

Please remember especially in your prayers: Michael Chambers (68) a friend of Fr. Ian's who sadly died on 23rd August in New Zealand. May he rest in peace. We remember his family especially in our prayers at this sad and difficult time.

Fr. Ian is travelling to New Zealand on Sunday evening and will celebrate Michaels' Requiem Mass on the 7th September and will return to the U.K. with his remains the following week for interment at Ushaw.

Next weekend we welcome Fr. Paul Tully – who will celebrate the vigil Mass at St. Joseph's, Blackhall and the 11.00am Mass at the Sacred Heart & English Martyrs, Thornley and Fr. Seamus McGivern who will celebrate the 8.30am Sunday morning Mass at Hutton Henry, while Fr. Ian is away!!

St. Joseph's Parish Coffee Evening: Takes place this coming Monday 4th September – 7pm – 9pm in the parish Rooms. Why not come and join us? All welcome!!

BCCET Walks for Joy: In November we will be launching Gaudete: A Mass Setting, which we co-created with our pupils and local parishes. We want to talk to the communities we serve about what faith means to them ahead of us hosting a special event - Faith: A Celebration at Rainton Arena 23 November. At this event we will share excerpts from our Mass Setting and other liturgical and secular music. We would like to include the views of the communities we serve and celebrate the joy of our faith together. The walks are an opportunity to meet with others from our school and local communities to talk about faith. We will be hosting five walks between Thursday 7 September and Tuesday 12 September 2023. Each walk will be at an easy pace and all walks finish with refreshments at the final location. We have a number of joining points on each of the walks. Those with mobility issues or those who are unable to do the walks are most welcome to come along and join us for refreshment and a chat. You can attend any of the sessions and do all or part of the walk **to book a place or request more information please email chaplain@bccet.org.uk**

We would be delighted if you could join us on the walks, Bishop Stephen will be joining us for the first night on the Thursday 7th September.

Please not hesitate to contact myself if you require any further information.

With kindest regards Liz Boylan – Lead Chaplain

Concert with Hartlepool Male Voice Choir in St. Andrew's Church Friday 15th September 2023 7pm. Tickets £6 includes wine & nibbles. For tickets contact Brenda, Jan or any Church Member.

ALL

Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

Dept. for Education

Deputy Director of Education (Inspection) – Full-time, term-time. Closing date: 18 September

Senior Administrator – Full-time, permanent. Closing date: 11 September

Vicariate for Faith & Mission

Administrator – full or part-time, maternity cover. Closing date: 4 September

All roles based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

Calling all the faithful - Our Lady needs You! to pray the Rosary on the feast of Our Lady of Victory

When: 7th October 2023 **Where:** Gateshead to Newcastle Starting at 11 a.m. at St Joseph's, High St West, Gateshead (near Gateshead Metro Station) for Mass and 1st Saturday devotions Leaving at 12.15 p.m. processing over the Tyne Bridge Assembling at 1.15 p.m. in Northumberland Street (near Marks and Spencer) for Holy Rosary ***Join us at any time***

Let us publicly witness to our Faith in a spirit of prayer and reparation. Let us pray for Our Lady's intercession For further information, please contact Peter email the.real.pete.forbes@gmail.com or phone 0772 931 8686 after 6 p.m. Monday - Friday or on weekends

BLACKHALL

Help needed! For weeding, tidying the grounds, grass cutting, hedge trimming etc. wage: pork pie/sausage roll, tea or coffee. There is a list at the back of Church to register your interest to Fr. Ian. Please write your name and contact number. Please ask Brian Hird about the duties involved.

**St. Joseph's, St. Peter & St. Paul's, Sacred Heart & English Martyrs
Parish Priest- Fr. Ian Jackson**

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Hutton Henry: Tony 07774149662 Thornley: Joe 01429 823327



Safeguarding:

Blackhall: Bill 07527552049 Hutton Henry: Mary 07817136092 Thornley: Elaine 07539475333

The Twenty Second Sunday of the Year.

3rd September 2023

ST. JOSEPH'S, BLACKHALL.

Sat. 2nd Vigil	6.00pm	Michael Gibson (R.I.P) & Joe Gray (R.I.P) (L.D) & People of the Parish
Sat. 9th Vigil	6.00pm	Dcd. Gray & Troughton Fams. & Joe Gray (R.I.P) (L.D) & People of the Parish

ST. PETER & PAUL, HUTTON HENRY.

Sun. 3rd	8.30am	John Forsythe (R.I.P)
Sun. 10th	8.30am	James Brooksbank (R.I.P)

SACRED HEART & ENGLISH MARTYRS, THORNLEY

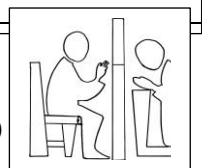
Sun. 3rd	9.15am	Jean Wilkinson (R.I.P) (Latin Mass)
	11.00am	Grace & Maurice Raine (R.I.P) & Catherine & Martin Kenny & Nancy Francis Kenny (R.I.P)
Wed. 6th	7.00pm	John Bradbourne (R.I.P) (Latin Mass)
Sun. 10th	09.15am	Terry Ashford's (Ints.) & Catherine & George Bromley (R.I.P) (Latin Mass)
	11.00am	John & Margaret Regan (R.I.P) & Special Intention.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Blackhall: Saturdays at 10.00am. (**no Confessions this week**)

Hutton Henry: Fridays before and after morning Mass. (**no Confessions this week**)

Thornley: Thursdays at 6.00pm. (**no Confessions this week**)



Feasts of the Week.

Monday: The Translation of St. Cuthbert.

Tuesday: St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Friday: The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Next Sunday: The Twenty - Third 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.

When I was trying to make sense of this week's reading's

I looked for inspiration and I found it in a quote from

Elisabeth Kubler Ross. She wrote "Throughout life, we get clues that remind us of the direction we are supposed to be headed". Perhaps this Sunday is one of those clues.

Jeremiah was trying to make sense of his life. His relationship with God was causing him problems with "other people". He felt he was a laughing-stock, he lived with insults and derision because he was faithful to God and felt driven to proclaiming His Word. He wants to walk away, to be as others are, but he cannot. He feels a fire inside, imprisoned in his bones, he knows he must keep faith in God but fears that he has not the strength to go on, he perseveres, because he serves the God who loves him.

The song of the psalmist gives us another clue. Each time we come to church we enter the sanctuary of God. When we are troubled, when life seems to be so hard, we can turn to God and He, who is always at our side, will give us the will and the strength to go on. Prayer is the mainstay of our faith, if we are in trouble we turn to God in prayer, and He, whose "love is better than life" will come to our aid.

D. Frank