MIH], "Lord, to whom shall we

_____ ¹⁰ [OG]? _____ ⁴ [OUY] have the

_____ ⁸ [DRWOS] of

_____ ⁶ [TEENRLA]

_____ ⁹ [FLIE]; and we have

_____ ⁷ [VEEBILDE] and

have _____ ² [MCOE] to know that you

are the

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
8 9 10 11 12



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Monica - 27 August

Monica was born at Thagaste in Africa (present-day Souk Ahras in northern Algeria, near the border with Tunisia) of a Christian family. She was married young, to Patricius, and among her children was the famous Augustine, whose feast day is celebrated the day after that of Monica. Augustine had a brilliant intellect and uncertain morals and his wayward spiritual career saw him at one time a Manichee and then a Neoplatonist. With many tears Monica prayed unceasingly to God for Augustine's conversion and her prayers were answered shortly before her death. She had a deep faith and outstanding virtue and is a wonderful example of a Christian mother.



(Information taken from Universalis)

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Pope Francis' Mission Statement for September

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

"None of us is an island, autonomous and independent from others. We can only build the future by standing together."



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Prayer Group & Bible Study

Prayer Group meets every third week of the month at **St John's Church of England, Meadowfield**, from **9:30am - 10:15am**. Next meeting: **Tuesday, 18 September**. All welcome!

Bible Study Group will meet every **Friday in September, 2:00pm - 3:00pm**, at **St Andrew's Methodist Church, Brando**.

Please bring a Bible with you.
Theme: Women in the New Testament.



DID YOU KNOW...?

...that despite Jesus speaking of the "bread of life" in chapter six of John's Gospel, this Gospel does not depict the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper?

In John's Gospel, the focus of the Passover is Jesus' washing of the feet of his disciples (13:1-20). It is this event, of course, which is highlighted at the Mass of the Lord's Supper each year on Holy Thursday.



What I just did was to give you an example: as I have done, so you must do.

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"I'll give you one piece of advice: don't neglect his name, 'Jesus.' Meditate on it in your heart night and day as your personal and precious treasure. Love it more than your life. Root it in your mind. Love Jesus because he made you and bought you at a very high price. Give your heart to him because it is the debt you owe him."

Richard Rolle (c.1290—1349)

English hermit

The English Writings



PLEASE PRAY... for the following intentions throughout Ordinary Time: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer....



SCHOOL NEWS

Start of the School Year

School will re-open, following the summer break, week commencing Monday 03 September. Staff will attend on Monday 03 September and **pupils will be in school from Tuesday 04 September**.

As the new school year commences, ten pupils will start Reception Class and two other pupils will join us, from other primary schools - one pupil joining our Year 1 cohort and the other pupil joining us in Year 5.

Mass - Start of the School Year

At 10:00am, on Tuesday 04 September, the whole school will attend Mass, to celebrate the start of the new school year. We hope many of our families and parishioners will be able to join us.

Masses and Liturgies

Additional celebrations, planned for the first half term, are as follows:

Wednesday 03.10.18 @ 2:45pm - Mass (Class 1) - in school chapel

Thursday 04.10.18 @ 9:30am - Mass (Class 2) - in church

Thursday 04.10.18 @ 2:45pm - Liturgy (Class 4) - in school chapel

Wednesday 10.10.18 @ 2:45pm - Liturgy (Class 3) - in school chapel

Wednesday 17.10.18 @ 2:45pm - Liturgy (Class 2) - in school chapel

Thursday 18.10.18 @ 9:30am - Mass (Class 1) - in church



Everyone welcome!