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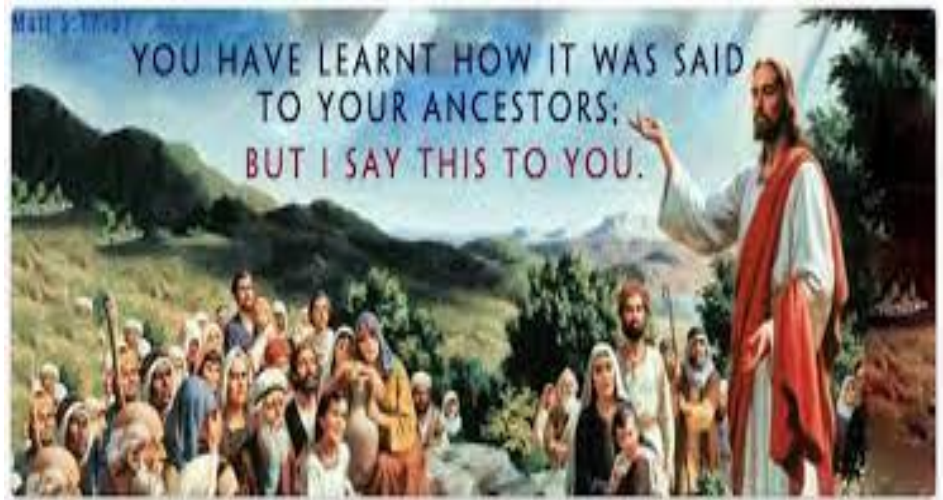
Parish Mission Statement

To be a welcoming community that encounter Jesus in our Sacraments and spiritual activities and reflects Jesus' experience to the periphery of our community through the works of charity and transparent Christian living.

**Sunday,
12th February 2023**

**Sixth Sunday
of the Year
Cycle A**

**"I have come to
complete the Law,
not to abolish it."**



Mass Times, Intentions and Feasts

Sat 11 th Feb 6pm	Rosary at 5:30pm	Audrey Hutchinson RIP
Sun 12 th 10.45am	People of the Parish	
Wed 15 th 10am	Ellen Killen RIP	
Thur 16 th 10am	School Mass in Church	
Sat 18 th 6pm	People of the Parish	
Sun 19 th 10.45am	People of the Parish	

Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday Evening: 6:00 - 7.00pm at St. John the Baptist
Saturday Evening: 5:30 - 5.50pm before Mass
Sunday Morning: 10.15 - 10.35am before Mass

A time of SILENCE in church for quiet prayer. As the Blessed Sacrament is already exposed when people come into the church can you please respect the situation and keep the decorum of the church by meeting and carrying out any discussions in the Piety Stall until the Blessed Sacrament is reposed.

Saturday 11th February Vigil Mass

Sunday 12th February Mass

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15: 15 - 20

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118

They are happy who follow God's law!

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6 - 10

Gospel: Matthew 5: 17 - 37

Hymn Numbers for Mass this weekend

156: 1003 & 1005: 243: 1011: 247: 86.

Lent

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, 22nd February 2023**, and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. Ash Wednesday dates from at least the fourth century, and during that century, penitents looking for forgiveness and re-entry into the community would dress in sackcloth and sprinkle ashes to show their repentance. The distributing of ashes on Ash Wednesday imitates the practice of wearing ashes by public penitents. The Church asks Catholics 14 years of age or older and between the ages of 16 and 59 to fast and abstain from meat on certain days, limiting food to one full meal a day with the possibility of two smaller meals as needed, not to eat meat, although fish is allowed. Pregnant and nursing women are exempt from the fast. Throughout our history, Christians have found prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to be an important part of repentance and renewal. Many now add something during Lent rather than giving up something to add some outreach to others in need. To do nothing would certainly not be in keeping with the spirit of Lent. Furthermore, the sacrifices and extra things we do for Lent help us grow closer to Christ. We are missing out on so many graces if we do not participate fully in Lent. It is not necessary to be perfect, but we should put forth a good effort.

Fatima Centre

As part of our project we are to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Francisco and Saint Jacinta, two of the three children to whom Our Lady appeared several times at Fatima, on Monday 20th February. Rosary will be recited at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7pm. Please try and come along.

Audrey Hutchinson

Audrey's wish was to have her body donated to Anatomical Science at Newcastle University and did not want a Funeral. Her family have asked to let parishioners know she passed away peacefully and to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers. Mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul this Saturday evening.

