

St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
A Parish of the Finchale Partnership



Welcome to our bulletin covering mass readings, the coming weeks parish diary, news, prayers and upcoming diary dates. **Please take this bulletin home with you and if you can, pass it onto others.**

Parish Diary

Week beginning 15 Mar 2025

Date	Feast	Mass Intention
Sat 15 March	Vigil 2nd Sunday of Lent St Patrick's parish event	5:00pm Holy Mass, Private intention Celebrated by Brother Lixson Cyriac
Sun 16 March	2nd Sunday of Lent	10:00am Syro-Malabar Mass with Holy Rosary at 9:30am
Mon 17 March	St Patrick, Bishop and Patron of Ireland	No Mass
Tues 18 March		No Mass
Wed 19 March	St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6:00pm Stations of the Cross No Mass
Thurs 20 March	St Cuthbert	9:30am Holy Mass, Celebrated by Fr Andrew—Gus Booth
Fri 21 March		No Mass
Sat 22 March	Vigil mass 3rd Sunday of Lent	5:00pm Holy Mass, Golden Wedding

Our Parish Prayers: Please continue to pray for those sick, the lonely and the housebound in our parish, also keep in your prayers all who care for them. Pray for; **Sylvia Kelly; Ann Booth, Ann Canavan, John Walton, Ethel Condron and Edward (Ted) Halliday** Prayer for the Holy Father, **Pope Francis**, who is seriously ill in hospital, that he makes a good recovery.

Anniversaries: Please pray for Leonie Walsh and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time. Pray for those recently deceased, may they **Rest in Peace. Amen**



Parish Collections last week: 8 March 2025

Collections: Loose £202 Gift Aid (GA) Envelopes £92, GA Standing Order £223. Total £517. **Thank you!** to all parishioners for your generosity, contributing to the finances of our parish and the charitable work in the wider church and Diocese. **Next** 2nd Collection **6 April.**

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Bulletin Requests: Please send parish bulletin items to Clare:

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If you would like to receive the bulletin electronically, please contact **Clare** on the parish email. Also the most **recent bulletin** can be found on the on the **parish website:** [St. Patrick's RC Church – Langley Moor \(stpatricksrcchurch.co.uk\)](http://St.Patrick's RC Church – Langley Moor (stpatricksrcchurch.co.uk))

Mass Intention Requests - please complete a mass intention envelope /or envelope with details and your donation.
Thank you.

On the 2nd Sunday of

Lent Year C, the readings invite us to reflect on faith, transformation, and God's promises. These themes help us to grow closer to God during Lent.



Latest Church and Diocese News.....



Welcome to **Brother Paul**, who will be celebrating mass with us tonight. Br Paul is a Friar in Durham.

Church Ministry:

Welcomers:

Tonight: Pat Middleton and Halina Holmen

22 March: Paul Kelly and Anne Kelly

Readers:

Tonight: Freya Storey and Mary Everett

22 March: Stella Foody and Malcolm Wass

Eucharistic Ministers:

Tonight: Carol Proudlock and Pauline Burnside

22 March: Malcolm Wass and Jane Smith

Children's Liturgy:

Tonight: Maria and Joanne

22 March: Maria and Helen

Readings Next Week 22 March: **First reading, Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15. Second reading, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12. Gospel, Luke 13:1-9.**

Celebrate St Patrick tonight

Stay after mass **tonight** and celebrate our patron saint tonight at **6pm**, with light refreshments and music.

The image of St Patrick is depicted in the stained glass windows at the back of the church.



Diary Dates:

Stations of the Cross



Stations take place on **Wednesday evenings at 6pm during Lent.**

The next service is, **March 19th**, led by Freya and Ziva-Steve.

Following weeks Stations, during Lent:

- * **March 26, @ 6pm**, led by Ann and Doreen
- * **April 2 @ 6pm**, led by Malcolm and Teresa
- * **April 9 @ 6pm** led by Fr Gordon
- * **No stations during Holy week**, however Fr Ryan will lead a **Taizé Prayer Evening, Tuesday April 15th @7pm**



Note: Holy week services, are on the back page...

- * **19—29 March 2025.** New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Course (Durham). [Details in previous bulletins].

Parish Notices

Safety Notice: Church Garden and Grounds

The rear and side Church remains fenced off. As a result of the storm in January there are hazardous falling and loose slates. Please stay clear of this area until the roof is repaired.

Parish Health & Safety Officer

Carol Proudlock's term of office as Parish H&S Officer will end on 31 March 2025. Carol took on the role at a time when many H&S issues had been neglected and a number of mandatory systems had not been established. Thankfully as a result of her great efforts, the H&S systems and procedures that Carol has established are up to date and in the main require routine maintenance rather than the major overhaul that she was required to undertake.

We need someone to take on this critical H&S role, to help ensure that our parish services and pastoral work can continue. Please take time to consider whether YOU feel able to take on this role. Carol will help provide help and guidance to anyone who takes on the role. In addition to the H&S work, the incumbent becomes a member of the Parish Pastoral Council which meets about 4 times a year.

Should you be interested in taking on this important role, please contact FR Gordon, Greg Mearman or Carol Proudlock.

20 March - Mass St. Cuthbert's day at Ushaw:

On the Feast of St. Cuthbert, Mass will be celebrated in St Cuthbert's Chapel at 12.30pm. Cuthbert is the patron of our Diocese, and also the patron saint of Ushaw. 2025 is a Jubilee year, a year to celebrate everything that is good about our faith, and a year in which we particularly want to celebrate the life and legacy of our patron saint.

Everyone is very welcome to attend, and there is no need to book. For further details see <https://ushaw.org/whatson/st-cuthberts-day-2/>

Ecumenical Midday Prayer Service at Ushaw

Held weekly, the service is at 12 noon each Tuesday in St. Cuthbert's Chapel bringing together Christians of all denominations. Everyone welcome.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March :

Eternal Father, I offer you everything I do this day – my thoughts, works, joys, and sufferings. Grant that, enlivened by the Holy Spirit and united to Jesus in the Eucharist, my life this day may be of service to you and to others. And with Mary and the whole Church I pray especially for the Pope's prayer intention this month.

For families in crisis - Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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First reading

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

Second reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.

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Gospel

Luke 9:28b-36

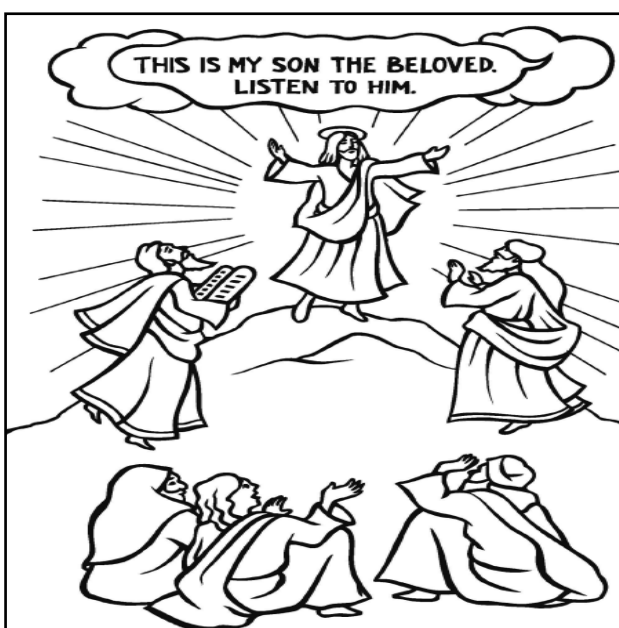
At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

School/children/ young people news, Diocese news, prayers and more..

[if you know anyone that might be interested in the Diocese opportunities, that have been put together below, please pass on this bulletin, so they can consider them]. **Thank you.**

Children's Corner: Mission Together Lenten Calendar: 2025 week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>17 Yesterday's Sunday Gospel was Lk 9:28-36. What does it encourage us to do this week? + </p>	<p>18 Yesterday was the feast of St Patrick. Find out why he is the patron of Ireland.* </p>	<p>19 Hear God speak to you today through: *Loved ones *The Bible *Creation </p>	<p>20 In Lent, we listen to God and others more carefully. How can you listen well today? </p>	<p>21 With your class reflect and pray with the 5th & 6th Stations of the Cross. + </p>	<p>22 Tell a family member three things you have learnt about Lent this week. </p>	<p>23 Find a quiet place and pray the Our Father for all hungry children in the world. </p>



Second Sunday of Lent "While Jesus was praying, his face changed its appearance, and his clothes became dazzling white." **Luke 9:29**

Holy Week and Easter Vigil Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 15th April, Taizé Prayer, led by Fr Gordon @7.00pm

Maundy Thursday 17th March @ 7.00pm, (followed by a period of watching and adoration of the blessed sacrament until 8.30pm).

Good Friday 18th April @ 3.00pm.

Holy Saturday (Easter vigil) 19th April 5.00pm

Easter Sunday 20th April – No Mass



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National Catholic Leadership Programme

This programme is for serving Deputy Headteachers in Catholic Primary and Secondary schools who are considering the role of headteacher in the next two years. It is fantastic training for the role of Catholic Headteacher, delivered by inspirational leaders across our Diocese.

Contact: education@diocesehn.org.uk for information.



Teach in a Catholic School

Are you a Catholic teacher currently working outside Catholic education? Have you considered bringing your skills, experience, and faith into a Catholic school? Now is the time to explore how you can make a real difference in a values-driven, faith-filled learning environment. The Diocesan Department for Education are hosting an information session, for those interested in exploring teaching opportunities in our Catholic Education Trusts and schools.

Date: Wednesday 2 April 2025 between 4.30pm - 5.30pm.

Location: The Durham Centre, Belmont DH1 1TN

Register your place by emailing: education@diocesehn.org.uk

Job Vacancy -Safeguarding Co-ordinator, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle – full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 25 March at 12.00pm. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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Safeguarding: Good Practice in all areas

Bishop Stephen Wright, welcoming the report, said:

I am very pleased that our diocesan family's commitment to best practice in safeguarding is acknowledged and demonstrated in this report. The improvements over the last two years are clear and we remain committed to ever improve safeguarding culture, procedures, and practices. Best practice in safeguarding is always evolving and complacency must be avoided. Safeguarding the vulnerable is everybody's responsibility and the audit looked at all aspects of diocesan life. I thank everybody in our Diocese for their commitment to best practice and thank our Parish Safeguarding Representatives for their vigilance. I also thank our excellent Safeguarding Team and Committee for their work. The diocesan family are secure in receiving their independent advice on safeguarding the vulnerable. "I thank our regulator the CSSA for their comprehensive audit and we look forward to implementing recommendations to improve even further. **Read the reports here:** "[Safeguarding Agency hails 'good practice' in all areas - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle](#)"

