

**A very warm welcome** to Fr. Paul Tully and Fr. Seamus McGivern who will be celebrating our Parish Masses this weekend while Fr. Ian is away.

Please remember especially in your prayers: William Smith (92) formerly of Easington Village, who died Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. May he rest in peace. We remember his wife and family especially in our prayers at this sad and difficult time. Funeral arrangements to follow.

### **BLACKHALL**

**APF Mission Boxes:** Brian writes “ Red Mission Boxes are due to be emptied so can you please bring them to Church”. Thank you!

**Concert with Hartlepool Male Voice Choir** in St. Andrew’s Church Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 7pm.

Tickets £6 includes wine & nibbles. For tickets contact Brenda, Jan or any Church Member.

### **ALL**

#### **Special Collections over the next couple of weeks:**

Catholic Education Sunday – this collection will be taken next week, 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Mission Sunday (formerly Home Mission Sunday) – this collection will be taken on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**Stella Maris:** Thank you very much to all at St. Joseph’s parish for your kind support of the work of Stella Maris ( The Apostleship of the Sea) through Sea Sunday 2023 appeal. We are most grateful for your parish’s total donation of £246.09. The generosity shown by your parishioners will help ensure that seafarers and fishers in this country and around the world will continue to receive the care and support that they so vitally need.

#### **Reflection by David Frank:**

Our existence is built on relationships, apart from each other we can do nothing, together we can work towards a more just. a more equal, world, a world in which the love for our brothers and sisters takes priority over everything else. Even though, at times, to show that love leads us to sacrifice our feelings, our beliefs, that is the road that Our Lord asks us to walk.

Ezekiel writes when Israel is in chaos. The people have turned away from God and are at the mercy of their powerful neighbours. It is the time of the destruction of Jerusalem and the exile in Babylon. Ezekiel is called by God to speak clearly and truthfully to the people warning them that, unless they seek reconciliation with God, they face annihilation. The choice, then, is for them to make, if they do not heed the warnings then they must face the consequences and, for Ezekiel there is no blame, he has done what the Lord asks of him.

Paul’s world is dominated by the power of Rome, a power built on the subjugation of small nations under the iron fist of Rome. There is no place in this world for the forgiving mercy of God. When Paul speaks of “mutual love” he calls it a debt. His words are inspired by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, a selfless sacrifice for all, a sign of God’s love for the world. The debt can only be repaid by our selfless forgiveness of our neighbour whatever they have done. Paul uses the Commandments of God to show the many ways in which we should act when we follow Him. He reminds us that “Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour”.

How do we apply the idea of mutual love for all when something occurs within our community, within the church. Jesus speaks of various steps we can make in order to bring about reconciliation, but He understands that sometimes even these can fail. He does not condemn but neither can he fix the problem. Every dispute, every sin, leads to the destruction of peace and harmony, it is up to ourselves to restore the balance. Peace comes when we gather in prayer for “when two or three are gathered together, God is there.” And He is always listening.

**St. Joseph’s School Foodbanks.** The S.V.P are asking Parishioners if they can help provide regular donations of non-perishable items; tinned meat, soup, fruit etc. also cereals and toiletries for the Mini Winnies to distribute to those in need. If you can help please bring your items to the Vigil Mass for collection. Thank you!

A little girl came home from school and said to her mother, "Mommy, today in school I was punished for something that I didn't do."

The mother exclaimed, "But that's terrible! I'm going to have a talk with your teacher about this ... by the way, what was it that you didn't do?"

The little girl replied, "My homework."



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**The Twenty Third Sunday of the Year.**

10th September 2023

**ST. JOSEPH'S, BLACKHALL.**

Sat. 9th Vigil	6.00pm	Dcd. Gray & Troughton Fams. & Joe Gray (R.I.P) (L.D) & People of the Parish
Sat. 16th Vigil	6.00pm	Bridget & Noel Fox (R.I.P) Joe Gray (R.I.P)(L.D) & Nan Leeming (R.I.P) & Ellen Reed (R.I.P)

**ST. PETER & PAUL, HUTTON HENRY.**

Sun. 10th	8.30am	James Brooksbank (R.I.P)
Sun. 17th	8.30am	Vincent & Edith Magee (R.I.P) & People of the parish

**SACRED HEART & ENGLISH MARTYRS, THORNLEY**

Sun. 10th	9.15am	Terry Ashford's (Ints.) & Catherine & George Bromley (R.I.P) (Latin Mass)
	11.00am	John & Margaret Regan (R.I.P) & Special Intention.
Wed. 13th	7.00pm	Jim Wilkinson (R.I.P) (Latin Mass)
Sun. 17th	09.15am	Doreen & John Morrow (R.I.P) (Latin Mass)
	11.00am	Margaret Maddison (R.I.P) & George Horn (R.I.P)(L.D)

**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.**

Tuesday: The Holy name of Mary.  
 Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom.  
 Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.  
 Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows.  
 Saturday: St. Cornelius & Cyprian.  
**Next Sunday: The Twenty - Fourth 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.**

**Season of Creation: Creator of All,**

**From your communion of love life sprung forth like a mighty river and the whole cosmos came into being. On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh and went forth with the life-giving waters proclaiming peace and justice for all creation. You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationship with each creature, but we failed to listen to the cries of the Earth and the cries of the most vulnerable. We broke with the flowing communion of love and sinned against you by not safeguarding the conditions for life. We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats, we grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished, and we ache at the sight of an economy of death, war and violence that we have inflicted on ourselves and on the Earth. Open our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the book of Scripture and the book of creation. Bless us once again with your life-giving waters so that the Creator Spirit may let justice and peace flow in our hearts and overflow into all creation. Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace, and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all creatures around us, and all creation. Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen**