

Saturday 4th October 2025	5pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions: HOLY ROSARY 5.30pm: <i>The Holy Rosary will prayed</i> at HOLY ROSARY 6pm: Mass for a Private Intention: HOLY ROSARY
Sunday 5th October 2025	9.30am: Mass for the People of the Parish: IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY 11.00am: Mass for Francesco Angelosanto: ST MICHAEL’S 11.00am: Mass for Margaret Ruddick:ST LEONARD’S <i>*Celebrated by Carmelites</i>
Monday 6th October 2025	<i>No Masses today</i>
Tuesday 7th October 2025 <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.30am: Mass for the Holy Souls:ST LEONARD’S 7.00pm: <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction:</i> ST MICHAEL’S
Wednesday 8th October 2025	9.00am: Mass in ST CUTHBERT’S SCHOOL (<i>Post code SR4 8HP</i>), Parishioners welcome 10am: Mass for the Holy Souls: ST MICHAEL’S (Adoration and confessions before Mass)
Thursday 9th October 2025	9.30am: <i>The Holy Rosary will be prayed at</i> IMMACULATE HEART 10am: Mass for the Holy Souls at IMMACULATE HEART
Friday 10th October 2025	10.00am: Mass for Joe & Mary McGill and deceased members of the Potts Family: ST MICHAEL’S (Adoration before Mass) 12 noon: Mass - Intention to be announced at Mass:HOLY ROSARY
Saturday 11th October 2025	5pm: <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions:</i> HOLY ROSARY 5.30pm: The Holy Rosary will be prayed at HOLY ROSARY 6pm Mass: For Private Intention at HOLY ROSARY
Sunday 12th October 2025	9.30am: Mass - Intention to be announced at Mass: IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY 11.00am: Mass: for David Crowe:ST MICHAEL’S 11.00am: Mass for William Ferry: ST LEONARD’S <i>*Celebrated by Carmelites</i>



PARISH ECHO



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Welcome to our Bishop!

This weekend we welcome Bishop Stephen Wright, who will celebrate Masses at Holy Rosary, Immaculate Heart and St Leonard's for the first time. Bishop Stephen James Lawrence Wright was born in Stafford, in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, on 9th October 1970. After school he went to university, obtaining an LLB (Hons) Degree in Law, (1992) and he qualified as a Barrister and was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn on the 14th October 1993. He completed his studies for preparation for the Priesthood, first at Saint Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham (1993-1995), and then at the Venerable English College in Rome (1995-2000), where he was awarded a Licentiate in Dogmatic Theology, STL, from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 2000. He was ordained a priest in 2000. Pope Francis appointed him Assistant Bishop in the Archdiocese of Birmingham on the 18th March 2020, and then Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle in 2023.



There will be tea and coffee after Masses this weekend, and if you can't stay for refreshments, then make sure you say hello to the Bishop as you leave Mass. He is keen to meet you, and he will be praying for you!



The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A short reflection on the readings this week...

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans.

The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plan is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.

Saint Quote of the week:

"We are not on earth as museum keepers, but to cultivate a flourishing garden of life and to prepare a glorious future". - Pope St John XXIII

Quote of the week:

"Success is falling nine times and getting up ten." — Jon Bon Jovi

Holy Rosary Parish Hall:

Would you like to book the Parish Hall?
Booking info: Janette Kingsley. Telephone:
0191-5280176

News from the parish, diocese and beyond...

Collection totals...

I won't normally publish the weekly collections, but to give people an idea of our income across the churches, here are the totals from the offertory collection at last weekends Masses:

6.00pm at Holy Rosary - £553.46
9.30am at Immaculate Heart - £314.50
11.00am at St Michael's - £885.00
11.00am at St Leonard's - £247.90
These totals **do not** include direct debits or gift aid donations.

Mass Count

Every parish in the Diocese is asked to count the number of people at Mass on the last two weekends in September, and the first two weeks in October. Mass attendance last weekend in our churches was as follows...

