# St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church



# Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle A Parish of the Finchale Partnership

Happy New Year to all. Welcome to the first bulletin for the New Year 2025.

#### **Parish Diary**

Week beginning 11 Jan 2025

Date	Feast	Mass Intention
Sat <b>11 Jan</b>	Vigil mass, the Baptism of the Lord	5.00pm Holy Mass Wedding Anniversary
Sun 12 Jan	the Baptism of the Lord	10am Syro Malabar mass with Rosary at 9.30am
Mon 13 Jan		No Mass
Tues 14 Jan		No Mass
Wed 15 Jan		7.0pm Holy Mass - Fr Cummings RIP
Thurs 16 Jan		9.30am Holy Mass A Sick Person
Fri 17 Jan		9.30am Holy Mass Gus Booth RIP
Sat <b>18 Jan</b>	Vigil mass, 2nd Sunday in OT	5.00pm Holy Mass The Simpson Family RIP

#### **Our Parish Prayers**

Please continue to pray for those sick, the lonely and the housebound in our parish, also keep in your prayers all who care for them. Pray for; **Sylvia Kelly; Ann Booth, Ann Canavan , John Walton and Ethel Condron. Anniversaries:** Pray for all those whose anniversary occurs at this time . Pray for **those** recently deceased, may they **Rest in Peace. Amen** 

# **December Parish Collections:** [Christmas and Epiphany period]

**7 Dec** -Loose £93, Gift Aid (GA) Envelopes £11, GA Standing Order £223. **Total £327.** 

**14 Dec** -Loose £181, Gift Aid (GA) Envelopes £152, GA Standing Order £223. **Total £556.** 

**21 Dec** -Loose £152, Gift Aid (GA) Envelopes £24, GA Standing Order £223. **Total £399.** 

Christmas 24 & 25 Dec - Loose £547, Gift Aid (GA) £66. Total £613.

28 Dec - Loose £176, Gift Aid (GA) £107, Gift Aid Standing Order £223.

Total £506.

**Thank you!** to all parishioners for your generosity, contributing to the financial needs of our parish and the charitable work in the wider church and community.

### The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Year C

celebrates the revelation of Jesus Christ as God's beloved Son and the effects of the Holy Spirit. The readings highlight Jesus' mission as the chosen servant and emphasize the significance of baptism. Key themes include recognizing ourselves as beloved by God, the transformative power of the Holy Spirit, and reflecting on the meaning of baptism in our lives.

#### **Retired Priest in Residence:**

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Bulletin Requests: Please send parish news and bulletin items to Clare at the parish email address: lang-

leymoor.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk

If you would like to receive the bulletin electronically, please contact Clare on the parish email . Also the most recent bulletin can be found on the 'bulletin tab' on the parish website:

<u>St. Patrick's RC Church – Langley Moor</u> (stpatricksrcchurch.co.uk)

<u>Mass Intention Requests</u> - Please complete a mass intention envelope (found in the church porch), with details and your donation. **Thank you.** 



#### Latest Church and Diocese News.....

<u>Church Ministry Rotas</u> - The Baptism of the Lord He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

#### Welcomers:

**Tonight:** Carol Proudlock and Marian Morris.

18 January 2025: Pat Middleton and Halina Holeman

#### Readers:

**Tonight:** Ziva Steve Cruddace and Tricia Whitfield. **18 January 2025**: Pat Middleton and Halina Holeman.

#### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Tonight:** Pauline Burnside and Carol Proudlock . **18 January 2025:** Malcolm Wass and Jane Smith.

#### **Readings Next week:**

First reading, Isaiah 62:1-5. Second reading, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. Gospel, John 2:1-11.

Peace Sunday falls **next week**, on **Sunday 19th January (18th vigil).** As many parishes as possible across the country will mark the day.

