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14th July 2024 - 15th Sunday of the Year, Cycle B.

First Reading: Amos 7: 12 - 15

Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy

and give us your saving help.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 3 - 14
Gospel: Mark 6: 7 - 13

Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Saturday: 5:30 - 5.50 pm before Mass at St. Paul's

Sunday Morning: 9:00am - 9.20 am before Mass at St. John's Friday Evening: 6:00 - 6:50 pm before Mass at St. John's WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES

The church is a place of prayer and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament reserved.

Please keep due silence and atmosphere of the 'Presence of God'

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of July

Let us pray that the sacrament of anointing of the sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

Sea Sunday 2024

Sea Sunday will be marked this weekend, Sunday 14th July. It is when we are asked to encourage prayer and financial contributions to support the work of Stella Maris, the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. The mandatory second collection that day is vital for the future of Stella Maris and its support of seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world. Their Chaplains and volunteers listen to seafarers stories, helping to provide what they need and answer Jesus' call to give help to the stranger. Special Collection envelopes will be available for those able to support with Gift Aid.

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

The 4th Annual event is on 28th July with the theme "Do not cast me off in my old age." Pope Francis said "God never abandons his children, never. Even when our age advances and our powers decline, when our hair grows white and our role in society lessens, when our lives become less productive and can risk appearing useless, God discards no stone; indeed, the "oldest" are the firm foundation on which "new" stones can rest. We can be certain, then, that he will be close to us also in old age. On this 4th World Day let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and without hope in the future. Let us show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say "I will not abandon you". Please pray for the elderly.

Liturgy Days for Readers and the New Lectionary

The Diocesan Liturgical Formation team are running a day for readers of all levels of experience to explore the new translation of the Lectionary on Saturday 26 October at St Bede, Bedlington, NE22 6HS. This day will provide an opportunity to look at the background of the new Lectionary and to be ready to proclaim the Scriptures. For more information and to book, please visit: bit.lv/LiturgvCoursesAndEvents.

CAFOD

Would you like to take part in the Great North Run for CAFOD? If so, we'd love to invite you to take on the challenge. The Great North Run happens on Sunday, September 8th in Newcastle and is the biggest Half Marathon in the world! If you'd like a place to run for CAFOD, please contact them via email events@cafod.org.uk.

Prayer Request

Please keep Fr. Stanly's mother, Bernie Smith from St. Paul's, who had her operation on Thursday and will require additional surgery for further issues, Kirsty Billingham & Peter Leonard (to be married next Sat.) in your prayers.

We share with you the sad news that Fr Cornelius O'Connor has died in hospital. Please remember him in your prayers and pray for the repose of his soul. Funeral arrangements will be announced when known.

10th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024

Will be celebrated on 29th September using the theme "God walks with his people." Pope Francis' message for the celebration is as follows: The fundamental reality of every exodus is that God precedes and accompanies his people and all his children in every time and place. God's presence in the midst of the people is a certainty of salvation history: "The Lord your God goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you". Let us unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions. May we journey together with them, be "synodal" together, and entrust them "to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a sign of sure hope and consolation to the faithful People of God as they continue their journey".

Jubilee Year

The Holy Father has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee Year with the motto and theme "Pilgrims of Hope." More information will appear on the Diocesan, CBCEW and Vatican websites in due course. There will be two Holy Doors in our Diocese. One at St. Mary's Cathedral and one at St. Joseph's Church, Hartlepool. I am very grateful to Canon Paul Douthwaite for agreeing to welcome pilgrims to St. Joseph's. The Holy Father has decreed that the Holy Doors are opened on Sunday 29th December. It is my intention to celebrate both openings that day. The Holy Doors will be closed on 6th January 2026.

St. John's Parish Council

The next meeting will be held on Sunday IIth August 2024 at IIam. Any parishioner wishing to have an item added to the Agenda must submit the request in writing to Fr Manoj NO LATER THAN Sunday 4th August 2024.

St. John's Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy will return on Sunday 21 July. Thank you for your support and for bringing your children to Mass. Take care and look forward to seeing you on Sunday 21 July. Barbara and Pat (Children's Liturgists)

St. John's Social Activities

If you can help with the organisation of St. John's Social Activities. please speak to Janet Memola.

Our Lady of Fatima Statue Visit To St. John's

The date 31st August 2024 has been decided upon as a full day of devotion to Our Blessed Lady. Fr Manoj would like to have three lay volunteers to assist priest and the deacons to organize the day. If you wish to do so, please give your name to Fr. Manoj, please also see the Poster on the church noticeboard for additional information.

Sick in St. John's Parish

Please remember in your prayers – Barry Hall, Maureen Cowan's friend, Pat(ricia) Ryder, John Coulson and Anne Hall. Please give the name of anyone you wish to be added to the sick list to Gerry Killen.

Coffee Morning

will be held as usual after Mass on Wednesday 17th. Please do come along and join us for a cuppa.

St. Paul's Bonus Ball

Result for 6th July: Number 13. A Fletcher

Holy Island Trip

Thanks go to our Social Groups who arranged our yearly trip to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne on Saturday 13 July.

Job Vacancies

Our Diocese is looking to appoint a Director of Education. This role is crucial to the development and protection of Catholic Education within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301. Closing date for applications: 22 July.

St John's Cleaning Team - Team B (Team Leader - Barbara W.) 2pm Saturday 3rd August.

Finances

St John's Weekly Collection, 7th July £345.50 St Paul's Weekly Collection, 6th July £125.29

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions.

St. John the Baptist	St. Paul's	
	Sat 13 th July 6.00pm Mass	Mary Hebden R.I.P.
Sun 14 th July 9:30am Mass Liam Buckly R.I.P.		
Tue 16th July 10:00am Mass Thanksgiving		
Tommy Mill's 80th Birthday		
	Wed 17th 10:00am Mass	No Intention
	Thu 18th July10:00am Mass	No Intention
Fri 19th 7:00pm Mass The Poor & Needy in the World		
Sat 20 th July 1:00pm Wedding of Kirsty Billingham & Peter Leonard	Sat 20 th July 6.00pm Mass	
Sun 21st July 9:30am Mass Living & Deceased		
Members of St. John's Parish		

Mass Intentions

There are quite a few dates available for your personal Intentions, both at St. John's and St. Paul's. Envelopes are available at the back of both churches.