

**Saint Patrick's**  
**Roman Catholic Church**  
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle  
 A Parish of the Finchale Partnership



**Parish Diary**

— **Week Beginning 22 January**

Date	Feast	Mass Intention
<b>Saturday 22 January</b>	Vigil 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	4—4:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00pm Holy Mass John Kitching and Harry Blakey
<b>Sunday 23 January</b>	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
<b>Monday 24 January</b>	St Francis de Sales	No Mass
<b>Tuesday 25 January</b>	Conversion of St Paul	9:30am Holy Mass Veronica and David Parkinson
<b>Wednesday 26 January</b>	Ss Timothy & Titus	6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm Holy Mass Vera Keep
<b>Thursday 27 January</b>		No Mass
<b>Friday 28 January</b>	St Thomas Aquinas	9:30am Holy Mass Fred Ashman
<b>Saturday 29 January</b>	Vigil 4th Sunday in Ordinary	4-4:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00pm Holy Mass John Doyle

**Our Prayers**

**The sick of the Parish:**

Wilf Lavery; David Middleton; Margaret Pouton; Sylvia Kelly; Rose Crick; Thomas Taylorson and Madge McGough. 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:**

Vera Kitching; George Joseph Mains 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: [stpatriksparishbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:stpatriksparishbulletin@gmail.com)

**Weekly Collection 20th November**

Loose Plate	£222	Standing Order	£9
Gift Aid Envelopes	£55	Gift Aid Standing Order	£108

Total £394

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**Parish Surgery this Week**

**Wednesday 26 January 4-5pm**

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

## Latest News...

**Parish Surgery** As it is very difficult to attend to the many requests on a Saturday evening after Mass, there will be a Parish Surgery. An allotted hour when Canon Paul will be available, in the Presbytery to attend to any enquiries that you might have.

**Readers Rota: Tonight** – Tricia Whitfield and Pat Middleton, 29th January – Pauline Burnside and Malcolm Wass

**Eucharist Rota: Tonight** – Teresa Wass, 29th January – Greg Mearman

### **Diocesan Vacancies:**

The Diocese is looking to appoint a Health and Safety Officer to co-ordinate and manage all aspects of health and safety across the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. This will include, but is not limited to, ensuring that all Diocesan personnel are kept safe and that Diocesan properties and projects, and the associated activities are safe and without risk as far as is reasonably practicable. Full-time, permanent.

Closing date for applications – 27 January.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) or contact us on 0191 243 3301

### **Synod 2021/23:**

To bring together the views of the Partnership you are invited to a meeting where you will be able to hear about the discussions in each of our parishes, and you'll have the chance to share your own views too. This will help prepare a summary for the Diocese. The meeting will be at 7.00pm on Thursday 3 February on Zoom and the joining details are available from [margaretdoyle1066@sky.com](mailto:margaretdoyle1066@sky.com).

### **Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage:**

Expression of Interest Form for July 2022 . As preparations begin for our annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 29 July – Friday 5 August 2022, it is hoped that this year, we will be able to travel together as a Diocese once more. In order to aid the planning stages, it would be helpful if you could indicate your interest in travelling to Lourdes in July 2022 and state if you would be willing to offer any help or volunteer for any of the roles that support the smooth running of the Pilgrimage. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk). to find out how you can register your interest. Thank you so much for your service and support.

### **Vocations to the Priesthood**

Is God calling you to be a Priest? The Diocesan Vocations Team have organised an overnight retreat for men aged 18+ to discern whether God is calling them to the Priesthood. Date Friday 25th February 2022 5.00pm to Saturday 26th February (after lunch) Place Minsteracres Retreat Centre, Minsteracres, Consett, DH8 9RT Cost £50 (including meals and accommodation) Spaces are limited. Please contact Fr Shaun Purdy to book a place or for more information. Email [vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk) Telephone 01670 812 200 Bookings to be made by Thursday 10th February