#### **Children's Liturgy**: Advance notice.

We didn't get any volunteers to lead the children's liturgy so there are a couple of weeks when it isn't on during this school term, in the next few months:

11.1.25 Maria and Joanne

18.1.25 Maria and Helen

25.1.25 Maria and Margarita

1.2.25 Joanne and Michelle

#### 8.2.25 Not on

15.2.25 Maria and Helen

22.2.25 Joanne and Margarita

#### 1.3.25 Not on

Church Grand Christmas Raffle proceeds: The parish has received a thank you letter from CAFOD, for the £150, raised at the Christmas raffle. Thankyou for generously supporting the evening. A special thank you to the children's choir who provided beautiful singing and joy...

#### Dates for your diary

**Church Cleaning:** 1st Saturday of the month. Next session Saturday 1 February at 10am (unless otherwise arranged).

**Northern Catholic Calendar: 2025:** Calendars are available for sale at the back of church.

#### Vespers (Evening Prayer) at Ushaw:

**Sunday 19th January at 4pm,** please join us for Sung Vespers in St. Cuthbert's Chapel at Ushaw. This is an opportunity to pray together . All are very welcome to join the service.

### **Christian Unity Service at Ushaw:**

**24th January at 3pm**. There will be a Service for Christian Unity at Ushaw. There is no need to book tickets. Please do come along, and pass on the invitation to friends from other Christian churches.

#### **Cycle of Prayer during Winter**

Throughout Ordinary Time: Winter we are asked to pray for the following intentions:

Peace on Earth, Christian
 Unity, Victims of Human
 Trafficking, The Sick and those
 who care for them, The Unemployed

#### Jubilee Year 2025 - "Pilgrims of Hope"

HOPE

Happy new year for 2025.

As Saint Augustine observes: "Whatever our state of life, we cannot live without these three dispositions of the soul, namely, to believe, to hope and to love." taken from the Papal Bull for the Year of Jubilee.

More information to follow. Also, please visit the Diocesan Year of Jubilee page: <a href="https://bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025">https://bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025</a>

#### **Diocese News**

Pilgrimage: Hearts in Search of God - Webinar

Date: Wednesday 15 January 2025 | Time: 7.00pm – 8.00pm | Online via Zoom

All are welcome to join us for this online Year of Jubilee formation opportunity based on pilgrimage. We are delighted to welcome our guest speaker Dr Phil McCarthy. The session will also explore and consider some of the options and practicalities for embarking on a local pilgrimage during the Year of Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope. contact <a href="mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk">adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk</a> or call 0191 243 3316 to book your place.

Sharing the Rosary – Saturdays 25 January, 1 February, 8 February and 22 February 2025 from 2:00 pm, with sessions finishing at 3:30 pm.

You are very welcome to join us at Holy Name Parish Hall on Towers Avenue, Jesmond for a 4-week course exploring the Rosary, its history and its significance in Catholic prayer traditions. Each one-hour session will include opportunities to learn about the Mysteries of the Rosary, pray a shared Decade, and even make your own set of Rosary beads. We warmly invite participants from other parishes, families, and young people to join us in this Jubilee Holy Year on this journey of faith and community. To join the course, please either

email welcome@holynamejesmond.co.uk or telephone (0191) 2810940.

# THIS SUNDAYS READING THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C

# First reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her

that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go on up to a high mountain, O Sion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!' Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

# **Responsorial Psalm:**

Bless the Lord, O my soul! My God, how great you are!

# Second reading

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness, and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. He who is mightier than I is coming, said John.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Alleluia.

## Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

# Children's Corner: Gospel reflections prayers and activities

# St Patrick's School Blog

The children returned to school on **Monday 6 January 2025 and** have settled back into their routines at school this week. **Thank you for your support over Advent.** 



Jesus Begins His Mission

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work? It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

When you were baptized God was getting you ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can you help bring others closer to God?



Prayer:

God of all, as we gather at your table, we give thanks for your love.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit and help us to show your love to others in all that we do. Amen.

Prayer:

Come Holy Spirit, bend what is rigid in me, melt what is frozen.

**Gregorian Chant**