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Retired Priest in residence:

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PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE

SUNDAY 16th February 2014

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



| <u>Masses</u> | | | <u>Intentions</u> |
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| Sunday | 16 th | 9:00am | Tony Syron Pat McGurk People of the Parish |
| | | 11:00am | |
| | | 7:00pm | |
| Monday | 17 th | 9:15am | Mass for Vocations (Catenians) |
| Tuesday | 18 th | 9:15am | |
| | | 7:00pm | |
| Wednesday | 19 th | 9:15am | John Devitt |
| Thursday | 20 th | 9:15am | |
| Friday | 21 st | 9:15am | |
| Saturday | 22 nd | Chair of St Peter | Lyndsey McKeown People of the Parish Evelyn Givens |
| | | 10:00am | |
| Sunday | 23 rd | 9:00am | |
| | | 11:00am | |
| | | 7:00pm | |

SUNDAY 23rd February 2014 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

| Mass | 9:00am | 11:00am | 7:00pm |
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| Readers | N. McCole H. Lewington | L. Flinders B. Cudd | C. Reardon T. Edwards |
| Eucharistic Ministers | K. Wilson A. Wilson T. Walker | R. Soulsby D. Shearer V. Shearer | C. Rich J. Barham A. Smith |
| Altar Servers | A. Bambrick E. Shittleworth | A. Bambrick | P. Smith J. Dowd |

Children's Liturgy: As advised to leaders and companions

Tea/Coffee after morning Masses every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

Confessions: No Confessions this Wednesday. Saturday: 11 00am – 12 noon

The Angelus: Monday to Friday at 9 00am.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 9 00am.

Rosary - Saturday – 9 40am.

Divine Mercy Devotions – next meeting on Thursday 27th February at 7.00 in the presbytery.

Bible Sharing – Tuesday 1 00pm to 2 00pm in the church hall. All welcome

Wednesday Word – to help you prepare for Mass next Sunday. Please pick up a copy in the porch.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursday from the end of Mass until **Benediction at 10.15am** and Saturday from the end of Mass until 12 noon. During Adoration on Thursday mornings the rosary will be prayed for the forthcoming parish mission – “a Season of Spiritual Growth” in May and June.

Last Sunday's offering – £1,146.88. Many thanks.

Education Sunday – Today is Education Sunday - a day of celebration for all those involved in the world of education. For over a century it has been part of an ecumenical celebration in which the Catholic Church participates. The ecumenical theme for Education Sunday 2014 is 'Going Above and Beyond...' Education Sunday is an opportunity for schools and parishes to come together to celebrate and give thanks for all the students, staff, governors and parents who work so hard in and for Catholic schools. It is also a chance for us to reflect upon the contribution that Catholic education makes to our communities. Please take a leaflet from the back of church and also read the message on the back of the green sheet.

Diocesan Notices – Please see separate GREEN sheet and the posters in the porch. There is some additional information on the Green Sheet this week. On the reverse you will find a message about Education Sunday.

Post Confirmation Youth Group – No meeting this Thursday but there will be a special event this Wednesday. On Wednesday we are going to visit the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal who are having a meeting with young people at North Shields. Among those speaking will be Sr Catherine Mary, former US Olympic speed skater champion. We will leave the church at 4:30pm and we'll be back at about 7.00pm. We need to know if you are coming in order to arrange lifts. Please ring Fr Lawrence (see above) or Andrew on 07818236000 or go to the Facebook page – “St Robert's Confirmation 2013”. Fr Lawrence is looking for adults to help give lifts (who have parish CRB checks). Also, we are looking for the occasional use of a minibus, if anyone can help or suggest anything? The next proper meeting will be on Thursday 27th February at 7.00pm when we will be going 10 pin bowling. Again, we may need adults to give lifts. Fr Lawrence and Andrew would like to thank very much the parents who are supporting their children in attending this group and of course the young people who take part, as well as the leaders. It is a small beginning but we are getting there slowly. Please pray for the Lord's blessing on this important ministry in our parish.

Sunday Morning Coffee Rota The new rota is being prepared and we are always looking for volunteers to lend a helping hand. There are a few people coming off the rota and we would like to thank them for the service that they have given to the parish. If you are interested in helping please speak to Elizabeth Dixon or ring her on 516584. This is open to men and women.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. If you are unsure about the guidance on carrying out these Ministries after the installation of the new Altar and Ambo, please ask Fr Lawrence for a copy of the guidance.

SVP Holy Island Camp 2014 – More volunteers are wanted to help run the Holy Island camps for young people in 2014. See notice in church porch for details and how to apply.

The 6th Morpeth Beavers and Cubs – meet at the Methodist Church, Howard Terrace, Morpeth on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. At the moment there are vacancies for the Thursday evening – Beavers 5 - 6pm and Cubs 6 -7.30pm. Beavers and Cubs are open to boys and girls; Beavers aged 6-8; Cubs aged 8-10. Children can take part in a range of activities; for further information please contact Peter Holloway 01670 861876. Additionally they are looking for adults who would like to become involved in assisting at either.

Message from Daniel Smith – “Dear Parishioners, this Summer I will be participating in a project to build emergency housing for poor families in Ensenada, NW Mexico. The charity project is run by M10 Missions, a Christian youth charity organisation that cater to the needs of some of the poorest people in the world. The project will last for 11 days. I have to personally raise £1,900. The first fund-raising event that I have planned is an ‘Indian Night’ at Manzil's on Tuesday 25th February at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Daniel or Peter Smith after 7.00pm Mass or contact at home on 01670 516433”.

Parish Mission – The next meeting will be on Thursday 6th March at 7.00pm. Please come along if you are willing to help.

