

# Holy Family

## Roman Catholic Parish

St Mary's, St John Vianney's, St Patrick's and St Joseph's Churches

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle



### Parish Diary — Week beginning 16th October 2022

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| Date                   | Feast                    | Saint Joseph's   | Saint Patrick's  | Saint John Vianney's                                     | Saint Mary's  |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Saturday 15th October  | (Vigil) 29th Sunday O.T. | 4.00pm - 4.30pm<br>Exposition & Confessions<br><br>5.00pm Mass<br>Seamus McEaney                   |  |  |   |
| Sunday 16th October    | 29th Sunday O.T.         | *10.00am Mass<br>The Stoddart Family<br><br>Coffee after Mass                                      | 9.00am Mass<br>Beth Wilkinson (A)<br><br>Coffee after Mass                       | 11.00am Mass<br>Alfred Facchini<br><br>Coffee after Mass | 6.00pm Mass<br>Timlin & Carroll Families                          |
| Monday 17th October    | St Ignatius of Antioch   | 6.30pm Mass<br>Mary Ward (B/Day A)   |  |  | 10.00am Mass<br>Joan Carter & Tony Atkinson                       |
| Tuesday 18th October   | St Luke                  | 12.05pm Mass<br>Pat Sheridan   | 10.15am/10.30am<br>Exposition/Rosary<br><br>6.30pm Mass<br>Tom & Francie Bamford |  | 2.00pm<br>Rosary  |
| Wednesday 19th October |                          | 6.00pm - 6.25pm<br>Exposition & Confessions<br><br>6.30pm Mass<br>Special Intention (Thanksgiving) | 1.00pm Requiem Mass<br>Jean Jackson  | 9.30am Mass<br>No Intention                              |   |
| Thursday 20th October  |                          |  | 9.30am Mass<br>James Kitching  |  | 6.00pm Novena to Our Lady<br><br>6.30pm Mass<br>Coghlan Mass Fund |
| Friday 21st October    |                          | 12.05pm Mass<br>Elizabeth & William Carroll  |  |  |   |
| Saturday 22nd October  | (Vigil) 30th Sunday O.T. | 4.00pm - 4.30pm<br>Exposition & Confessions<br><br>5.00pm Mass<br>Peter Garthwaite                 |  |  |   |
| Sunday 23rd October    | 30th Sunday O.T.         | *10.00am Mass<br>David Windram<br><br>Coffee after Mass  | 9.00am Mass<br>A Cancer Sufferer<br><br>Coffee after Mass                        | 11.00am Mass<br>Sandra Kelly<br><br>Coffee after Mass    | 6.00pm Mass<br>People of the Parish                               |

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# THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

**SVP COLLECTION** - A collection is open this weekend for the SVP. Please give generously if you can.

**GIFT AID** - If any returning parishioners wish to restart their Gift Aid donations, please contact Laura in the Parish Office (866288) with your name and address and we will be happy to provide you with envelopes or a Banker's Order form. If you are a taxpayer and wish to join the scheme, please contact Laura and we will provide you with an application form. Remember we can claim an extra 25% on top of your donation as a tax free benefit to the parish; a welcome bonus in the present climate of inflation!

**BAPTISM APPLICATIONS** - Application forms for infant baptism are available at the back of each church and from the parish office. Please return completed forms to the parish office. You are then invited to the next Baptism meeting on Wednesday 2nd November at Holy Family Parish Hall, at 6pm.

**MASS AT ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE** - Parishioners are warmly invited to English Martyrs School on Wednesdays during term time, at 12.30 for Mass. The chapel is undergoing refurbishment, so Mass is currently being held in the drama studio, just inside the main reception area. Ample parking is available in the Catcote Road car park.

**MASS ST BEGA'S SCHOOL** - Parents and parishioners are also invited to St Bega's School on Mondays during term time, at 9.15am for Mass.

**SEAFARERS APPEAL** - If anybody has any good, clean and warm clothing, washable coats, sweatshirts or hoodies, our seafarers would be more than grateful of any donations. Please leave donation in the bin as you enter church, or contact Brenda Bland on 07599511066 for more information.

**FLAME CONGRESS** - Flame 2023 will be the first Flame Congress since the pandemic. The theme 'Rise Up!' reflects this hope – a time to stand up again, together, to find fresh strength, to help others to rise up, and to use the energy and gifts of young people in new ways. Young people in Year 9 and above are invited to join us on 4th March 2023 at Wembley Arena - COST: £40 per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). Any young person interested in participating in this years Flame Congress, please email Ric before the end of October.

**CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMMES** - Our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and our children who are preparing for First Eucharist will have a special part to play

in our Masses over the weekend. Special thanks go to Ric who is coordinating the team of Catechists who will be preparing our young people for Confirmation, and Sarah who is coordinating the team of Catechists who will be preparing our children for First Holy Communion. As a parish we are very blessed to have so many volunteer Catechists to help in the preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation. Over 130 children of our parish will be preparing for First Holy Communion spread across St Patrick's, St John Vianney's and St Joseph's Churches, all following the same diocesan programme. There are also 16 candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation whose preparation will take place in Holy Family Parish Hall and in the churches of the parish.

**NOVEMBER MASSES** - During the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls, there will be three Masses said each week for our deceased relatives and friends. A basket will be placed in front of the altar in each of the churches of the parish in which you can place an envelope containing the names of those loved ones who have died together with a donation towards the masses that will be offered. Envelopes will be available from the end of October.

**200 CLUB** - September Draw took place last weekend. Winners: 1st Prize of £150 is No 164 Marty McGarry, 2nd Prize of £75 is No 131 Fred Bostock, 3rd prize of £25 is No 90 Pat Bunn. Congratulations to all our winners. Quarterly Subs now due. £6.25 per quarter, £12.50 Half Year. Please make payment to Clare Ferguson or David Frank, alternatively put payment in envelope, include your name and address, mark envelope 200 club and place on collection plate. Cheques to be made out to "St Patrick's 200 Club". This week we donated £1,000 to the Holy Family Parish from our 200 Club funds – grateful thanks to all our supporters.

**FLOWER SPONSORSHIP AT ST PATRICK'S** - Donations for flowers have been received from Margaret Tierney – in memory of her son Steven, and Jean Rayment in memory of her late husband Joe. Our altars are looking particularly beautiful at this time thanks to the generous donation from our wedding couple last weekend.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** - Next Sunday, 23rd October is the Day of Special Prayer for the Evangelisation of the World (Mission Sunday). A special collection will be taken for the missions.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** - As you may be aware now, the date of the Coronation of King Charles III has been set for Saturday 6th May 2023. For this reason, our First Holy Communion's scheduled for that day will be rescheduled to the following week and will now take place on Saturday 13th May 2023.

**PARISH DONATIONS** - Anyone wishing to provide regular giving, you can instruct your bank to set up a standing order using these details:  
Beneficiary: DHN The Holy Family      Account Number: 11173928      Sort Code: 40-34-45      **Thank you.**

## This Sunday's Readings 29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13**

**As long as Moses kept his arm raised, Israel had the advantage**

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

**Response: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2**

**The man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work**

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading Luke 18:1-8**

**The parable of the unjust judge**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

## REFLECTION

Persistence in our prayer life is an important part of being a Christian. We believe that God hears our prayers and that He acts upon them. Sometimes He answers quickly, and we receive the graces we have requested, at other times He seems to act very slowly but eventually we begin to see His influence on events and although the outcome is not always what we sought we find the strength to understand.

The Old Testament readings are often difficult to understand but we must recognise that they are the story of a people who worshipped God. What we find in the Bible is a mixture of history, poetry, culture, prophesy, law, and faith. Israel was beset on all sides by other nations who fought for the same land. Today the Amalekites attack Israel and they come to battle at Rephidim. Moses prays to the Lord for victory and, as long as he kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage. When his prayer waned, Israel began to fail, but the persistence of Moses, helped by Aaron and Hur, saved the day and Israel triumphed over their aggressors.

Scripture too, is of great importance to our faith. Paul's letter to Timothy, which is proclaimed today, is filled with the special qualities that the Word brings into our lives. He tells us "All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy". Through the Word we gain the wisdom that leads us to salvation; its proclamation is a solemn duty, and the message that is contained within must be insisted upon no matter what the opposition we face.

The story of the unjust judge and the poor widow is used by Jesus to emphasise the importance of prayer. Because the widow would not be denied justice but prayed to God and persevered with her case the judge eventually found in her favour. When Jesus began his ministry, many people had grown weary of the injustices of life, they had lost faith and turned away from prayer. Jesus promises that we must keep faith in His Father, persevere in prayer and justice will come. Prayer comes from faith, the greater our faith the more we need to pray.

