



Jesmond St Mary Partnership

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Epiphany of The Lord

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The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies

Health and Safety Officer - required to co-ordinate all aspects of health and safety across the Diocese, ensuring that all Diocesan properties and activities conducted in and around them are safe and without risk as far as reasonably practicable. Based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle with extensive travel throughout the Diocese. Closing date: 11th January.

Administrator, St John XXIII, Washington and St Joseph, Birtley - 16 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 15th January.

Administrator, Dept. for Safeguarding – full-time, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 16th January.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us (0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk).

Holocaust Memorial Evenings This year the Holocaust Memorial Evening will be held twice, the first evening will be held on Tuesday 29th January 2019 at 7.00pm at St. Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Road, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7PE.

Guest Speaker Mrs Gay Keenaghan

A second evening will be held on Thursday 31st January 2019 from 7.00pm at St. Michael's Catholic Academy, Beamish Road, Billingham TS23 3DX.

Guest speaker Joanna Millan Booking is essential for either event at interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk or Tel: 0191 2655290

Partnership News

Themes of the Week - Monday 7th January, Week B – Epiphany
“They knelt down and worshipped him.” (Matthew 2:1-12)

Blackfriars Partnership Pilgrimage – to Walsingham, Sunday 14th July. Visit England’s Nazareth and enjoy a spiritually uplifting pilgrimage in the Norfolk countryside, staying at Elmham House pilgrim centre and includes day excursions to nearby towns of Wells and Sheringham. To find out more, Father Martin Morris will hold a meeting in St John Vianney hall, West Denton on Wednesday 13th February at 7-00 pm. All Welcome.

VIVA SANTO NIÑO – you are joyfully invited to this Filipino Festival at St Teresa of the Infant Jesus, Heaton Road, NE6 5HN on Sunday 20th January at 2-00 pm.

Filipino Holy Mass, Praise & Worship, Sinulog Dance Presentation and Procession and Filipino Refreshments.

Concelebrated Mass officiated by Fr Patrick Vance Nogoy, SJ with Fr Arokia Mariadass Pagyasamy OCD and Fr John Juliet Ulaganathan OCD.

A blessing of SANTO NIÑO statues will be done after the Holy Mass

St. Aidan's

Coach Lane, Benton, NE12 8AD

www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com

Christmas Tree and Crib: The Christmas tree and crib need to be taken down and put away straight after mass. Any offers of help would be appreciated.

St Aidan's Pie and Pea Supper will be held on Saturday 19th January at 6pm in the church hall. Tickets, priced £3.00 each, will be on sale at the back of church this week and next. Don't miss out – get your tickets to-day.

Next Churches Together - St Andrew's 20 January 2019 at 6.00pm. Please join our fellow Christians in prayer. Refreshments afterwards

Children – Thank you for placing the Smarty Tubes containing your coins into the basket beside the crib. Soon you will help to choose gifts from the CAFOD World Gifts catalogue.

Christmas Raffle –A huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets or donated so many fantastic prizes. An amazing £214.20 was raised for parish funds. We still have some unclaimed prizes, if you have a winning ticket please see Andrew Willson or Bernie Lamb.

Winning tickets: 995; 669; 391; 32; 911; 662; 566; 891; 666; 922; 906; 785; 19; 484; 547; 908; 535; 347; 386; 466; 710; 838; 709; 407; 673; 437; 814; 473; 431; 450; 745; 1000; 737; 549; 587; 998; 435; 887; 1; 3.

Please Pray for our Sick and Housebound Parishioners.

St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus

Heaton Road, Heaton, NE6 5HN

office@stteresasheaton.org.uk / www.stteresasheaton.org.uk

Kellett Cup Race Night – returns on 19th January in St Teresa’s Church Hall. This year we are raising funds for HCPT Group 53. Sponsorship of a race by a company, group, family or individual will be £30 donation; buy a horse for £5 each giving you a one in six chance of winning a prize. Tickets for the evening cost £5 including light refreshments and a free bet. You will need to bring your own alcoholic drinks, but soft drinks, tea and coffee will be on sale. It has been a while since Kellett’s cuddies made an appearance so get your twiddling fingers back into fitness.

FairTrade - our monthly Fairtrade stall will be running on Sunday before and after Mass. Please help support the producers of goods in other countries to get paid a fair price for what they produce.

