

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER DURING PANDEMIC WEEK BEGINNING 12/04/20
ST JOSEPH'S AND ST WILFRID'S EASTER SUNDAY



HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED!!

A Very Happy Easter to One and All

A Reflection on today's Gospel

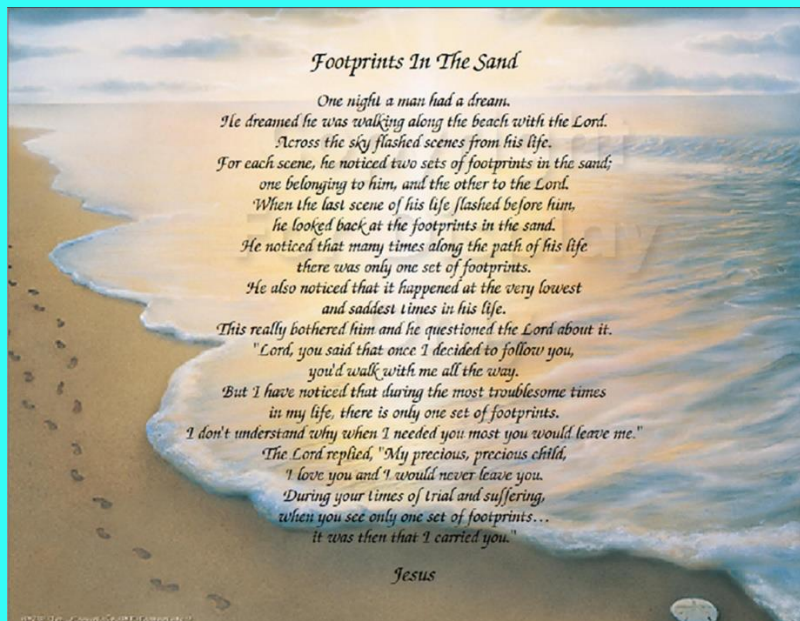
Like the Apostles who journey to Emmaus, we too are on a journey, life's journey to the Promised Land, we have two tables set before us as we journey – The Scriptures and The Eucharist

Jesus came to accompany us in our journey. He cares for us as he cared for his disciples. Perhaps we have heard the story called "Footprints". We go for a walk with a friend at the seaside. We leave two sets of prints in the sand. Suddenly there is only one set. Puzzled we ask, "why?" Our friend tells us "You got so tired that I carried you"

So it is with Our Lord. He picks us up when we lose strength, or lose our way, or cease to attend Sunday Eucharist.

Today we pray for a deeper love of Christ speaking to us in the Scriptures, and for a great love of Holy Mass.

Like the two in the Gospel, we must be eager to spread the truths of Faith



Live Streaming of Masses

The following parishes have set up a live stream of Mass.

Please visit the links for more details:

St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle

[Cathedral's YouTube Channel](#). Each day at 12.00 noon (Sunday at 11.30am) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and devotions live streamed at 5.00pm each day.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Sunderland

[YouTube channel](#). You can also find details and information on their [Facebook page](#).

Billingham, St. Thomas of Canterbury

[Facebook page](#), Mass daily at 12.00 noon, Exposition at 1.00pm and Benediction at 2.00pm.

Chester le Street, St. Cuthbert and Sacriston, St. Bede

A recording of daily Mass via their [Facebook Page](#).

Darlington, St. Augustine's

Sunday Mass at 9.15am via their [Facebook page](#).

St. Mary's, Hexham

Via their [website](#) or [YouTube channel](#). Sunday Mass 10.00am, weekday Mass 6.00pm and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday 4.00pm.

St. Paul's, Cramlington

[Facebook Page](#).

Stockton Family Parish

[Facebook Page](#).

Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

[Facebook Page](#), Mass daily at 9.30am.

Northern Cross

There are no hard copies published this month, but it can be read online for free at

northerncross.org.uk

Congratulations!

Bishop Byrne officially appointed Fr Michael and nine other priests from our Diocese as Canons, the appointments, which take immediate effect, were conferred by letter on 7th April 2020.

Canons of the Cathedral chapter

Fr Michael Brown

Fr Peter Leighton

Fr Michael Campion

Fr Michael McCoy

Fr John Cooper

Fr Ian Patterson

Fr Michael Griffiths

Fr Martin Stempczyk

Fr Christopher Jackson

Fr Dennis Tindall

Also appointed are Fr Paul Douthwaite as honorary Canon.

Canon Alec Barrass and canon Robert Spence, having reached retirement age, continue as honorary Canons.

Vicariate for Caritas, Diocesan Pastoral Support and Outreach:

Fr. Adrian Tuckwell, Episcopal Vicar for Caritas provides a helpful summary of Pastoral Support available around the Diocese here ([pdf](#) – [word](#)).

Destitute Asylum Seekers in dire need:

The Covid-19 Pandemic is having a profound effect on destitute asylum seekers locally who receive no financial support or accommodation from Government. Please [click here](#) to see how you can help.

Little Sisters of the Poor Home, Newcastle:

The Little Sisters of the Poor have launched a vital fundraising appeal, in response to the increasing pressures faced by St. Joseph's Care Home during the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. Please [follow this link](#) to see how you can help.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Obviously, the Weekly Mass collections have stopped at this time, but the bills still must be paid!

Would you consider making a bank transfer from your account to your parish's account?

You could make this a one-off donation, a weekly or monthly offering until life returns to normal, or you may consider setting up a standing order to continue even after the current restrictions are lifted!

To donate via bank transfer:

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

Gateshead St Wilfrid's

Sort Code 40-34-18

Account Number 01164120

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

Gateshead St Joseph's

Sort Code 40-34-18

Account Number 31164066

Please use reference: - Weekly Income

UNITING in PRAYER

It has been suggested by one of our parishioners that we join each night to pray in unity. The suggested time is 9pm, light a candle and pray:

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory Be

X3

The Memorare



And sing:

Do Not Be Afraid

