

St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
A Parish of the Finchale Partnership



Welcome to our bulletin covering mass readings, the coming weeks parish diary, news, prayers and upcoming diary dates. **Please take this bulletin home with you and if you can, pass it onto others.**

Parish Diary

Week beginning 22 Mar 2025

Date	Feast	Mass Intention
Sat 22 March	Vigil mass 3rd Sunday of Lent	5:00pm Holy Mass, Golden Wedding
Sun 23 March	3rd Sunday of Lent	10:00am Syro-Malabar Mass with Holy Rosary at 9:30am
Mon 24 March		No Mass
Tues 25 March	The Annunciation	No Mass
Wed 26 March		6:00pm Stations of the Cross No Mass
Thurs 27 March		9:30am Holy Mass, Patrick and Beatrice Everett RIP
Fri 28 March		9:30am Holy Mass, Katrine Ferrati RIP
Sat 29 March	Vigil mass 4th Sunday of Lent	5:00pm Holy Mass, for a sick child

Our Parish Prayers: Please continue to pray for those sick, the lonely and the house-bound 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.** Prayer for the Holy Father, **Pope Francis**, who is seriously ill in hospital, that he makes a good recovery.

Anniversaries: Please pray for Terry Farthing, Robert Bird and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time. Pray for those recently deceased, may they **Rest in Peace. Amen**



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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 on the **parish website:** [St. Patrick's RC Church – Langley Moor \(stpatricksrcchurch.co.uk\)](http://St.Patrick's RC Church – Langley Moor (stpatricksrcchurch.co.uk))

Mass Intention Requests - please complete a mass intention envelope /or envelope with details and your donation.
Thank you.

The 3rd Sunday of Lent Year

C helps us reflect on God's call, repentance, and growth. The readings from Exodus, Corinthians, and Luke guide us to understand our faith journey better. God's Call to Moses: In Exodus, God calls Moses from the burning bush.

Latest Church and Diocese News.....

Church Ministry Rotas:

Welcomers:

Tonight: Paul Kelly and Anne Kelly

29 March: Greg Mearman and Tricia Whitfield

Readers:

Tonight: Stella Foody and Malcolm Wass

29 March: Mirabel Chidimal and Talia Chakanyuka

Eucharistic Ministers:

Tonight: Malcolm Wass and Jane Smith

29 March: Teresa Wass and Irene Carey

Children's Liturgy:

Tonight: Maria and Helen

29 March: Maria and Margarita

Readings Next Week 29 March:

First reading, Joshua 5:9a, 10-12. Second reading, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

Diary Dates:



Stations of the Cross

Stations take place on **Wednesday evenings at 6pm during Lent.**

The next service is, **March 26**, led by Ann and Doreen.

Following, weeks Stations,

- * **April 2 @ 6pm,** led by Malcolm and Teresa
- * **April 9 @ 6pm** led by Fr Gordon
- * **No stations during Holy week,** however Fr Ryan will lead a **Taizé Prayer Evening, Tuesday April 15th @7pm**



Stations of the Cross - Opening Prayer

O Jesus Christ, my Lord, with what great love did you pass over the painful road which led you to death; and I, how often have I abandoned you! But now I love you with my whole soul, and because I love you I am sincerely sorry for having offended you.

My Jesus, pardon me, and permit me to accompany you in this journey. You are going to die for love of me, and it is my wish also, my dearest Redeemer, to die for love of you. My Jesus, in your love I wish to live. In your love I wish to die.

[Stations of the Cross with St Alphonsus Liguori.](#)

Holy week services, for your diary are on the back page...

Parish News and Information

Safety Notice: Church Garden and Grounds

The rear and side Church remains fenced off. As a result of the storm in January there are hazardous falling and loose slates. Please stay clear of this area until the roof is repaired.

Parish Health & Safety Officer

Carol Proudlock's term of office as Parish H&S Officer will end on 31 March 2025. Carol took on the role at a time when many H&S issues had been neglected and a number of mandatory systems had not been established. Thankfully as a result of her great efforts, the H&S systems and procedures that Carol has established are up to date and in the main require routine maintenance rather than the major overhaul that she was required to undertake.

We need someone to take on this critical H&S role, to help ensure that our parish services and pastoral work can continue. Please take time to consider whether YOU feel able to take on this role. Carol will help provide help and guidance to anyone who takes on the role. In addition to the H&S work, the incumbent becomes a member of the Parish Pastoral Council which meets about 4 times a year.

Should you be interested in taking on this important role, please contact FR Gordon, Greg Mearman or Carol Proudlock.

