



Catholic Parishes of ST. JOSEPH SACRED HEART ST. PATRICK

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5th June

Listen to the Word Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2: 1-11 Psalm 103 Romans 8: 8-17 John 14: 15-16, 23-26

We live in a very uncertain world; in a constant turmoil of change, and we often struggle to keep our heads above the water. In past centuries, in periods such as we are experiencing now, the people always turned to the church as the rock of certainty in the whirlpool of fear and concern. Today it appears that the human family have turned away from the spiritual and moved towards the secular life; a life in which selfishness and greed lead to war, economic uncertainty, unemployment, and depression.

You can never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit. It is a constant in our ever-changing world. It has the power to change hearts and minds and is our loving guide and protector. We need, especially at this time to focus more and more on the message of Christ. If we follow his commandment of love, then the Holy Spirit will be with us and lead us through the uncertainty into a brighter future. Just consider the scene in the room where the disciples were; the doors were locked out of fear for their lives; they faced a future without their leader, Jesus, and all their hopes hung by a thread.

It was not a mighty wind that that swept through that room but a hurricane; a gift from God that raised their spirits and gave them the courage and the confidence to face the world. I do not know how many disciples were gathered; perhaps twenty or thirty, probably no more than that, but from that room came an avalanche that changed the world so completely that those twenty or thirty became tens of millions. That is the power of the Holy Spirit which we celebrate today.

At a more personal level the Spirit works in each individual who is open to the Word of God; if we follow Christ and keep his word then the Spirit will remain with us and guide us in the way we live our life. We need only pray "Come Holy Spirit" and the spirit will be with us no matter what the circumstances.

David Frank

PRAY FOR THOSE THAT NEED HEALING IN OUR PARISHES:

Anne Kennedy, Margaret Convey, Maureen Dixon, Danny Fagan and Mark Pinkerton

Saturday 4 th June	Sacred Heart Church	4:30pm	Mass: MICHAEL MORRIS
Sunday 5 th June Pentecost Sunday	St Patrick's Church St Joseph's Church St Patrick's Church	9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm	Mass: PEOPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP Mass: FATHER JOSEPH PARK Rosary and Benediction
Monday 6 th June	PRIVATE		Mass: IVY MULHEARN
Tuesday 7 th June	St Joseph's Church St Joseph's Church	9:30am 7:00pm	Mass: MARY HESLIN RECEPTION OF BODY OF FATHER JOSEPH PARK INTO CHURCH AND MASS
Wednesday 8 th June	St Joseph's Church	12 noon	Requiem Mass: FATHER JOSEPH PARK
Thursday 9 th June Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	St Joseph's Church	9:30am	Mass: JUNE ROUSE Followed by Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament
Friday 10 th June	St Joseph's Church	9:30am	Mass: FATHER BRENDAN KELLY (IN THANKSGIVING FOR HIS GOLDEN JUBILEE)
Saturday 11 th June	Sacred Heart Church	4:30pm	Mass: JIM & ALICE JOYCE
Sunday 12 th June The Most Holy Trinity	St Patrick's Church St Joseph's Church St Patrick's Church	9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm	Mass: MARK BROWN Mass: PEOPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP Rosary & Benediction

MASS INTENTIONS for our parishes are most welcome. Please be aware that weekend Masses are booked at least 2 months in advance. At Sacred Heart Church, there are Masses in for the next 3 months-please let us know if you are content for Mass to be said in either of our other 2 churches.

JUNE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS Lay Training Fund (Sunday 5 June until Sunday 3 July). Day for Life (Sunday 19 June) Peter's Pence (Sunday 26 June).

FAITH WITNESS AGAINST HASSOCKFIELD A monthly faith witness against Hassockfield is held at the barrier to Hassockfield on the first Sunday of each month at 3:30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS Sacred Heart School will make their First Holy Communion on 11th June at 11am. St Patrick's School will make their First Holy Communion at Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Church on 12th June, and St Mary's School will make their First Holy Communion on 12th June at St Joseph's Church during Sunday Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 2022 Sunday 19th June 2022 on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Venue: Ushaw Historic House, Gardens and Grounds. Woodland Rd, Durham DH7 9RH. (For Sat Nav, please use DH7 7DW). 3 pm – 4.30 pm. Free entry into Ushaw from 2.30 pm. There is no charge for this event. Donations to the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle are welcome. We will have the opportunity to celebrate our Eucharistic faith publicly in a Blessed Sacrament procession. Bishop Robert hopes this will be the highlight of the Eucharistic Year with many clergy and faithful taking part. The Festival programme includes a blessing of the newly restored Pugin Altar by Bishop Robert, a Eucharistic procession around the grounds of Ushaw (weather permitting) and benediction. Booking required-please contact the Parish Office.

FATHER DERMOTT'S ANNIVERSARY MASS Booking to attend the Mass is essential and owing to the lack of parking, transport will be provided. There is a sign up sheet at the back of our Churches or contact St Joseph's Parish Office on either 01207 299012 or email inspire@ymt.org.

BISHOP SEAMUS Bishop Robert would like to invite you to a Mass to mark the 80th birthday of Bishop Seamus. This will be on Thursday 30th June 2022 at 12.05 pm at St Mary's Cathedral. All are most welcome to attend.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH PIETY We are very pleased to announce the reopening of our Piety at St Patrick's-please take a look after Mass at our selection of Cards, Rosary Beads, 1st Holy Communion cards etc.

FATHER BRENDAN KELLY Congratulations to Father Kelly on his golden jubilee from the parishioners of Sacred Heart Church.

Parish Collections 29/05/22	Offertory totals	Weekly Standing Order	Special Collection (World Communications Day)
St Joseph's	£453.79	£197.25	£-----
St Patrick's	£103.70	£157.15	£ 27.75
Sacred Heart	£110.11	£57.69	£ 21.65