

The Season of Lent:

This Wednesday is “**Ash Wednesday**” which marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. There will be **four Public Masses** on that day in our family of Parishes:-

9.15am St. Joseph's, Blackhall,

10.00am Our Lady of Lourdes, Shotton Colliery

10.30am St. Peter & Paul's, Hutton Henry

6.30pm Sacred Heart & English Martyrs, Thornley.

Ashes will be blest and distributed at all Masses that day.

St. Cuthbert's Care. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kindness throughout the pandemic - it has been truly heart-warming. Parish support makes all the difference, allowing us to go that extra mile in ensuring we provide outstanding care and peace of mind to families and loved ones. If you are able to do so, please may I ask that you consider supporting our work once more. Thank you. My very best wishes. Moira Ashman Chief Executive.

Ask your MP to support an amendment to help stop forced abortion in Xinjiang, China

There is extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions. Lord Alton is currently championing an amendment to the Trade Bill which would give British courts a role in determining whether a country is committing genocide. This would help with putting international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop the practice of forcing abortions on the Uyghur Muslim community along with the wider human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against this community. If you would like to email your MP asking them to support the amendment, you can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the Genocide Response campaign website which can be accessed by visiting the link <https://genocideresponse.org/>

White Flower Appeal 2021: The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on the **4th Sunday of Lent, 14th March**. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop home abortion, which gives women abortion pills to take at home without medical supervision. This is one of the most dangerous threats to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and help protect mothers from increased risk of coercion and serious health risks. Donations can also be made online at www.spuc.org.uk/donate. Donations can be made by placing money in an envelope marked “SPUC” and put in the collection box at the back of Church when you attend or through the Presbytery letterbox at either Blackhall or Thornley.

A Prayer to St. Joseph

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating your and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

V./ St. Joseph, patron of departing souls.

R./ Pray for us. Amen

SERIOUS LOCK DOWN ADVICE

Everyone PLEASE be careful because people are going crazy from being locked down at home! I was just talking about this with the microwave and the toaster while drinking my Pepsi, and we all agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention any of this to the washing machine, because she puts a different spin on EVERYTHING!! Certainly couldn't share with the fridge, cause he's been acting cold and distant! In the end, the iron straightened me out! She said the situation isn't all that pressing and all the wrinkles will soon get ironed out! The vacuum, however, was very unsympathetic... told me to just suck it up! But the fan was VERY optimistic and gave me hope that it will all blow over soon! The toilet looked a bit flushed but didn't say anything when I asked its opinion, but the front door said I was becoming unhinged and the doorknob told me to get a grip!! You can just about guess what the curtains told me: they told me to “pull myself together!” We will survive!!

**St. Joseph's, St. Peter & St. Paul's, Sacred Heart & English Martyrs
Parish Priest— Fr. J. Jackson –**

- With Pastoral responsibility for Our Lady of Lourdes.



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The Sixth Sunday of the Year

14TH February 2021

ST. JOSEPH'S, BLACKHALL.	Non – Public	MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED IN PRIVATE
Sat 13th Vigil (Public Mass)	6.00 pm	Richard Crane (R.I.P) & Dcd. Ms. Crane Family & People of the Parish
Mon 15th	9.15am	Marie Flannery (R.I.P)
Ash Wed. (Public Mass)	9.15am	Geraldine Douglas & John Murphy (R.I.P)
Thurs. 18th	9.15am	Ted Hilton (R.I.P) & Dcd. Fam. Ms.
Sat. 20th	10.15am	Bolescawr & Leokadia Isakiewicz
Vigil (Public Mass)	6.00pm	Brian & Sarah – Ann Richardson (R.I.P) & People of the Parish
<u>ST. PETER & PAUL, HUTTON HENRY.</u>		
Sun. 14th (Public Mass)	8.30am	Frank & Elsie Parish (R.I.P)
Ash Wed. (Public Mass)	10.00am	Joan Devine (R.I.P) (L.D)
Fri. 19th	10.00am	Ann Blakemore (R.I.P) (L.D)
Sun. 21st (Public Mass)	8.30am	Peter Devine (R.I.P)
<u>SACRED HEART & ENGLISH MARTYRS, THORNLEY</u>		
Sun. 14th (Public Mass)	11.00am	Margaret & John Regan (R.I.P)
Tue. 16th	9.15am	Alf, Neil, Terry & John Purvis (R.I.P) & Sheila Purvis (Ints.)
Ash Wed. (Public Mass)	6.30pm	Jim Wilkinson (R.I.P)
Thurs. 18th	6.30pm	Tom Robinson (R.I.P) & Dcd. Ms. Robinson Fam.
Sun. 21st (Public Mass)	11.00am	Margaret Maddison (R.I.P)

Feasts of the Week:

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Next Sunday: The First Sunday of Lent.

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.

Please Note:



Fr. Ian has attached a sheet for Stations of the Cross, which you might like to follow during Lent.

Mass Bookings: Please book Mass each week, as Mass is open for all.

Please leave a message on answerphone if line is busy or you do not get an answer.

e.g. give your **name, contact number & number of people** attending, kept 21 days NHS tracing.

Please call or text office mobile: **07483318764** for Masses this coming week as follows:

For **Hutton Henry** call on Monday 15 February between 9am & 11am or text.

For **Thornley** call on Tuesday 16th February between 9am & 11am or text.

For **Blackhall** Call on Wednesday 17th February between 10am & 12pm or text.

When using the office mobile you will receive a simple 👍 to confirm place at Mass.

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**