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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (OF) Sexagesima Sunday (EF)
20th February 2022

Luke 6:27-38 "be merciful as God is merciful."

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the [Beatitudes](#). Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

If you know of anybody who is **ill** or **housebound** and would like a **visit from Canon Michael** for **confession** or to receive **Holy Communion** please notify the office.



Please **pray** for all the **children** who are **preparing** to make their **First Holy Communion** this year.



Remember their families too

DONATIONS PLEASE to HELP PREVENT ANOTHER BREAK-IN at ST WILFRID'S

Last week somebody broke into St Wilfrid's and turned things upside down in the Sacristy. Luckily nothing was stolen, this time!!

Perspex shields have now been put on the windows in the hope that this will prevent any further break-ins.

The cost for this increase in **security was £700** an amount we cannot really afford.

Please consider making a donation to help cover the cost, you can put your offering in an envelope marked '**Security Donation**' or make a payment online using 'Security' as the reference.

Every little helps.

Book Club: Wednesday 16th March at 7.00pm.

ALL are welcome to this informal, fun, lively discussion group. We will be discussing the first two short stories from the book 'Complete Stories' by Flannery O'Conner



The **Piety Stall** is open most Sundays after both Masses, please have a little look to see the cards, Rosary beads and medals we have on sale. All profit made from sales in the piety stall are fed back into the Parish funds, so every penny helps. Thank You.

MEN'S ROSARY RALLY

Calling ALL men and boys, please join the Rosary rally to be hosted by St Andrew's Worswick Street on the **5th March**.

Put the date in your diary NOW.

Please see poster in porch for further information.



No matter how shiny they are, 5ps are fiddly and a nuisance to carry around in your wallet, purse or pocket!!

Why not collect them in a jar instead?

There are some suitable jars at the back of church and once you have filled them please return jar and its contents to church – Thank you for your donation!!

Oh, and you are very welcome to the solution of what to do with loose change!!



Weekly Income for 13th February 2022

St Joseph's

Loose Plate Collection: £340.67

Gift Aid Envelopes: £85 Votive Candles: £19.29

Rental income: Room: £24 Car-park - £40

Donation: £30 Piety: £

St Wilfrid's

Loose Plate: £208.80 Gift Aid: £47 Piety: £20.50



Tuesday Club

It has been nearly two years since the Tuesday Club was last open, and many people have missed the chance to socialize together. In the time we have been closed our Parish Hall tearoom and kitchen have been refurbished, so we have a lovely place to meet once again.

We are delighted to announce that the club will reopen after Mass on **Tuesday 1st March**.

There will be light refreshments, a raffle and game of Bingo as usual, and an opportunity to chat to old friends - and hopefully meet some new ones.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	February 19 th	Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	Feb 20 th			Bernard McGuigan People of the Parish	10.00am 12.00
Monday	Feb 21 st	Nicholas Porteous	10.00am		
Tuesday	Feb 22 nd			Requiem Mass Joan Bain John Connolly	8.30am 12.05pm
Wednesday	Feb 23 rd		10.00am	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Billy & Anne Sheridan	11.00am 12.05pm
Thursday	Feb 24 th			Holy Souls	7.45am
Friday	Feb 25 th	Priest's Intention	10.00am	Ann Southern	12.05pm
Saturday	Feb 26 th	Priest's Intention	5.00pm	Holy Souls	11.00am
Sunday	Feb 27 th			Mr & Mrs Ros Serenio Wedding Anniversary People of the Parish African Mass	10.00am Midday (EF) 2.00pm

"E F" = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

Confessions: - St Joseph's: Wednesday after Mass; Saturdays from 12-12.30

St Wilfrid's – before Mass on Saturday

Prayers for: - anniversaries occurring at this time; the sick and recently deceased

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament @ St Joseph's Wednesday 11.00

Vespers and Benediction every First Sunday of the Month at 3pm

African Mass last Sunday of the Month at 2pm

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

**PARTICIPATING IN THE SYNODAL
PROCESS:**

[Synod 2021 - 2023 - Diocese of Hexham &
Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://diocesehn.org.uk)

A GUIDE FOR CATHOLICS ATTACHED TO
THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS FROM THE
LATIN MASS SOCIETY

Please make your views known
[Synod on Synodality | Latin Mass Society
\(lms.org.uk\)](http://lms.org.uk)

**The deadline is 2nd March 2022: Ash
Wednesday 2022**

**A PLEA on BEHALF of the TRADITIONAL
MASS COMMUNITY**

As most of you will know, the Pope has brought out a document trying to ban the celebration of the Holy Mass under the Traditional Rite. The Traditional Mass community feel his continued references to us as being 'Rigid' and his attack on our desire to remain in communion with tradition, as "*discrimination and persecution and a denial of our rights and dignity to be recognised*" all of which Pope Francis asked us to pray against in his intention for last month.

As a community we welcome: El Shaddai, The African Mass and the Polish Mass, all of whom worship according to their own traditions and customs, the Traditional Mass is no different, and anyone who prefers to worship in unity with their ancestral heritage ought to be allowed to do so. So we are asking ALL of you to stand up with us and sign the petition in the porch asking the pope to change his directive and to enable us to continue

There is also an online petition hosted by the LMS asking for support, please also sign their petition as the more voices heard the more Pope Francis will need to listen.

Find Out About Courses and Events on the Diocesan Website:

Keep Up to Date with Diocesan News:-
[News - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle
\(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://diocesehn.org.uk)

Sent on behalf of the DHN Synod Communications
Group

Join the Conversation...

Last weekend, Partnerships across the Diocese sent people to join Bishop Robert for a morning of prayer, talking and listening, and to feedback on what they have heard during the last few months of our Diocesan Synod process. There was a lot of energy in the room, a joyful atmosphere, and people described "an overwhelming feeling of the Holy Spirit at work"; "It has been uplifting and inspiring.."; "So many people with so many really good things to talk about.."; "Coming along today has been a real joy."

Bishop Robert said, "We've had a very fruitful morning... we go forward trusting each other, and with a confidence in the joy and power of the Gospel".

If you've not been part of the conversation yet, there is one more opportunity at **7 pm on Wednesday 23rd February**. There will be an online gathering where you can join in to add your voice to the Synod.

To register and Join the Conversation, visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/synod-join-the-conversation/>

Are you interested in history? Would you like to learn a little more about **Catholic history** in the North of England? Why not join the North East **Catholic History Society** which meets in St Joseph's church hall? All are welcome. For more information please speak to Canon Michael or visit: - [North East Catholic History Society Spring Lectures - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://diocesehn.org.uk)

Have you an interesting historical article you feel would be of interest to the History Society? Please get in touch to share this with them: - [North East Catholic History Society Appeal - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://diocesehn.org.uk)