



Liturgy

Celebrating our Parish

Our parishes are families where we find friendship and support and are helped to find the presence of Jesus in our lives. As we come out of a time of lockdown we join with all the parishes across our diocese to give thanks for those who support and serve us in different ways.

Weekends of Thanks and Re-commitment

Starting in July and stretching into September and October we are invited to express our gratitude for those people who serve in our parishes in different lay ministries. We ask them to re-commit themselves to their valuable work as we grow together in the knowledge and love of God.

Welcomers' Weekend 17th / 18th July

During the Pandemic many people have made it possible for us to gather for Mass by stewarding and guiding our people, by cleaning and sanitising our churches. All this is part of the Ministry of Welcome. At our Sunday Mass on this weekend we have had the opportunity to say 'thank you' to them and ask them to carry on in their ministry. It is going to be different after the end of lockdown but we still need their ministry in other ways. If it is intended to mark this in your parish on a weekend later in the year the short ritual can be found on the Diocesan Website under 'Welcomers' Weekend'.

Readers' Weekend 11th / 12th September

We have not been able to have our Lay Readers proclaim the Word of God at Mass in the way we normally do. Only one Reader has been allowed and many have not been able to join us at Mass. At our Sunday Mass on this weekend we shall celebrate the ministry of proclaiming God's holy Word and ask Readers to commit themselves again to this important service. Eventually we shall return to our patterns of ministry that we had before the Pandemic.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Weekend 2nd / 3rd October

There are many ways in which parishioners have helped with Holy Communion in the past. Many of our housebound parishioners find Communion to the Sick the spiritual highlight of their week. In churches where priests and deacons need support in distributing Holy Communion this ministry has been a tremendous benefit in the past. At our Sunday Mass we give thanks for these ministers and we ask them to commit themselves again to this work.

Musicians' Weekend 30th / 31st October

Music is a vital part of our worship and what it is to be human. As we come out of lockdown we recognise that the chance to sing and have musicians enhance our worship is a wonderful gift. At our Sunday Mass on this weekend we thank God for our musicians and thank them for their commitment. We ask them to continue in their uplifting service to move our hearts to join in the music of heaven.

Days of Reflection for Ministers

In many parishes and partnerships there are opportunities provided at local level for parishioners to share time together to reflect on their ministry.

We also offer the following Diocesan Days of Reflection for those who wish to attend. During these days we shall reflect together on the call of our ministry and how the Pandemic may raise the need to introduce new ways of working and also we shall consider the approaching Synod.

These Days are subject to alteration in line with changes in Government Coronavirus regulations.

Companions on the Journey

For Leaders of RCIA Groups

For those involved in organising and presenting sessions for those who are preparing to become members of the Church

St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead

11 September 2021

10.30am-3.30pm

Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch
Tea and Coffee will be provided

Breaking the Word

for Readers

For those who have been Readers at Mass on Sundays or Weekdays

Ushaw College, Durham

9 October 2021

10.30am-3.30pm

Called to the Supper of the Lamb

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

A choice of days for those who have served as ministers taking Holy Communion to the Sick or helping distribute during Mass

Ushaw College, Durham

Option 1 - 16 October 2021

10.30am-3.30pm

Option 2 - 30 October 2021

10.30am-3.30pm

Gather my People

For those lay people who help to lead in Worship

For those who have been asked to lead services in the past as Lay Leaders of Celebrations of the Word, Lay Leaders of Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion, or to lead any other Service of Prayer

St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead

6 November 2021

10.30am-3.30pm

Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch
Tea and Coffee will be provided

Further information and booking will be available from September

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Lay Liturgical Training Programme

For those new to the following lay ministries

Welcomers

The course will look at how we welcome those who come to Sunday Mass and investigate the ways in which we engage with others as something more than simply handing out hymnbooks and newsletters.

St. Hilda's Resource Centre
St. Cuthbert's House
392 West Road
Newcastle, NE15 7PY

Tuesday 28 September 2021 - 10.00am - 3.00pm
Commissioning Service at 3.00pm

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Readers

The course will look at the importance of the Word of God in the Liturgy. We shall consider the need to reflect on the meaning of the sacred text and provide training to help improve technique in proclaiming it.

St. Joseph's
Thorneyholme Terrace
Stanley
DH9 0BL

Monday 8 November 2021 - 7.00pm - 9.00pm
and
Saturday 13 November 10.00am - 3.00pm
Commissioning Service at 3.00pm

Sacristans

The course will look at the importance of preparing for the celebration of the Liturgy and the Sacramental Rites. We shall study the proper use and care of those things that are needed for worship in the Parish Church during the Liturgical Year.

St Bede
Chapel Road
Jarrow
NE32 3LX

Tuesday 26 October 2021 - 10.00am - 3.00pm
Commissioning Mass at 12.15pm

Places are limited on these courses and are subject to change, depending on the current Government Coronavirus regulations. Further information and booking arrangements will be available from September.

Courses for training of new ministers can be arranged on request e.g. Welcomers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Liturgical Lay Leaders etc. Clergy are asked to contact the Vicariate for Faith & Mission if they would like a course to be arranged in their locality.

Remembering those who died since the Pandemic began

Since the Pandemic began, the ways in which we have been able to say goodbye to our loved ones and to celebrate their funerals have been severely restricted. This applies to those who died with the Coronavirus and to those we have lost through other circumstances. Every family and parish will be finding ways to express their loss in the coming months. As part of our diocesan family approach to these difficult times we shall especially dedicate the month of November to our remembrance.

During November, every parish is invited to prepare a '**Book of Remembrance**' to contain all those who died during these difficult days. **Around the week ending Saturday 20th November each parish is asked to celebrate a special Mass for their dead using the names in the Book of Remembrance as a focus.**

We ask that these Books of Remembrance be then brought to the Cathedral in the following week so that all those named may be remembered at **Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert on Saturday 27th November at 11.00am in Saint Mary's Cathedral.** Arrangements for possible parish representatives and concelebration will be given closer to the date depending upon the regulations in place. The books will then be kept on display in the Cathedral for a further week.

Cathedral Church of St. Mary Newcastle Upon Tyne

Remembering those who have died

Mass - Saturday 27 November 2021

11.00am

Celebrant Bishop Robert Byrne CO



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