

BLACKHALL

Please remember especially in your prayers: Terry Mearman (65) who sadly died on 29th September. May he rest in peace. We remember his family especially in our prayers at this sad and difficult time.

Funeral arrangements: Funeral Service this coming Wednesday 18th October at 12 noon at St. Joseph's, Blackhall – followed by Burial in Peterlee.

Also: Joan Monaghan, who sadly died last Sunday 8th October. May she rest in peace. We remember her family especially in our prayers at this sad and difficult time.

Also: James Ingleby – Croft (53) who sadly died last Sunday 8th October. May he rest in peace. We remember his family especially in our prayers at this sad and difficult time.

Funeral arrangements Funeral Service on Thursday 26th October at 12 noon at St. Joseph's followed by Cremation at Durham at 1pm.

Also: Pauline Joyce Twigg (84) who sadly died last Sunday 8th October. May she rest in peace. We remember Owen especially in our prayers at this sad and difficult time.

Funeral arrangements: Funeral Service on Friday 27th October at 1pm, St. Joseph's, followed by Cremation in Hartlepool.

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Next Sunday: Is World Mission Sunday – Envelopes are attached to this week's bulletin and can be returned via the Offertory collection **Next weekend**. Many thanks for your continued generosity!!

Invitation: The Bishop is visiting St John's Bishop Auckland on Wednesday 18th October to meet the trust. There will be a short Celebration of the Word, Q and A session and a lovely buffet lunch! We would very much like you to join us for this celebration if you are able. Arrival time of 10:45am.

Please place your name on the list at the back of Church today if you are able to join us - there will be representatives from all 35 schools with children leading the worship.

Date for your diary! Anne-Marie will be hosting a tribute act to George Formby on Wednesday 8th November. Derek will perform some 1940's songs on ukulele for all to listen and join in. He will also perform magical tricks alongside Alistair, at the tables. The Joes Ukes will be supporting too!. There will be a hot supper and refreshments. Tickets will be available from next weekend. Please be advised that tickets will be limited so get yours soon as numbers are needed for both catering and seating purposes.

St. Joseph's School Foodbanks. **Thank you** for the donations of non-perishable items; tinned meat, soup, fruit etc. also cereals and toiletries. This is an ongoing project and your generosity is very much appreciated so **please continue to bring your items to the Vigil Mass for collection**. The Mini Vinnies (S.V.P) are distributing these items to those in need. **Thank you!**

Continued ...Today we have the third and final parable that Jesus uses to try and teach the leaders of the Jewish people that the love of God is for everyone who believes in Him. We begin with a passage from Isaiah and a description of a banquet that God prepares on His holy mountain. The reading is full of the promises of God; it is a vision of heaven where death is no more, and joy and happiness fill the banqueting hall. The celebration is for those who hoped in the Lord, those who stayed faithful to Him. The Jewish people have come through many hardships to reach the holy mountain, and this is their reward. However, they must prove themselves worthy of God's blessings.

The chief priest and elders were content to live in their palaces and lord it over the people. They cared for themselves only and treated the poor and the sinners with disdain. They refused to change their ways, the poor and the sinners came to the celebration in their place, but they too must understand that change is necessary if they are to enjoy the feast. The one who is thrown out of the feast is one who has not changed, he still wears the clothing of the sinner, he has not taken on the garment of salvation. The parable reminds us that in order for the love of God to enter our hearts we too must change and place the needs of others before ourselves, we must know what it means to be poor so that we are filled with the richness that comes from God.

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The Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year.

15th October 2023

ST. JOSEPH'S, BLACKHALL.

Sat. 14th Vigil	6.00pm	Moya Wood (R.I.P) (L.D) & Harry Anderson (R.I.P) & Dcd. Ms. Laing & Anderson Fams.
Mon.16th(Private Mass)	9.15am	The Sick of the Parish
Wed. 18th	12 noon	Funeral Service: Terence Mearman (R.I.P)
Thurs. 19th	9.15am	Ints. of Bradley Lowery family
Sat. 21st	9.15am	Joan & Jack Collins (Ints.)
Vigil	6.00pm	Kathleen Troughton (R.I.P) & Brian Richardson (R.I.P) & People of the Parish

ST. PETER & PAUL, HUTTON HENRY.

Sun. 15th	8.30am	Tom & Maureen Lenehan (R.I.P) & People of the Parish.
Wed. 18th	10.00am	Fr. Michael Chambers (R.I.P)
Fri. 20th	10.00am	Simon Nevens (R.I.P)
Sun. 22nd	8.30am	Hughie Teasdale (R.I.P) Terry Magee (R.I.P) & Simon Nevens (R.I.P) & William Smith (R.I.P) (L.D)

SACRED HEART & ENGLISH MARTYRS, THORNLEY

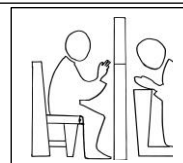
Sun. 15th	9.15am	Ronnie Wright (R.I.P) (Latin Mass)
	11.00am	Anne (Nancy) Francis (R.I.P) & Winnie & Freddie Baldasera (R.I.P)
Tues. 17th	9.15am	Anne D – Health & Ints.
Wed. 18th	7.00pm	Fr. Michael Chambers (R.I.P) (Latin Mass)
Thurs. 19th	6.30pm	Dcd. Ms. Waller Family
Sun. 22nd	09.15am	Michael Atkin (R.I.P) & Kathleen & Keith Worth(Ints.)(40 th Wedding Ann.)(Latin Mass)
	11.00am	Alf & Marie Richardson (R.I.P)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Blackhall: Saturdays at 10.00am.

Hutton Henry: Fridays before and after morning Mass.

Thornley: Thursdays at 6.00pm.



Feasts of the Week.

Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch.

Wednesday: St. Luke - Evangelist

Next Sunday:

The Twenty - Ninth Sunday of the Year.

Please note: Hospital chaplain: Fr Paul Tully, tel. 01388 818544/ 0191 3332183 - Please telephone the chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit. If you phone the hospital, please make sure they know the message is for the RC chaplain.

Paul made a number of visits to the Church in Philippi, they were very supportive of him and helped him in his missionary work. Today we listen to the end of his letter to them. As he writes, he paints a picture of the children of God. They have lived with hardship but now they enjoy the benefits of their faithfulness to God. They have been hungry but now are fed, they were poor but now are rich for the love of God has been poured out on them. This is a vision of a people ready for the heavenly banquet that is waiting for them. Cont.... over page.