

Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
A Parish of the Finchale Partnership



Parish Diary

Week beginning 16th January 2022

Date	Feast	Mass Intention
Saturday 15th January	(Vigil) 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	4-4:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00pm Holy Mass - Mitzi Jeffries
Sunday 16th January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Monday 17th January	St Antony, Abbot	No Mass
Tuesday 18th January		No Mass
Wednesday 19th January		No Mass
Thursday 20th January		No Mass
Friday 21st January	St Agnes, Martyr	No Mass
Saturday 22nd January	(Vigil) 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	4-4:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00pm Holy Mass— John Kitching and Harry Blakey

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Parish Surgery this Week

Saturday 22nd January 3-4pm

Our Prayers

The sick of the Parish: Wilf Lavery; David Middleton; Margaret Pouton; Sylvia Kelly; Rose Crick; Thomas Taylorson and Madge McGough and Doreen Carroll. Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.

Recently Deceased: May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Nellie Lynch; John Moran; Harry Blakey; John Kitching and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest, in peace and rise in Glory.

Parish Life

Parish Pastoral Council
Chair—Greg Mearman

Finance Committee
Chair—Philip Solan
Treasurer—Carol Bainbridge

Safeguarding
Doreen Jackson

Bulletin Team

Items for the Bulletin should be submitted prior to 12noon on a Thursday by email: stpatricksparishbulletin@gmail.com

Weekly Collection January

Loose Plate	£233	Standing Order	£9
Gift Aid Envelopes	£54	Gift Aid Standing Order	£108
Total	£404		

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the needs of our Parish and the wider Church

Latest News...

Apologies from Doreen:

Fellow parishioners I got my weeks mixed up when producing last weeks bulletin, I was a week ahead of myself. I am sorry for any confusion caused.

Liturgy Rota: No details

Readers Rota:

Tonight—Halina Holman and Ziva-steve Cruddace

22nd January—Tricia Whitfield and Pat Middleton

Eucharist Rota:

Tonight—Andrew Everett, **22nd January**—Teresa Wass

Dates for the Diary:

Finance Committee, Monday 24th January 6:00pm

Parish Pastoral Council, Wednesday 26th January 7:00pm

Both meetings will be held in the Church to comply with Covid Social Distancing restrictions.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

As well as the times given before the Vigil Mass on a Saturday, Canon Paul is very happy for anyone to make an appointment with him, to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Mass Intentions/Offerings:

As you may have noticed recently, there have been some masses for which there was no intention. There has been a long tradition of asking the priest to pray for an intention during a particular mass. The offering attached to the request is a contribution to the priest for his daily expenses. There is no set amount for the offering and mass will still be said even if an offering is not possible. Envelopes for Mass Intentions/Offerings can be found at the back of Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

It has been highlighted that the sacrament of Confirmation has not been made available for some years in the parish and that some adults have not received the sacrament. It is proposed that a short course in preparation for the sacrament will be made available in the coming year. Should you wish to be confirmed please speak with Canon Paul.

Crib Offerings:

A total of £29.60 was collected over Christmas and will be sent to Advent Alms. **Thank You**

Pope Francis' Mission Statement for January:

For true human fraternity. We pray for all those experiencing religious discrimination and persecution; may their rights and dignity, which originate from being brothers and sisters of the human family, be recognised.

Cycle of Prayer for Winter in Ordinary Time:

In the time leading up to Lent, we are asked to pray for the following intentions - Peace on Earth; Openness to the World of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed

DH7 Churches Together:

The Monthly Prayer Meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th January from 1.30—2.45. See the poster on the noticeboard for more details.

Quotes of the week:

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalms 133:1

"...I pray this winter be gentle and kind—a season of rest from the wheel of the mind..." John Geddes

Readings for 3rd Sunday in O.T.

First Reading – Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel – Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21



Free Parenting Event for Churches:

The National Parenting Initiative (www.thenpi.org.uk) is a charity with a vision to see churches supporting families in their community and are running a short online event for those who work or volunteer with families in our churches. The event will take place on 16th February 2022 from 12-1pm and will be full of inspiration and information on empowering families. The event will include some great speakers from charities including Parenting for Faith and Kids Matter. Free registration is [here](#). Anyone interested, please let Canon Paul know.

School News:

Spring Term

Pupils returned to school on Monday 10 January, following the Christmas break.

Collective Worship

This week, we reflected on the Baptism of the Lord. We talked about the importance of listening to Jesus, and following his example closely, in all we say and do.

Staffing

We welcomed two new members of staff to school this week. Mr Kelvin Snow assumed the position of School Caretaker and Mrs Tracy Newman is our School Administrator. We wish them a happy and fruitful time with us.



Prayer For The SYNOD. We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With you alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts. Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

THIS SUNDAYS READING 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

First Reading: The bridegroom rejoices in his bride

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named ‘Forsaken’, nor your land ‘Abandoned’, but you shall be called ‘My Delight’ and your land ‘The Wedded’; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Second Reading: The Spirit distributes gifts to different people just as he chooses **1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: **'My hour has not come yet' - 'Do whatever he tells you'** **John 2:1-11**

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ Jesus said ‘Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, ‘Fill the jars with water’, and they filled them to the brim. ‘Draw some out now’ he told them ‘and take it to the steward.’ They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, ‘People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.’

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

Gospel Reflection: Year C is the year of Luke’s gospel, but we start with this reading from John which recounts the symbolic beginning of Jesus’ ministry. It is full of riches. After the first reading from Isaiah it is impossible not to see this ‘sign’ (as John calls it) as a sign of that final wedding-feast of God and his people. Furthermore, in Jewish thought, water represents the Law: in an arid land water is the sign of life and is precious – just so, the Law of God is precious and gives life. Jesus transforms this water of the Law into the wine of the New Covenant – and in such generous quantities: over one hundred gallons of wine! Then there is Mary’s part: Jesus says his Hour has not yet come (and the reader knows that the Hour of Jesus will be the moment of his exaltation at the Cross and Resurrection), but Mary’s confident plea is a reminder to us of the power of her intercession. She will be mentioned no more in this gospel till she is present at the Cross, sharing the passion of her Son and joined to the Beloved Disciple to form the first Christian community.

Why did Jesus choose to do this as his first miracle?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Kids Corner:

Have fun when learning about Jesus' first miracle by completing the word search and colouring in the picture.

THE WEDDING AT CANA WORD SEARCH

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JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE, THE WEDDING FEAST AT CANA.