

Our Lady

Help of Christians



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6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 17 FEBRUARY 2019
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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Richard Wilson
Sunday	9.00am	Patricia Farrelly
	10.30am	Peter Heaps
Monday	9.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday	9.00am	Private Intention
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Thursday	9.00am	Private Intention
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MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Mary Patricia Anders
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Francis & Mary Mannion

Novena	No novena this week
Confessions	Saturday 11.00 to 11.30am & 5.30 to 6.00pm
Meditation	Saturday 10.15am

Counters team next Sunday - Team D
Tina Bradley, Pat O'Neile, Anne Edwards, John Petford

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAYS: 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd, 9th, and 23rd April. The Ireneaus Team, led by Fr. Chris Thomas, will support our Lenten journeys using the series **BROKEN** as a vehicle for prayer, reflection, and discussion.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2019

Fairtrade fortnight this year is from Monday 25th February – Sunday 10th March. More information in next week's newsletter and it's all about **CHOCOLATE!**

GARDEN BENCHES

The Finance and Admin Committee recently discussed the state of the benches in the parish garden. Most are in an acceptable condition, but others are both dilapidated and an eyesore, and constitute a potential safety hazard for anyone using them. Most of the benches were installed through bequests in memory of former parishioners, or the deceased relatives of current parishioners, and it has always been made clear that endowing a bench necessitated ensuring it continued to be maintained in a usable condition. There are now so many dilapidated benches that sadly, and reluctantly, we will have to remove and dispose of them unless the necessary repairs have been carried out by their donors by 31 March this year. The name plaques on any that are disposed of will be removed and will be displayed on a 'dedication' board which the parish will erect in due course.

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.

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.