### **Feedback from Synod Assembly 2 11th December 2021**

Feedback suggests that engagement with the Synod across the diocese has been patchy. This appears to be due to the level of engagement of local Clergy and where our parishes are with regards their partnership development. The approach can be ad hoc. In some areas, there has been less successful engagement with laity e.g. in “explaining” what Synod process actually is. However, it has started – and we are identifying where parishes need support. It is working in the sense that the opportunity is being provided for people to be consulted. But it is very reliant on people coming forward to be part of the process. It has been suggested that it would be helpful to provide an opportunity for the priests to come together to discuss e.g. in the January/ February Vicariate meetings. There are examples of where it is really moving well for example, there was the most successful day in November with the Religious of the diocese. It seems to be going well where there is strength in the local church/ community already and existing groups have been used. It is felt that we don't need to cover lots of questions, but we do need careful/intentional listening to hear the different themes come through. The positivity of the responses to having a synod are encouraging, people feel it has enabled them and encouraged them to have their voices heard. They feel there is a freedom to express things – they are glad of the forum. But they question would they be really heard? We do need to dig deeper into questions and to widen scope of response. It is going less well at reaching the margins where there may be less opportunity. We must outreach to all This needs to be understood to be a continued journey beyond handing in the Synodal report. The diocese needs a strategy – who would respond to the Synod? There is a need for formation on being a Synodal Church; including this being about intentional active listening (every conversation is a contribution to the Synod process).

The above is an extract from the feedback report. The full text is available at: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Synod-Assembly-2-Feedbackv3.pdf>

### **School News**

#### Collective Worship

This week, we listened to the story of Jesus's first miracle, at the wedding feast in Cana. We reflected on the role of Mary, who intercedes for those in need.

Twitter. Don't forget to log on to our Twitter page, to see what our children have been doing in school. @StPatsLM

**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 READINGS

### 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

#### **First Reading Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10**

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’ Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people, said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

**Responsorial Psalm Response:** Your words are spirit Lord and they are life.

#### **Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-30**

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, ‘I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, ‘I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you’, nor can the head say to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’ What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ’s body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to  
Proclaim liberty to captives, Alleluia!**

#### **Gospel Reading Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21**

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, o proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, o proclaim the Lord’s year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

# The Church is a Body

The Catholic Church isn't a building. Did you know that? The Church is actually the group of people who have been baptized into the Faith. All the different kinds of people in the Church work together, just like a person's body.



Think about the different parts of your body. What do your eyes do? What about your ears? Hands? Feet? Brain?

Now think about the Church. It has a pope, bishops and priests, teachers, doctors, musicians, mothers and fathers, and even children. What do each of these people do for the Church?

What is your job in the Church right now? What do you think it will be when you are grown up?



Answer to Word-Find: We are one body in Christ.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 23rd, 2022



Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21

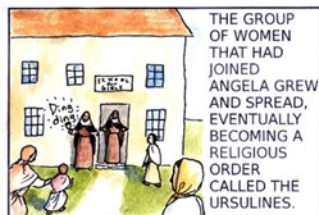
In today's Gospel reading, Jesus stood in the synagogue and read from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

What did it say?

Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

# Saint Angela Merici

January 27



IN ANGELA'S TIME POOR PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY GIRLS, COULDN'T GO TO SCHOOL AND THERE WERE NO WOMEN TEACHERS. IT TOOK A LONG TIME FOR PEOPLE TO ACCEPT WHAT ANGELA WAS DOING, BUT SHE NEVER QUIT. WHEN YOU HAVE A HARD TIME WITH SCHOOL YOU CAN PRAY TO SAINT ANGELA FOR HELP!

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# 'ONE BODY' WORD-FIND



TWCHRISTAEB  
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EOMDRONEGHTR  
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HOMANYDRFAZH  
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RTEACHERSIDI  
NPROPHETSNCH  
RISMELLSTGOD



Find the words that are written in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.



SAINT PAUL tells us that we have been BAPTIZED into the ONE body of CHRIST which is the CHURCH. There are MANY MEMBERS, but they all work TOGETHER and CARE for each other. But the parts of a BODY are not ALL the same as each other! An EYE is different from an ear, and a HAND is not the same as a FOOT. If all your body was an EAR, then how could you SMELL?

In the Church there are many different GIFTS. Some people are APOSTLES, some are PROPHETS, some are TEACHERS. Some people have the gift of HEALING. GOD has made all these different sorts of people to work together in the Church.