*David Frank*

Daily Readings



# OUR PRAYERS

**The sick of the Parish:** Stephen Anderson, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Michael Blackford, Hilary Bradbury, Dennis Bratt, Margaret Burke, Kay Burns, John Cann, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Veronica Cochrane, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Lottie Docherty, Natalie Eglintine, Teresa Falkingham, Emily Flannery, Alison Foster, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, David Geen, Christine Hansell, Mary Harper, Mary Harris, Andrew Haygarth, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Peter Johnson, Christine Jones, Etty Jordan, Moira Kelly, Ceilia King, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Ken Knight, Frank Kozorowski, Marie Lydon, Maureen Maguire, Vera Marriott, James Marshall, Mary Mason, Ian Matthews, Colin McDonald, Audrey McDonald, Owen McEaney, Lilian McGee, Jim McKenna, Paul McCraith, Christopher Mgehe, Paul Moore, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, Sylvice Ntrianni, Winnie Oliver, Myra Pattison, Eddie Pearson, Colin Price, Christine Priestly, Damian Rafferty, Jean Richardson, Pam Robertson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Corazon Simpson, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Lynsey Todd, Nora Trischler, Jonathon Vokes, Kay Wallace, James Walsh, Anthony Weegram. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

**Recently Deceased:** Jean Jackson, Maureen Thompson, Kitty Boreland, John Curry, Audrey Moore. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** Thomas Marques Harrison, Jennifer Noddings, Margaret Eglintine, Jean Casey, Joan Linighan, Theresa Brzezinska, Thomas Carroll, Edward Garthwaite, Doris Carney, Ellen Elizabeth Healey, Kathleen Leighton, Robert Deathers, John Hart, Billy O'Dell, Mathew Taylor, Catherine Joan Carter, James Joseph Hewitt, David Windram, Norah Elliot, Rhys Hewitt, Lawrence Atkinson, Matthew Mahony, Frances Bamford, William Menary, Anne Norah Talbot, Edith Waller, Clare Marie Jagger, Ronald Muller, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

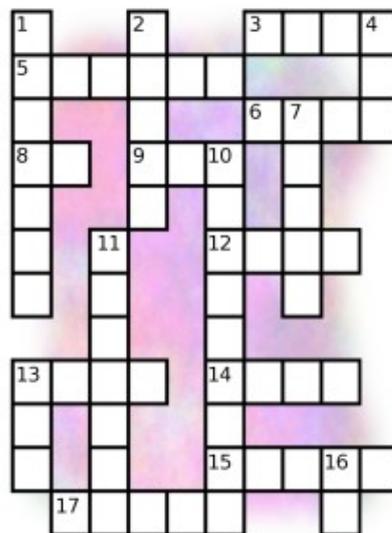
## Kids Corner:

### Saint Gerard Majella

October 16



SAINT GERARD ALWAYS TRIED TO DO GOD'S WILL. WE CAN DO WHAT GOD WANTS BY FOLLOWING THE CHURCH'S LAWS AND OBEYING OUR PARENTS AND TEACHERS. THAT IS THE BEST WAY TO START BECOMING A SAINT. YOU CAN PRAY TO SAINT GERARD TO HELP YOU TO DO GOD'S WILL ALL THE TIME.



## the parable of the unjust judge

Here's a puzzle about the story in today's Gospel reading.



- Across:
3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_, "There was a judge..."
  5. The judge was \_\_\_\_\_ (not fair)
  6. The judge wanted the widow to go \_\_\_\_\_.
  8. We should pray \_\_\_\_\_ God.
  9. Who will always listen when we pray?
  12. The judge was \_\_\_\_\_ to listen; God is fast.
  13. The unjust judge did not \_\_\_\_\_ God.
  14. What we do when we are talking to God.
  15. The widow needed help against her \_\_\_\_\_.
  17. Who told the story about the widow and judge?

- Down:
1. Fairness.
  2. What sort of person did the widow ask for help?
  4. We pray to God \_\_\_\_\_ and night.
  7. The parable is about a \_\_\_\_\_ and a judge.
  10. Who did Jesus tell the story to?
  11. Another name for the stories Jesus told.
  13. God will do what is good \_\_\_\_\_ us.
  16. The judge thought, "She will wear \_\_\_\_\_ out."

