

Our Lady

Help of Christians



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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Barbara McLachlan
	10.30am	Elizabeth Ennis
Monday	7.30pm	Anthony Bohan
Tuesday	9.00am	Charles Monaghan & Denyse Davies
Wednesday	9.00am	Mary King
Thursday	12.15pm	Mavis Gilgannon (Requiem)
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Patricia Ross
	10.30am	Christine Leather

Novena	Wednesday after Mass
Confessions	Saturday 5.30 to 6.00pm
Meditation	Monday after Mass & Saturday 10.15am

Counters team next Sunday - Team F

Patricia Marsh Brian Keeley Josie & Tom Simms

BABY JESUS

Can you imagine my horror when I took the new baby Jesus out of the manger last Sunday and found that two of his hands were broken.... soul destroying.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

As we heard at last week's mass helping the homeless is something very close to Pope Francis. As a way of raising money to help the homeless I have had 250 prayer cards made with the prayer to Holy Michael the Archangel. The prayer cards will be available after each Mass in the shop. A small donation would be appreciated. Every penny donated will go towards helping the homeless. All proceeds will be given to The Sisters of Charity who are a local charity and work for the missionaries of charity (Liverpool). Please remember it's not what you donate that is important, it's what you are donating for.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A day is being held to train Eucharistic Ministers on 26 January. Would anyone like to be trained either to give out Holy Communion at Mass or to take Holy Communion to those who are housebound? If so please have a word.

MINSTERACRES RETREAT BREAK

The Minsteracres Retreat Centre is a Christian place of prayer with a resident community rooted in the Passionist tradition. Come and stay in a beautiful location in Northumberland, make new friends or come with friends, family and join in thoughtful reflection and fun evening family activities. Returners please do come again and newcomers – give it a go! It will be from 1st - 8th August 2019, cost for the week is £400 which includes coach, meals and most trips out. Visit local villages, beaches and towns or enjoy a peaceful stroll around the stunning grounds of the Minsteracres House. We would love to see you on this memorable holiday so if you are interested please contact MARGARET on 01744 734629 or mobile 07814 906645 or ANNETTE on 07510 248897. Deposits are £50.

HOLY COMMUNION

This last week I have been working in Leeds with inspectors from around the country. We have been updating our religious education programme looking particularly at the topics on the Mass. I was very touched when I read the advice to teachers to help pupils when they have received Holy Communion. They are to tell them to go back to their bench and talk to Jesus above all thanking Jesus for coming to them. But I loved the next bit of the advice – 'Take time to enjoy being close to Jesus in this special way'. I thought we could all take that advice on board.

FAITH

One of the most fundamental statements of faith is this: your life is not about you. You're not in control. This is not your project; rather, you are part of God's great design. To believe this in your bones and to act accordingly is to have faith. When we operate out of this transformed vision, amazing things can happen, for we have surrendered to "a power already at work in us that can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine." Even a tiny bit of faith makes an extraordinary difference. Bishop Robert Baron