6.00pm at Holy Rosary - 147
9.30am at Immaculate Heart - 93
11.00am at St Michael's - 218
11.00am at St Leonard's - 81.

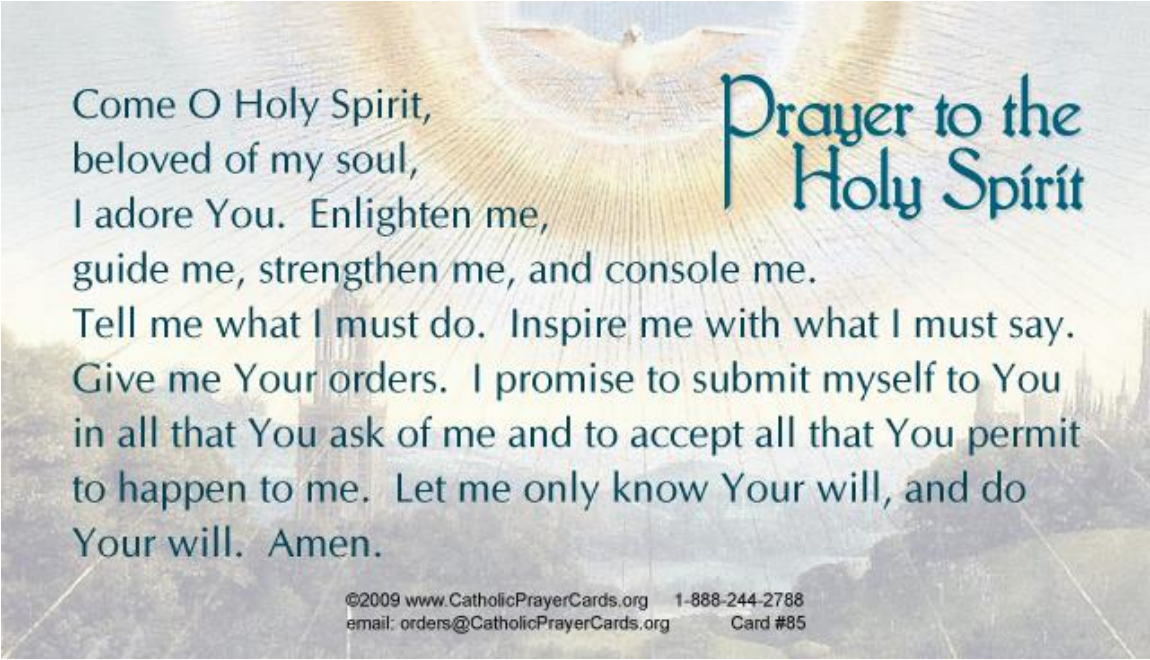
Parish Ceilidh at Holy Rosary Parish Centre with the Mussell Square Boys
All parishioners from all four churches are warmly welcome on Saturday 25th October, at 7.30pm. This promises to be a great night to come together. Tickets: Adult £8, Child £4. There will be a raffle and a bar. Contact Phil Boyle 07745061661 for tickets. (Ring or text him). All profits to parish funds. 90 tickets available, first come, first served. See you there!

Thank you for being here at Mass, you're always very welcome

St Leonard, Pray for us!

Immaculate Mary of the Rosary, Pray for us!

St Michael, Pray for us!



St. Michael's SVP would like to offer a gentle reminder that they are always there to help and support parishioners experiencing difficulty in their lives. Anyone wishing to avail of this generous offer should contact a member of the SVP Team or ring Mary Rigby on 07720479290.

Sanctuary Light burning this week in St Michael's is for Jimmy Dolan

St. Michael's Christmas Fayre: will take place on Saturday 29th November in the Welfare Hall, Houghton, DH4 5AF. Doors open at 1pm for the event which is expected to last from 1.00pm - 3.00pm. **Can you help?** We are looking for new and used (good condition) toys, books, brick-a-brac, 'bottles', biscuits, sweets, cakes, home baked items, and donations. All donations can be left in the Parish Centre but please note that no clothing, shoes or electrical items can be accepted. All profits from the event will be donated to church funds. For further information, or if you would like to volunteer to look after a stall, please contact Alison Turnbull (07780831366) or Elizabeth Scott (07908665546).

