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22nd Sunday of Year C – 28th August 2022

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	28th	22nd Sunday of Year C	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Ecc 3: 17-29, Heb 12: 18-24 Luke 14: 1-14</i>
			St M	11.00am	Maureen & Gordon Hogg (KC)	
Mon	29 th	Passion of John the Baptist	St M	10.00am	Giustiniano Di Mascio	<i>Jer 1: 17-19, Mark 6: 17-29</i>
Tue	30 th	Weekday			<i>No Public Service</i>	
Wed	31 st	St Aidan, Bp	St O	10.00am	Priest's Intention	<i>1 Cor 3: 1-9, Matt 7: 21-29</i>
Thu	1 st	Weekday	St M	10.00am	Gerry Rafferty (SD)	<i>1 Cor 3: 18-23, Luke 5: 1-11</i>
Fri	2 nd	Weekday			<i>No Public Service</i>	
Sat	3 rd	St Gregory the Great			<i>No Public Service</i>	
Sun	4th	23rd Sunday of the Year	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Wis 9: 13-18, Phil 9-17 Luke 14: 25-33</i>
			St M	11.00am	Denis Dale (SD)	
<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30-10.45am at St Mary's church. <i>St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel Open Daily 7.30am-7.30pm</i></p>						

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in August: Sally Conway, Maureen Ruddick, V Hall, M James, Eileen Whalen, Lez Flintham, David T, GR, Betty Briggs, Lisa Stimpson, Amanda and Leah Kearney, Irene Keenaghan, Luke Goodwin, Catherine Goodwin, Alan Brown, Sheila Boyle, Steve Bociek, Clare Nelson, Wanda Parker-Lockwood.

Anniversaries: Anne O'Kane, Bridget Matthews, Esther King, Ellen Russell, John Marriott, Veronica Wigham, Walter Baharie, Harry Swaddle, Alan Gilroy, Gloria Brannon, John Patterson, Denis Dale.

First Holy Communion Preparation for 2023: Parents of school children in **Year 4** are invited to collect a form to enrol their children into this sacramental programme. Forms are available at Sunday Mass.

The new Journey of Faith (RCIA) meetings begin in the autumn. These sessions are for all those interested in joining the Church, and for all who are already members of the church but would like to refresh and deepen their understanding of their faith. If you would like to explore further becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr Martin.

Re-wire of St Mary's Church & Hall: As mentioned at the AGM, in the coming months we need to re-wire both the church and hall at St Mary's – an opportunity to fit new low energy LED lighting. Further information to follow once dates for this are confirmed.

The Wearing of Face-covering is a personal choice, although it is recommended by the Diocese. If you need to, please sanitise your hands on entry. You must not come to church if you have any symptoms of Covid-19. *Please be sensitive towards those who still wish to follow social distancing.*

The Synod 2023 - The National Synod Synthesis document is available for viewing on the Diocesan website (shown above). This contains the national submission that the Bishop's Conference will be forwarding to the Synod.

St Bernadette Relic Tour will be at St Mary's Cathedral on 1 and 2 Oct. To visit you need to book at: www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/

Date for your Diary: We have booked **Thurs 8th Dec** for our much missed Parish Social and Dinner at Tynemouth Golf Club. Cost £25 per head. Bookings, with payment, will be taken in September.

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is available for catechists, lay leaders, teachers, teachers in training and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith. For further information, you can contact Eamonn Diffley at Dept. for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

Congratulations to our young people who have passed exams in recent weeks. Wishing you every grace and blessing for the next stage of your life.

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20.28-29

There is praise for the person who is humble

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sages dream.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 67

Response: In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom.
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain;
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24

This contrasts Mount Sinai, where the old covenant was made, and Mount Zion, which stands for the heavenly Jerusalem.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1.7-14

Jesus urges his followers not to covet places of honour, and always to act out of unselfish motives.

On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

Has the hunger for status and influence in the world around you endangered your life as a Christian?