Confirmations 2023

Confirmations will take place this summer for anyone in school year 9 and above. Please speak to Fr Manoj or Deacon Tony giving them details or any prospective candidate. We would encourage anyone who is still to receive this Sacrament, regardless of age, to come forward with their details **by this weekend when the list will close for applications**. Deacon Tony.



Coffee Mornings

Coffee / tea will be served in the Back Room every Wed. morning following 10.00am Mass. Please do come along and join us.

The Pilgrim Way

A Quiet Morning for Churches Together at the beginning of Lent as we accompany Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and his Passion. An easy flow of prayer and reflective practices to go within and to connect with each other in this Lenten time.

Venue: Our Lady and St Joseph RC Church - New Hartley
Date: Sat. March 4th 10:00am-1:00p.m. (Welcome from 9.30)

Leaders: Revs Paul Golightly and Liz Jewitt

Bring packed lunch to share together as we end our morning at 1pm.
Email Paul Golightly thegolight@gmail.com to book a place or ring 0191 2375357.

Holy Island SVP Vinnie Camp 2023

Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2023? Let them join us for a week on Holy Island. They will stay in our Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe, fun time. We do lots of interesting and enjoyable activities such as rock pooling, longball, football, rounders, walking, craft and art, table tennis, long ball, Quizzes and competitions and marathons as well as laser tag, silly sports, sand-castle building, swimming and scavenger hunts. Girls and boys can be aged 9-12 and it is a great way for them to meet new people and make friends from all over the North East. A week's all-inclusive holiday costs £150 and can be paid in instalments. In some circumstances children may be able to receive partial or full funding to attend. Applications open from 10th February 2023. If you are interested, or know of a child who could benefit from such a holiday, please visit our website for further details at <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>

Centre for Catholic Studies

The Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS) are seeking to appoint a part-time Administrator, 21 hours per week, whose work will focus on CCS events and communications. The closing date for applications is midnight on Monday 20 February. Full details can be accessed at

[Job Description - CCS Administrator \(22001983\) \(taleo.net\)](#)

Mass Intentions

Please give the relevant information to Fr. Manoj with your preferred date and an alternative date. Envelopes are available at the back of church and can be added to the Offertory Collection.

Spiritual Nurturing and Formation Group

The Spiritual and Nurturing Group will hold their first meeting of the year on **Thursday 23rd February, 7pm** and the themes will be based on Lent. All are welcome to come and join in.

CAFOD's Syria / Turkey Earthquake Appeal

Details for donations and info via <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

Sick List

If you know of any parishioner who is unwell please let Fr. Manoj know so a visit can be arranged, if one is required.

Local Fatima Centre for Pilgrimage 2023.

A list of our Parish activities is now on our Website Home Page. Please support this project as best you can.
The latest scheduled event was held this Saturday 11th February – Rosary & Litany at 17:30 prior to evening Mass.

Tombola Stall

Starts this weekend, and continues next weekend if tickets are still available. 20p / ticket or 5 for £1. Your support is appreciated and donations of prizes are still most welcome.

80th Birthday wishes

Congratulations to Bernie Smith who celebrates her birthday this Saturday. John Reid will celebrate his birthday this month and cordially invites you to stay behind after Mass on Saturday 25th February to celebrate. There will be Tea, Coffee, and Wine served with birthday cake, sandwiches and buffet. Please come along and help John to celebrate his birthday.

Finances

Weekly Collection 4th /5th February. £229.80

Racial Justice Collection 4th / 5th Feb. £100.93

Your continued support is appreciated. Thank you.

Bonus Ball

Result Sat 4th February; No 56 Congrats to Teresa Sutton

Spare Numbers: 41, 48 & 59. £1 / week with chance to win £40. **You must be in it to win it.**

Rota List

There is a list on the Notice Boards up to 26th March '23.

Bidding Prayers	Sat 11 th Feb	David S
Welcomers	Sat 11 th Feb	Stella S & Marylyn T
	Sun 12 th Feb	Meg C & Peter K
Readers.	Sat 11 th Feb	John R & Malcolm G
	Sun 12 th Feb	Peter K & Sue W
Coffee	Sat 11 th Feb	Joyce & Malcolm G
Bulletin		Peter
Weekly Cleaners		Stella S & Barbara B
Collection Counters		Stephanie N & Sheila H
Welcomers	Sat 18 th Feb	Barbara B & Anne Marie L
	Sun 19 th Feb	Julie & Bob M
Readers.	Sat 18 th Feb	John R & Teresa K
	Sun 19 th Feb	David S & Theresa W
Coffee	Sat 18 th Feb	Victoria L & Pamela McG

Please let John R, 07833 692397, or Peter K, 07948 403341, know if you are unavailable so a substitute can be arranged.

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