

Second Collection this weekend and next weekend: To support the work of the Northern Brethren Fund – who look after the sick and retired Priests of our Diocese. Donations can be placed in an envelope marked **“N.B.F.”** and can be placed on the offertory baskets next weekend. For those of you who are still unable to attend Mass, your envelopes can be put through letterbox at Thornley or Blackhall. Many thanks for your continued generosity!!

Our Lady of Lourdes – Shotton Colliery

Please remember especially in your prayers: Elizabeth Francis (87) who sadly died last Monday. May she rest in peace. We remember her family especially in our prayers at this sad and difficult time.

Funeral arrangements:

Funeral Service at Our Lady of Lourdes, Shotton Colliery – this coming Friday 16th April at 2pm followed by Cremation in Durham.

Raffle: We will be organising a money raffle at the end of the month for Blackhall, Hutton Henry and Thornley. An A4 sheet will be attached to the bulletin with 5 tickets. You need to complete your name address and tel. no. for each entry cost £5 per entry.

(To be completed and handed back with the entry fee in an envelope)

There will be three prizes and the proceeds will be split between the three Churches. Your individual entries will be put into the draw and Fr. Ian will reveal the winners in May.

The prize money to be revealed next week!



Four powerful lessons from St. Bernadette.

1. Hold firm to the convictions directed toward God.

When Bernadette first saw Our Lady of Lourdes, she did not realize that it was the Blessed Virgin she was seeing. Yet her immediate response was to begin praying the Rosary, right there with the vision before her. She trusted that the experience was coming from God. In response to her claims of the vision, local authorities put her under intense scrutiny, and the public flocked to the grotto at Lourdes. In the face of all this attention, which was very unpleasant for the humble teen, Bernadette held fast to the truth.

2. Be an instrument of service.

During the experience of the apparitions and continuing through the end of her life, Bernadette never thought that she was special for having received the apparitions or had merited them in any way. She saw herself simply as an instrument through which God could work. It is clear from Bernadette's life that dedicating herself to service was not simply a response to the apparitions she witnessed, but was an essential part of who she was. This began when she cared for her siblings as a young girl and continued as she took on humble jobs as a religious sister. It was Bernadette's steadfast disposition toward service that allowed her to respond as she did to the apparitions — she allowed herself to be open to God's grace.

3. Do all that you can in your circumstances.

From childhood, Bernadette was afflicted with illness. There were things she simply could not do. Her poor health prevented her from entering certain religious orders. Once she did enter an order, there were jobs that she could not do, until she was finally limited to just needlework. Yet Bernadette was known for her humility and for her dedication to the work she was given. She understood what her limitations were, but she did not take advantage of them to avoid work. Instead, she beautifully accepted them and skilfully formed a life that allowed her to do the most good in the context of her constraints.

4. Don't be overly concerned with finding happiness in this life.

Today, Lourdes is almost synonymous with miraculous cures from illness. One might expect that the visionary who cooperated in the initial grace at Lourdes would be a recipient of healing, especially considering that she herself was chronically ill. But Bernadette was never cured of her ailments. Thanks to her great trust in the Blessed Virgin, Bernadette helped to create a place of pilgrimage that would offer healing to many people, but she accepted that she had to suffer in illness in this life. Following God's will did not mean that she would be free from suffering. Ever obedient, Bernadette accepted what she was given. Her simple obedience has prompted the conversion of countless people, and now, she receives God's joy in the Communion of Saints.

**St. Joseph's, St. Peter & St. Paul's, Sacred Heart & English Martyrs
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- With Pastoral responsibility for Our Lady of Lourdes.



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Divine Mercy Sunday

11th April 2021

ST. JOSEPH'S, BLACKHALL. Non – Public MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED IN PRIVATE

Sat. 10th Vigil (Public Mass)	6.00 pm	Barbara & Brian Richardson (R.I.P) & Tess Holmes (R.I.P) & People of the Parish
Mon 12th	9.15am	Harry Jackson (R.I.P) & Helen-Marie Sanderson (R.I.P)
Thurs. 15th (Public Mass)	9.15am	Lvg. & Dcd. Ms. Hegarty, Rogerson & Winn Fams.
Sat. 17th	10.15am	Richard Crane & Dcd. Fam. Ms.
Vigil (Public Mass)	6.00pm	Sarah Ann Richardson & Isobella Dickson (R.I.P) & People of the Parish

ST. PETER & PAUL, HUTTON HENRY.

Sun. 11th (Public Mass)	8.30am	Dcd. Ms. of the Purvis Family & Sheila Purvis (Ints.)
Wed. 14th	10.00am	Ted Hilton (R.I.P) & Dcd. Fam. Ms.
Fri. 16th (Public Mass)	10.00am	Fr. Wilf Elkin (R.I.P) (L.D) (N.B.F)
Sun. 18th (Public Mass)	8.30am	Julie Forrest (R.I.P)

SACRED HEART & ENGLISH MARTYRS, THORNLEY

Sun. 11th (Public Mass)	9.15am	Special Intention (A.M.) (Latin Mass)
(Public Mass)	11.00am	Sarah Ann Richardson (R.I.P) & Mary Margaret Waller (R.I.P)
Tue. 13th	9.15am	Vera Jackson (R.I.P) (L.D)
Thurs. 15th (Public Mass)	6.30pm	Joseph & Mary Morley (R.I.P)
Sun. 18th (Public Mass)	9.15am	Jim Wilkinson (R.I.P) (Latin Mass)
(Public Mass)	11.00am	Fr. Ronald Richmond (R.I.P) (L.D)



Feasts of the Week:

Friday: St. Bernadette of Lourdes.
Next Sunday: The Third Sunday of Easter:

Mass by phone service: If you would like to access Mass over the telephone, the number to call is 01642 130120.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart and soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

Mass Bookings: Mass bookings for Blackhall, Hutton Henry and Thornley:

Please call or text Office Mobile **07483318764** Monday to Wednesday for Masses Thursday to Sunday this week. Numbers are increasing so please do contact to cancel if you have booked and are not able to come.

Our Lady of Lourdes – Shotton Colliery: Mass times: Wednesday at 10am and Saturday Vigil at 4.30pm. To book a place please contact:

Norma Musgrave Tel: 07932 465188

Latin Mass Thornley: 9.15am on Sundays. To book a place please contact:

Susan on 07803 644618. on Tuesdays 2 - 6 p.m. by calls or texts.