Ecumenical Midday Prayer Service at Ushaw

Held weekly, the service is at 12 noon each Tuesday in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Based on shared traditions of prayer and reading scripture, the service aims to bring together Christians of all denominations. Everyone welcome.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

Each month the Pope asks us to pray for a particular intention.

for March: For families in crisis - *Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.*

Eternal Father,

I offer you everything I do this day – my thoughts, works, joys, and sufferings. Grant that, enlivened by the Holy Spirit and united to Jesus in the Eucharist, my life this day may be of service to you and to others. And with Mary and the whole Church I pray especially for the Pope's prayer intention this month.

Amen.

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This Sundays Reading 22 March; 3rd Sunday of Lent

First reading

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

In those days: Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, 'I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.' When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' And he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, 'I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.'

Then Moses said to God, 'If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I Am Who I Am.' And he said, 'Say this to the people of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you." ' God also said to Moses, 'Say this to the people of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.'

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is compassionate and gracious.*

Second reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

The way of life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down for our instruction.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

'Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.'

There were some present at that very time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.'

And he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vine dresser, "Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?" And he answered him, "Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

School/children/ young people news, Diocese news, prayers and more..

[if you know anyone that might be interested in the Diocese opportunities, that have been put together below, please pass on this bulletin, so they can consider them]. **Thank you.**

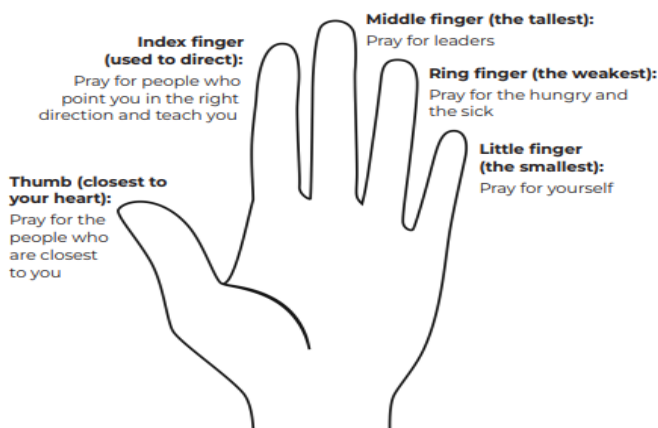
Children's Corner: Mission Together Lenten Calendar: 2025 week 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
24 Yesterday's Sunday Gospel was Lk 13:6-9 What lessons can we learn from this reading? +	25 Jesus taught us how to be hopeful. Where do we see signs of hope today?	26 In Lent we give more time to help others. Look for ways to help today.	27 During Lent we share more of what we have. Why is sharing important?	28 With your class reflect and pray with the 7th & 8th Stations of the Cross. +	29 Tell a family member why we pray more in Lent. Teach them your favourite prayer.	30 Mothering Sunday Ask God to bless mums and grandmas today.

Third Sunday of Lent

"It may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down." Luke 13:9

Five finger prayer



Growing in love

As a family plant some bulbs, seeds or seedlings as a reminder of God's patient, nurturing love.

Find more prayer activities at cafod.org.uk/familyprayers

Childs prayer

Creator God, you gave us a world full of wonderful things. May we share these fairly with each other so all people have the chance to grow and live happy lives. **Amen**

A Prayer for Peace

Dear God, during this Lenten season, I ask for the gift of peace. Help me to find peace in Your presence and to share that peace with others.

Calm my heart and mind, and remind me of Your love. **Amen**

Dates for your diary:

Holy Week and Easter Vigil

- * **Tuesday** 15th April, **Taizé Prayer**, led by Fr Gordon @**7.00pm**
- * **Maundy Thursday** 17th March @ **7.00pm**, (followed by a period of watching and adoration of the blessed sacrament until **8.30pm**).
- * **Good Friday** 18th April @ **3.00pm**.
- * **Holy Saturday (Easter vigil)** 19th April **5.00pm**
- * **Easter Sunday** 20th April – **No Mass**



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National Catholic Leadership Programme



This programme is for serving Deputy Headteachers in Catholic Primary and Secondary schools who are considering the role of headteacher in the next two years. It is fantastic training for the role of Catholic Headteacher, delivered by inspirational leaders across our Diocese.

Contact: education@diocesehn.org.uk for information.

Answer the Call: Teach in a Catholic School

Are you a Catholic teacher currently working outside Catholic education? Have you considered bringing your skills, experience, and faith into a Catholic school? Now is the time to explore how you can make a real difference in a values-driven, faith-filled learning environment. The Diocesan Department for Education are hosting an information session, for those interested in exploring teaching opportunities in our Catholic Education Trusts and schools.

Date: Wednesday 2 April 2025 between 4.30pm - 5.30pm. **Location:** The Durham Centre, Belmont DH1 1TN

Register your place by emailing: education@diocesehn.org.uk

Diocese Job Vacancy

Safeguarding Co-ordinator, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle – full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: **25 March** at 12.00pm. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.