Manifest – A Young Adult Prayer Group (18 to 30ish) meet at St Mary's Cathedral 7.00pm for one hour of Praise and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on the first and third Monday of every month followed by drinks in a nearby pub. Follow on twitter @ManifestIHS and Facebook.

The Pope's Apostolic Exhortation “Evangelii Gaudium” (The Joy of the Gospel) – is available from the porch. £4.95. Please use the collection box in the wall of the porch.

CTS Booklets – The shelves on the stand at the back of church have been restocked. Please take a look at the many interesting titles. The longer thinner leaflets are free.

Children's Books – There are a number of new children's books on the bottom shelf at the back of church. Please feel free to borrow them for a week at a time. A new book on the life of Pope Francis has just arrived.

Bishop's Visitation – on Sunday 23rd February. The bishop will celebrate and preach at all the Sunday Masses.

Wedding Preparation Day – On Saturday 1st March there will be a preparation day for couples who are getting married this year. Fr Lawrence hopes to provide them and the team of helpers with lunch. Please have a word with him if you are prepared to help with the cooking and hospitality or email him on ljonesys@yahoo.co.uk.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank – Please see box in the porch for what is required

Refugees and Asylum Seekers – Please see box in the porch for what is required

Diocesan Notices

Keep up to date with Diocesan events and news by: visiting the website - www.rcdhn.org.uk liking the Facebook page - www.facebook.com/diocesehn and following on Twitter - @diocesehn

Lent Materials. Lent resources will be available shortly; they draw on the Gospels of Year A and link with thoughts from the Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). Please email spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk for more information.

Diocesan Festival – Advance Notice: Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 June 2014 Youth Village, Consett

In the light of *Evangelii Gaudium* from Pope Francis, the theme of the Festival has changed to “**The Joy of the Gospel**”. We will be joined by **Bill Heubsch**, a well- There will be workshops on the theme for children & young people. Publicity and booking forms will be available very soon. To register for early information, please email spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk

Holy Island Days of Reflection: A series of days reflection are underway on Holy Island with plans to make the sessions available to other areas. A brochure for the events to be held at St Aidan's, Holy Island can found in the plastic sleeve on the noticeboard at the back of church.

Living Water – Light – Resurrection – Days of Reflection for Lent:

Thursday 27 March at St Michael's, Houghton le Spring from 10.30am – 3.00pm

Saturday 29 March at St Aidan's, Holy Island from 11.00am – 5.00pm

Saturday 5 April at Minsteracres, Nr Consett from 10.30am – 3.30pm (£10 charge)

Saturday 12 April at St Thomas Aquinas Parish hall, Darlington from 10.30am – 3.00pm

These days are particularly aimed at people preparing to be received into the Church but will be of interest to anyone wishing to take time out for prayer in Lent. There is no charge for the sessions (except Minsteracres which is £10). Please bring a packed lunch.

For further information and to book please contact us at spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk

Evangelii Gaudium – The Joy of the Gospel: Many people have been enthused by Pope Francis' recent exhortation written in response to the Synod on New Evangelisation, *Evangelii Gaudium*. A series of evenings with Rev Sean Hall will take place:

How Pope Francis Came to his Understanding of Mission, Wednesday 19 March

Pope Francis' call for a Church equipped for Mission, Wednesday 26 March 2014

Pope Francis' call for missionary outreach to the rest of the world, Wednesday 2 April

All sessions will be held at St Robert of Newminster School, Washington from 7.00pm – 8.30pm

There will also be three afternoons of reflection in the north, centre and south of the diocese led by Kathryn and Sr Michael of the Evangelisation Team:

Sunday 29 June at St Robert's Church, Morpeth

The session will run from 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Baptised into Hope: A day of reflection led by Rev Chris Thomas of the Irenaeus Community, in partnership with the council of Laity. **Saturday 10 May, St Aloysius Parish Hall, Hebburn, NE31 1BE 10.30am – 4.00pm.** There is no charge for this day but booking is essential. Please bring a packed lunch. To book, please contact us at adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk

Rev Jim Clarke: In May, the Diocese is hosting Rev Jim Clarke from St John's Seminary in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles where he is Director of Spiritual Formation and Assistant Professor of Spiritual Theology. Fr Jim is an excellent speaker and while he is in the Diocese, he will lead a day for clergy on **Tuesday 6 May, a retreat at Minsteracres** over the weekend of **9- 11 May** (open to all) and a day on **Holy Island on Saturday 17 May** which is also open to all.

“Hilda of Northumbria” – Day of Reflection for Women: In the 1400th anniversary year of Hilda's birth, we celebrate and reflect on her life as a model for women of the 21st century. Led by Kathryn Turner, Head of the Diocesan Department for Spirituality. **Saturday 31 May, St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle, NE15 7PY 10.30am – 4.00pm.**

There is no charge for this day but booking is essential. Please bring a packed lunch. To book, please contact us at adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk Further event information is available at www.rcdhn.org.uk

Lent, Holy Week & Easter – Music resources

A workshop will be led by Philip Robinson and Fr Peter Carr on Thursday, 27 February, 7.00-8.30 pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. It will provide simple psalm settings, Mass settings and seasonal music. The Diocesan Choir will help to showcase music. All welcome.

Ushaw Lecture

Fr Nicholas Schofield, Archivist in the Archdiocese of Westminster, is giving the next Ushaw Lecture: 'Ushaw's Twin Sister: St Edmund's Ware, the Douai of the South' on Wednesday

19 February 2014 in the Main Lecture Theatre at Ushaw College. Drinks Reception: 5:30pm; Lecture 6.00-7.30pm. All lectures are free but you must register for your free ticket with

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