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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR A

Listen to the Word | Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7 | Psalm 102 | Romans 14: 7-9 | Matthew 18: 21-35

There is a great need today for peace of mind. We live in a turbulent world and struggle to find a place where we can find rest from the troubles that surround us. We look to God for His guidance but often fail to listen when His voice calls to us. When we do something wrong or when another does a wrong to us, we cry out for justice, but justice can only come with forgiveness and forgiveness is a very difficult concept for us to accept.



Two of the enemies of forgiveness are resentment and anger. The passage from Ecclesiasticus calls them “foul things”, the cause of much of the pain that comes from a lack of forgiveness. We are called to love one another. This mutual love brings peace into our lives but if we do not forgive completely then love cannot enter and resentment and anger enter instead. The passage reminds us that forgiveness is not a one-way street, that we cannot expect forgiveness unless, we too, forgive each other.

Paul’s letter speaks to us of the need for the followers of Christ to examples of His love in our world. In Baptism we died with Him and rose to new life with Him. We are the living signs of His love, and it is through our forgiveness of others that His love will be shown to all.

Peter, in today’s gospel, tries to show he has listened to Jesus and suggests that, if he forgives seven times that he is fulfilling what the Law demands of him. We may think that doing this is quite reasonable. After all we cannot keep forgiving the sinner who keeps sinning! Jesus however knows the forgiveness of God is inexhaustible and that God’s love can only bring peace and harmony into our lives if we forgive as He does. Jesus uses the parable of the wicked servant to illustrate this. The story teaches us that forgiveness must be within all our actions. We cannot hope for forgiveness if we do not show forgiveness to others. Our Lord tells us to “love one another”, if we forgive each other, from our hearts, then anger and resentment will not enter our lives and we will find that peace and harmony that we yearn for.

David Frank

Last week, it was tremendous meeting with the people of the different churches, committees and different groups, and I am also grateful for the welcome and the help from the volunteers. I went to the St Aidan's Primary School to celebrate with Fr Shaun, and met all the children and teaching staff, and the fantastic people doing their service to our community.

I would also like to thank the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle for giving the Spiritan Order the opportunity to serve in these parishes. Since this will be the first parish in the north east, we would like to give our effort to have the Spiritan witness for the mission of Christ in the Diocese. We would like to appeal for more volunteers in areas of our parishes, so that we can improve our services in our communities.

I look forward to living in the presbytery, and expect Fr Oliver to join me soon. We look to the future with hope.

Fr Vincent Waiga CSSp

If you are visiting our parishes, we extend a warm welcome and hope you enjoy your stay in the beautiful county of Northumberland.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the Souls of

ANNE BAILEY EMBLETON

Reception of the body, Monday 25th September at 4.30pm
Requiem Mass Tuesday, 26th September at 11.00am followed by cremation at Cowpen Crematorium at 12.15pm

Also

EMILY PARRY

Funeral Service, Tuesday 3rd October at 1.30pm followed by burial at Seaton Hirst

SAINT AIDAN'S MONDAY ESCAPE (S.A.M.E.)

The Monday Escape continues this week. Why not come along and see what it's all about. A warm welcome awaits you. You may also make some new friends along the way. Give it a go, don't be shy! Venue - St Aidan's Hall 10.00am - 2.00pm

FAITH IN ACTION - ST AIDAN'S

The Faith in Action group is there to do exactly that - put Faith into Action. Do you visit the sick and housebound in the parish? Do you have a care for those in need or who find themselves lonely or isolated? Do you want to help with fundraising in the parish or help bring people together? Then this group is for you. If you can make a difference, no matter how big or small it may be or want to find out more, why not come along? We look forward to seeing you there.

MEETING - OPEN TO ALL

The next meeting will be held in the Hall **on Monday** To discuss plans for Christmas including:

Christmas Fair

Mass for the Sick and Housebound

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR FR SHAUN

Friday 6th October, Mass at 7.00pm in St Aidan's, followed by fish and chip supper in St Aidan's Community Hall. All welcome. If you wish to attend the fish and chip supper, please complete the form at the back of each. The deadline is Friday 29th September.

If you wish to give a gift to Fr Shaun, please put in an envelope, seal it and return it with the offertory baskets.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you are sick or housebound and would like Holy Communion in the home, this can be arranged. If you would like the Sacrament of the Sick or Reconciliation, Father Vincent is more than happy to come and visit you. Please contact the parish office.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - ST AIDAN'S

In order to help Father Vincent and Father Oliver with visiting the sick and housebound, could all extraordinary ministers at St Aidan's, please write down on the list at the back of Church (kept with the welcomers) the names, addresses, telephone numbers of the sick and housebound they visit and also your contact details. It is important that this list is kept up to date.

BELL RINGERS - LONGHORSLEY

Please sign up for a Sunday to ring the bell five minutes before Mass begins. The list is at the back of the Church. No previous experience necessary.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD - ST AIDAN'S

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place each Sunday at 9.00am Mass. This is for Children aged 3-10 years.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST

Next Sunday is a day of Special Prayer for the harvest. On this Sunday we help those less fortunate than ourselves. We will have a collection of food and toiletries (Tinned Fish, Biscuits, Rice, Tea/Coffee, Tinned meat, deodorant, soap, sanitary products etc), for the Refugee and Asylum Seeker Project. Please bring your offering and place it before the Altar. Please note, we cannot accept Fresh goods.

If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please email: ashlong.info@gmail.com
PLEASE SEND ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS ABOVE, BY WEDNESDAY EVENING

100+ CLUB RESULTS - WEEK THIRTEEN

£5 - 68 £5 - 82 £5 - 102

Congratulations to the winners

ASHINGTON CHURCHES TOGETHER AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Ashington Churches Together will take place on **Thursday 21st September at 7.00pm** in **Holy Sepulchre Church Hall**. This meeting is open to everyone and it would be lovely if this year we could make double figures of those attending! Please put the date in your diary.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

Department. for Education

Deputy Director of Education (Inspection)

Full-time, term-time. Closing date: 18th September

Primary Adviser – Religious Education and Catholic Ethos

Full-time, term-time. Closing date: 2nd October

Secondary Adviser - Religious Education and Catholic Ethos

Full-time, term-time. Closing date: 2nd October

Based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

CCRS COURSE

This programme is available for serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, for teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools, for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2023-2024 on the Diocesan website:

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/education> If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocesan Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING IN YOUR USED STAMPS AND OLD SPECTACLES - THANK YOU.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO YORK

On Thursday 7th December, there will be a Christmas Shopping trip to York. The coach will leave St Aidan's at 8.30am. If you would like to go, please contact the office on 812 200. The cost is £20 per person.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES

As in previous years, we continue the tradition of the red candles at Christmas in memory of loved ones. The envelopes are available from this week and the campaign will remain open until 18th December. £7.50 a candle or two for £12.00.

Unfortunately, due to limited space in St Thomas' we are unable to offer the candles there, but there will be envelopes available if you would like to have a candle lit in St Aidan's in memory of a loved-one at Christmas.

DISCIPLESHIP, POLITICS AND ANGER: Catholic Social Teaching and Community Organising

27th September 6-8pm on Zoom

This webinar will briefly remind of the key themes of Catholic Social Teaching and look at the methods of Community Organising that have successfully brought about change in the last five years.

This will not be a webinar with abstract thinking.

The heart of this webinar will be stories of people and their efforts that have brought about change by this integration of Catholic Social Teaching and Community Organising, from people in the diocese representing a cross section of roles in the church, gender, background and age.

To join online, search for **Tyne & Wear Citizens Action Network'** to access the sign up page or Scan the QR code below with your smartphone.

For further information please contact Clair Rodgerson, Senior Organiser, Tyne & Wear Citizens.

Clair.Rodgerson@citizensuk.org or 07939 564 395

TYNE & WEAR
CITIZENS



ON A LIGHTER NOTE...

Dear God, I think the bible is very good. Did you write any other books ?

Alice

✠ MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ✠

A = Ashington | LH = Longhorsley | (A) = Anniversary | (LD) = Lately Deceased | DFM = Deceased Family Members

Sunday 17th September <i>24th Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Retiring Collection: Evangelii Gaudium</i>	9.00am 11.15am 5.00pm	Kathryn Moore (D'cd) Special Intention (ABE) People of the Parishes	A LH A
Monday 18th September	11.15am 12noon	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.45am</i> THE HOLY SOULS	
Tuesday 19th September	12noon	THOMAS DOYLE (LD)	A
Thursday 21st September <i>St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	11.15am 12noon	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.45am and Adoration until 11.50am</i> Members of the Murphy & Byrne Families (Sick)	LH
Friday 22nd September	12noon	DFM of Balmbra & Kilgallon Families	A
Saturday 23rd September <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>	11.00am 3.00pm	Nancy & Wilf Embleton RIP Wedding – Abbie Maria Lisle and Jordan Brewis	A A
Sunday 24th September <i>25th Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Day of Prayer for the Harvest</i>	9.00am 11.15am 5.00pm	Norah Blewitt RIP Coleen Byrne RIP People of the Parishes	A LH A


LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK	
Monday	Feria
Tuesday	Feria
Wednesday	The Korean Martyrs (Memorial)
Thursday	St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)
Friday	Feria
Saturday	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) (Memorial)

AT A GLANCE THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES	
Monday	Monday Escape (10am-2pm) Followed by Faith in Action Meeting (2pm) Ashington
Wednesday	St Aidan's Bingo (7.15pm)
Next Sunday is Harvest Sunday	

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	
Monday	11.30am - Mass Longhorsley
Tuesday	11.15am - 11.50am Ashington
Friday	11.30am - Mass Ashington
Saturday	9.30am - 10.45am Ashington

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	
Tuesday	11.15am - 11.45am Ashington
Thursday	11.15am - 11.45am Longhorsley
Saturday	9.30am - 10.30am Ashington

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY	
Isaiah 55 : 6-9	Psalm 144 (145) : 2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1 : 20-24, 27	
Matthew 20 : 1-16	

WEEKDAY READINGS	
Use the camera on your Smart Phone to scan the QR Code to access the Weekday readings from Universalis	

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER During Ordinary Time (Autumn) from September to Advent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.	Autumn
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From Pope Francis' Wednesday Audience

Brothers, sisters, in the presence of this witness (*José Gregorio*) let us ask ourselves: do I, faced with God present in the poor near me, faced with those in the world who suffer the most, how do I react? And the example of José Gregorio: how does it affect me? He spurs us to engagement in the face of the great social, economic, and political issues of today. So many people talk about it, so many complain about it, so many criticize and say that everything is going wrong. But that's not what the Christian is called to do; instead, he is called to deal with it, to get his or her hands dirty: first of all, as St. Paul told us, to pray (cf. 1 Tim 2:1-4), and then not to engage in idle chattering – idle chatter is a plague – but to promote good, and to build peace and justice in truth. This, too, is apostolic zeal; it is the proclamation of the Gospel; and this is Christian beatitude: “blessed are the peacemakers” (Mt 5:9).