



Sunday 17th March 2024

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As our Lenten journey brings us nearer to Jerusalem, this week's readings promise us the hope of forgiveness and eternal life as we try to stay alongside Jesus in his suffering. Like Jesus, we, too, are made for eternal life, and are united with him as we serve him. In the Gospel, Jesus describes the grain of wheat that dies and is buried before it bears fruit. In the same way, Jesus himself will die and rise again, drawing all of us to him. Jesus found in his passion that God the Father is near, we can find that through helping people in times of suffering by listening and sharing.



St Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God is a shining example, so complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing.

St Patrick came to Ireland to tell people about the love of God in Christ Jesus. Thank you, Father, for sending your Son to die on the cross in our place, so that we can draw near to him. In the cross you have revealed to us your unfathomable love, mercy and forgiveness. Help us to follow the obedience of your Son by taking up our cross, so we may become ambassadors of your sacrificial and reconciling love in the world. Amen.

St Patrick taught the people of Ireland about God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Thank you for those who faithfully teach others about you in churches, theological colleges and communities across the world today. We pray for those teaching in challenging circumstances, places where there is conflict, hunger or persecution. Amen.



Missio Red Boxes are due for collection. If you do not have a collector please bring your red box after Mass to the church crèche on Sunday 7th April or you can leave at parish shop with your name and telephone number and we will ring you when it is ready to be picked up. Thank you

Our Lady and St. Bede School are looking for invigilators for the upcoming exams. Working as part of a team, invigilators contribute to ensuring a calm environment for the exams, giving candidate's confidence in the process. The public examination period is May and June; however, Invigilators will be required to attend during the year for training and to assist with internal exams. Readers/Scribes are required to support individual students by reading aloud and/or transcribing verbal answers to examination questions. If anyone would be interested in this role, could you, please email gilrajnej@olsb.bhcet.org.uk or call school for further information.

A Film for Lent . . The Hogarth Partnership film 'THE LAST SUPPER' will be shown in St Augustine's Parish Centre, Darlington, on Sunday 24th March at 3pm. There is no entry charge but a basket will be available for donations to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

5th Sunday of Lent 			
17	Sunday	9.00am	Norman & Hunton Families
18	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Josie Murphy Medjugorje Rosary ~ All welcome
19	Tuesday St Joseph		
20	Wednesday St Cuthbert		
21	Thursday	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
22	Friday	9.15am	Lawrie Ryan
23	Saturday	9.15am	Jimmy Hanley
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 			
24	Sunday	9.00am	Special Intention
Recently Deceased:		Fr Patrick Kennedy ~ May he rest in peace. Amen.	
Anniversaries:		Mary Boyce, Anne Greenley, James Faley, Bernard Marr, Michael McManus, Sheila Willis	
		Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Brian Lee, Kathleen Hanley, Samuel Kiberu Brian Wetherell, Sheila Kerr, Joyce Thomas	
Reader for Sunday 24th March ~ Hilary Boyce			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



**St Cuthbert
Patron of the Diocese**

Ever living God, you called your servant Cuthbert to proclaim the Gospel in northern England and blessed him with a loving heart and gentle spirit, grant us grace to live as he did, in simplicity, humility and love for the poor; through Jesus Christ, who came among us as one who serves. Amen

The Vicariate for Faith and Mission has now produced the second part of the booklet of Lenten reflections which offers reflections on the daily readings, from the Fourth Sunday of Lent until Easter Sunday.

This Sunday there will be a special collection for Survive-Miva. This is a Missionary charity providing vehicles for missionaries.

A collection for the Catholic community in the Holy Land (Holy Places) will be taken next Sunday, 24th March.

The Stations of the Cross this week will be led by the Reader's Group, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7pm.

The next SPUC Club Draw will take place this Sunday, 17 March, in the church hall following the 9am Mass. Any outstanding monies can be given to Christine, Maurice or Eileen. Many thanks.

New stock has arrived at the Parish Shop - gifts and cards for all occasions, medals, prayer cards, rosary beads, statues, simple prayer books, crosses etc., please call in.

Job Vacancy: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancy: HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 28th March. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact 0191 243 3301.