

## The Church of the Good Shepherd

Forest Road, Ford Estate, Sunderland

A growing, vibrant, & flourishing Anglo-Catholic Mission Community.

A place to belong and call home!









## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

## The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Parish Mass with Asperges 9.30am

The readings for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time remind us to stop and think about what really matters. It is easy to focus on money, success, and things we own. But these do not last. Our readings for this Sunday point us towards something greater.

In our first reading, Ecclesiastes tells us that working hard just to gain wealth is empty. Life is short. We cannot take anything with us. Psalm 90 teaches us to ask God to help us use our time well. We are reminded that each day is a gift from God.

In our Gospel reading, Jesus tells the story of a blind man who saves up all his riches. He is proud of all he owns. But God calls him a fool. His life ends that night and he is not ready. Jesus teaches us to be rich in what matters to God.

Our readings call us to look up rather than to look down. St. Paul tells us to focus on heaven. When we follow Christ, we become new. We let go of sinful ways and learn to live in love and in truth.



### **Hymn List for the Sunday Mass**

Introit Hymn:	389	All my hope on God is founded
Offertory Hymn:	134	Immortal, invisible, God only wise
Communion Hymn:	166	Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Recessional Hymn:	104	Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

### MASS & SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August MASS (S. Ignatius, Hendon) II.I5am

Memorial of S. John Mary Vianney

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August** Evening Prayer (Vespers) 5.00pm

Dedication of the Basilica of MASS 6.00pm

S. Mary Major

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August No Mass today.

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August MASS 6.00pm

Memorial of S.Sixtus II

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August No Mass today.

Memorial of S. Dominic

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August No Mass today

Feast of S. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August
The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH MASS 9.30am Exposition & Benediction 5.00pm



Confessions are heard by appointment with Fr Richard this week.

#### **THE 7-DAY LAMPS**

If you would like to sponsor any of the Lamps, please fill in one of the forms on the side table and hand your donation to Viv or Lisa.



Parish Office takes place this Saturday from 11am until 12noon.



# SUMMER COMMUNITY BBQ SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST at 12noon

Followed by a game of BINGO!
Bring a bottle and a friend!
Everyone welcome!

During August, we need help every Saturday to clean the Church (due to the building works). If you can help, please see Viv or Lisa. Many hands make light work!





**REBUILD + RENEW + RESTORE** A building fit for Mission

Work continues removing the plasterwork in the sanctuary. If anyone can help clean church before each Mass, please see Viv.

During the works, the Sunday Mass remains at the usual time of 9.30am. Midweek Mass times may vary – please ensure that you make a note of the times! Do not just assume!



# THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August Solemn Mass 6.00pm Everyone welcome!



#### **SAINT CUTHBERT FESTIVAL 2025**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September in Durham Cathedral Solemn Pontifical Mass & Procession 11.00am Principal Celebrant & Preacher: The Bishop of Beverley

Further details will be announced soon!



St. James the Great, Darlington DEDICATION FESTIVAL Sunday 31st August 6.00pm Evensong & Benediction

This also marks Fr Way's retirement from the parish!

Fr Les & Irene Barron will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> (Diamond) Wedding Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at S. Mary's Horden. The Mass begins at 12noon. Everyone welcome.

Fr Peter Brown celebrates his Golden Jubilee of priestly ordination on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon at S. Ignatius, Hendon. Everyone welcome!

**HELP NEEDED!** For the BBQ on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. There is a list at the side of Church for people to volunteer to bring salads etc. Please do make this a priority – we look forward to having a wonderful time together!

**The Sick:** Gordon Lowson, Cath Neil, Roy, Angela English, David Whickham, Iris, Margaret, Michelle Robson, Yvonne Wynd, Theresa, Rachael Chapman, Joanna, Callum, Fr Neville, Zak, Jen Bradshaw & family, Luka Giles, David Lawson, Flo Watson, Susan Boktor, Joan Patterson, Bishop Robert Ladds, Oliver Anthony Maw, Dorothy, Lizzie, Baby Rory and Baby Theo, and any who known to us alone.

The Dead: Rita Jarman, Daniel Sylanus Allotey (Bishop)

**Anniversary: 3<sup>rd</sup>** George Corkin **4**<sup>th</sup> Brenda Stothard, Alexander Anderson **5**<sup>th</sup> Brenda Tyzack **6**<sup>th</sup> Ursula Lawton **7**<sup>th</sup> Ronald Simpson **8**<sup>th</sup> Ruth Etchells **9**<sup>th</sup> Joyce Mayne, Minnie Milner.

#### As we move forward in Mission ...

Lord Jesus, you call us to be your missionary disciples. Guide and strengthen everyone in this church community to share your love with everyone we meet. Give us courage to reach out to help others. Give us wisdom to know how best to care and give us hope to believe that we can make a difference. Bless us all who bring God's compassion and mercy to the poor and the marginalised. Together, may we make known your love on earth. Together, may we proclaim the Good News to all in our community. This we ask, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



#### **Parish Priest**

In Vacancy
For Parish & Church matters,
please contact Viv Murtha (Churchwarden)
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If you require a priest in a pastoral emergency, please contact Viv who will contact a priest.

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