CAFOD Gifts for life - our Christmas coffee morning on 23rd December, raised £18 for Cafod gifts for life. We have bought Trees for Life and a Vegetable Garden and the cards are displayed on the Youth Noticeboard at the back of church, next to the fundraising for Cafod by the Toddler Group.

Many Thanks – for your generous offertories during the month of December, they totalled £2284 of which £1197 was Gift Aided.

Please keep our sick and elderly parishioners in your prayers this week. Anyone who would like a home visit, or Communion, please inform the parish office.

Prayers etc

Pope Francis called faithful to be like the Magi, who, he said, continued to look upward at the sky, took risks and set out bearing gifts for Christ. "If we want to find Jesus, we have to overcome our fear of taking risks, our self-satisfaction and our indolent refusal to ask anything more of life," Francis said. "We need to take risks simply to meet a Child." "Those risks are immensely worth the effort," the pope said, "since in finding that Child, in discovering his tenderness and love, we rediscover ourselves."

The Three Wise Men, also traditionally called the Magi, were the only ones who saw the star leading the way to the manger, the pope said, because they were among the few people who raised their eyes to the heavens. "We often make do with looking at the ground: it's enough to have our health, a little money and a bit of entertainment," Francis added. "I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky. Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?" The Magi, he continued, were not satisfied with "just getting by, with keeping afloat" and continued instead to look up and follow the path. Many others who instead raised their eyes toward the heavens chose not to follow the star to Bethlehem, maybe, the pope explained, because it wasn't as bright as others.

"Jesus' star does not dazzle or overwhelm, but gently invites," he said, calling faithful to beware of the "meteors" and "shooting stars" that promise success, wealth and fortune only to quickly fade away and "mislead rather than lead."

The Lord's star, he said, while not shining as bright as others, is a reliable and constant light that "takes you by the hand in life and accompanies you" to peace and joy as it did with the Magi.

Another quality the pope encouraged mass-goers to borrow from the Three Wise Men is to "set out" in order to find Jesus. In order to do this, faithful must also free themselves from unnecessary burdens and push through life's obstacles. "Jesus allows himself to be found by those who seek him, but to find him we need to get up and go, not sit around but take risks, not stand still, but set out," Francis said.

Just as Jesus gave everything for the poor, hungry and needy, so are Catholics encouraged to be close and help the sick and down-trodden. "These are gifts freely given, and they cannot be lacking in the lives of Christians," he added.

Pope Francis sermon on Epiphany 2018

Ministries

St. Aidan's Eucharistic Ministers and Readers				
Date	Host	Chalice	Chalice	Reader
6 th Jan	Ann S	Alison R	Margaret A	Phillip S
13 th January	Frank G	Sheila C	Giovanni M	Joby R
Dene Park Rest Home Sunday Visitor				
13 th January	Julia F			
27 th January	Alison R			

St. Teresa's Ministers				
Date	Eucharist	Reader	Prayers	Welcomer
6 th January	Austin F Anne G Andrea H	Jean P	Janet W	Margaret B
13 th January	Tony I Beverley PG Claire H	Janet W	Dibie Fam.	Beverley PG

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Ladies Tuesday Group – meetings will resume on 15th January.

This Week's Services

Day & Date	Feast	St. Aidan's	St. Teresa's
Sunday 6 th January	Epiphany of The Lord	9:15 am Mass Bill Lee (2 nd Anniversary) C.L	11:00 am Mass Ernie Stones (Died Recently) E&T.B
Monday 7 th January	St Raymond of Peñafort	No Service	No Service
Tuesday 8 th January		6-30 pm Mass Brown and Trotter Families (M&G.B)	12.15pm: Funeral Service of Elizabeth Michelle
Wednesday 9 th January.		10-00 am CW&C	6-30 pm Mass Rev. Soosai Man- ikkam OCD (RIP)
Thursday 10 th January		10-00 am Mass Elizabeth and Mi- chael Crilly (RIP) M.C	No Service
Friday 11 th January	St Aelred of Rievaulx	10-00 am CW&C	10-00am Mass Holy Souls
Sunday 13 th January	Baptism of The Lord	9:15 am Mass The Brannigan Family (M.A)	11:00 am Mass

CW&C – Celebration of the Word and Communion

- * **Confessions** - St Aidan's Tuesday 6-00 pm;
- St Teresa's Wednesday 6-00 pm
- * **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**
- St Aidan's Tuesday 6-00 pm
- St Teresa's Wednesday 6-00 pm

