

## MASS & PARISH SERVICES:

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	4th	10.30am	Intention: Joan Luntley
Monday	5th		NO MASS TODAY
Tuesday	6th	12.30pm	<b>IN CHURCH - FUNERAL SERVICE OF JOSEPH ELLITSON</b> (followed by 1.30pm at Heaton Cemetery)
		4.00pm	<b>IN CHURCH – RECEPTION OF THE BODY OF MARY FORSTER</b>
Wednesday	7th	10.00am	<b>IN CHURCH – REQUIEM MASS OF MARY FORSTER</b> (followed by 11.15am West Rd Crematorium.)
Thursday	8th		NO MASS TODAY
Friday	9th	10.00am	<b>MASS IN MEETING ROOM</b> Intention: For the People
Saturday	10th		NO MASS OR CONFESSION TODAY
Sunday	11th	10.30am	Intention: In Thanksgiving for 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Sheila & Ray

**PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OF OUR SICK:** Rhoda Robertson, Alice Simpson, Monica McKinnon, John Gourley, John McKenna, Rosemary McIlvenna, Lionel Hodson, Ann Bell, Mary Garrity, Doris Clapshoe, Rita Anderson, Mary Costigan, Doreen Graham, Brenda Cunningham, Pat Lamb, Jim Winter, Rachel Lee, Martin Finchen, Pauline Lewis, Jim Connor, Jayne Storey & Lilian Gibson

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** For Margaret Parker (whose Funeral Mass will be 10am Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.) For Lillian Matthews (whose Funeral will be 10am Wed 21<sup>st</sup> February. Also please remember Tommy Hannigan in your prayers who died.

**Congratulations!**

**SPECIAL 'MILESTONES'** A few Parishioners celebrate special 'milestones' this week including SHEILA & RAY THOMPSON who celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Also for DOREEN GRAHAM & KATHLEEN SCORER who celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> Birthdays.

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**Sunday 4<sup>TH</sup> February 2018 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (Year B)**



In today's gospel we read about Jesus' first healing in Mark's Gospel. Jesus hears of the illness of the mother of Simon's wife and goes to her. Due to the purity laws of his time this scene would have been considered controversial. His first healing is of a woman and we are told

that he touches her, raises her up; he completely restores her to health. Many of his actions here would be considered taboo. The 'whole city' was crowded around the door as people wanted to also be healed. What a commotion! Jesus, very early on in his ministry, is clearly a very popular, attractive figure. Jesus is the healer. We might ask ourselves today: who do we know who is in need of healing of any kind? This week, how can we reach out to them? Another important aspect of this story is that Jesus does not remain comfortable in this house. He keeps moving, keeps going outward. This requires so much energy and an outpouring of love for those in need. Jesus shows us in today's gospel what it takes to stay connected, to re-energise ourselves for our various tasks: quiet time and space for real encounter with God. Even then, the people hunted for him. 'Everyone is searching for you', and still today, everyone is searching. It is up to all of us to help those on this journey, the seekers, the lost and those in need of healing. We cannot break new ground unless we are inwardly free and connected to that divine presence within us and in our world.

**POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK:** Each month the Holy Father will have a main prayer intention for people to use as part of their daily prayer.

**POPE'S LATEST 'TWEETS'**  "A faith that does not trouble us, is a troubled faith. A faith that does not make us grow, is a faith that needs to grow." "Jesus is our Mediator who reconciles us not only with the Father but also with each other."

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The first reading is from the book of Job 7: 1-4. 6-7 Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, when will it be day? Risen I think, how slowly evening comes! Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weavers shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

**Response: "Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted."**

The 2nd reading is from the 1st letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 9: 16-19. 22-23 I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

**Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!"**

The holy Gospel is according to Mark 1: 29-39 On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

**(After Mass) FRIDAY TEA/COFFEE** – Everyone is welcome in the Meeting Room for tea & coffee after the Mass on Friday. Very informal.  
**FORTHCOMING 'SECOND' COLLECTION COMMITMENTS:** 23rd February 'Family Fast Day' also our 'Lenten Alms' commitment.



**BAPTISMS:** Baptism Application Forms and Adult Application for Reception into the Catholic Church Forms are available NOW at the Back of Church. Please complete and return to Fr. David or the Parish Office as soon as possible for the forthcoming Lenten Journey of Faith (see below) and Baptism Sessions. THANK YOU.

**50-50 DRAW:** The 50-50 draw is available to everyone. Please see Margaret Richardson at the back of the Church before Sunday Mass. Congratulations to ALAN DAWSON who is our January winner and receives £188.50.

**CAN WE BE VIGILANT?** It would be good if we can keep an eye out for any of our elderly who are unexpectedly missing in the Parish for a period. Please notify the Parish Office if you have any concerns & we can arrange follow up, thank you.

**ST. ALBAN'S SCHOOL 0191 262552:** NURSERY APPLICATIONS available now.

**FR. PHIL CARROLL:** Has sent Parishioners a lovely letter of 'thanks' which can be viewed at the back of Church.

**FRIENDS IN FAITH & CATECHISTS:** We will meet with Fr. David on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Meeting Room to finalise arrangements. Please let Christine/Office know of your intent to commit to which group. Thanks



**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February when there will be Mass at St. Anthony's at 10am and at St. Columba's Wallsend 7pm.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS & CONFESSIONS:** Fr. David has the following available throughout the Season of Lent:

- **At St. Columba's every TUESDAY 6pm Confessions, then 6.30pm Stations of the Cross and finally 7pm Holy Mass.**
- **At St. Anthony of Padua every FRIDAY 6pm Confessions, followed by 6.30pm Stations of the Cross.**

**ADULT JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME:** Beginning Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February from 7.00-8.30pm we will begin a 6 week Journey led by Fr. David.

**LENTE REFLECTIONS AT THE SISTERS, 26 HEXHAM AVENUE:** Beginning Wed 14<sup>th</sup> February for 6 weeks each Wednesday. Everyone welcome.

**NEWS OF THE DIOCESE:** Visit Website: [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL 'EMMANUEL' (GOD IS WITH US)** ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL 24 March 10-4.30 pm – Conference will look at working out a 'Vision' of Renewal in the North East. Day will be led by **DAVID WELLS** ..

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** 'The Source' St. Mary's Cathedral Wed 7 February 7-8.30pm for year 9 and above. 'On Fire Retreat' Emmaus Youth Village 20-21<sup>st</sup> April. To book call YMT