Macmillan: Many thanks to parishioners at St Michael's who organised a Macmillan coffee morning last Friday. Thanks to their efforts, the generosity of those who provided home cooked 'goodies' to sell and indeed the kindness of those who supported the event, the fantastic sum of £417.20 was raised for this wonderful cause.

Race Night: Thanks to all who came to the fantastic race night last week. With special thanks to Robert and Margaret Nelson. £1000 was raised for the parish, and fun was had by all.

Every Migrant has a name

Love thy neighbour?

Scripture tells us: "Love the stranger then, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Deuteronomy 10:19). The word 'stranger' is variously translated as 'foreigner', 'immigrant', 'sojourner' or 'alien'. However, the message remains consistent: those arriving from other parts of the world are our sisters and brothers. We are called to see Christ in them, for all people are created in His image. And we are called to see ourselves in them, for we all share this common humanity. In 2025, people making dangerous journeys across the Channel to reach the UK are also called by various names: 'refugees', 'asylum seekers', 'migrants', and often by more derogatory terms. When two-year-old Alan Kurdi died in the Mediterranean Sea, for a brief time politicians, journalists, and members of the public across Europe turned their attention to a person with a name and a story. Yet in the years since, how many have died in our own waters without their names or stories ever being known? We should not reduce people to statistics or to a political problem to be solved. Nor can we allow recognition of people's dignity to be dependent upon where they come from or how they reach our shores. The call to love in Deuteronomy is unequivocal and indiscriminate. Such love, of course, goes beyond mere tolerance. Loving as Christ does means actively putting ourselves at the service of others.

Mass times during the week are experimental at the moment, to see what works best. Please keep and eye on Mass times in the newsletter.



A DAY FOR MINISTERS: Father Marc will lead a day of recollection and training session for all Eucharistic Ministers from *Holy Rosary, Immaculate Heart and St Leonard's* parishes on **Saturday 25th October from 10.30am**. This is for anyone who has acted as a Special Minister in the past and would like to renew their Ministry. This will enable us to give out communion under both kinds at Mass. Some Ministers might also be willing to consider visiting the sick with Holy Communion. We will be finished by 2.30pm. You **MUST** inform Father Marc if you are able to come.

Concert Date for your diary...
A fabulous fundraising concert will take place in Holy Rosary Church on Friday 21st November at 7.00pm. The amazing Fortissimo Choir will be joined by *The Whole Shebang* to provide an evening of song covering all genres from musicals to classics to folk and back. Tickets are £10 and every penny raised will go to the upkeep of our churches. The bar will be available in the hall after the concert and if anyone would like to bring food for a shared table that would be fabulous. For ticket information or further details please contact Mary Winetroube on 07734849410 or email mwinetroube@icloud.com.

Holy Rosary Raffle Winners:
September's winner: Green tickets, 16-20.
Raffle 4 - Yellow, 6-10 - you've won a hamper. Claim at back of church. Thanks for playing!

Serving the poor from our churches
Boxes have now been placed at the back of all our churches. Please would you consider bringing non-perishable food items to Mass every week. Perhaps a tin of soup, or beans. Canned vegetables or a bag of pasta or rice. Anything with a long shelf life. This will be taken regularly, by some very kind parishioners, and given to the Sunderland Soup Kitchen or Open House. Our parish community will then be directly helping the poorest people in our city. Please do try to get into the habit of bringing one item every week or every fortnight. Together we will be making a huge difference in Sunderland.

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Every Catholic should know...
Who was the first Pope?
How many sacraments do we have?
Who makes up the 3 persons of the trinity?
If you can't answer these, please join the Journey of faith programme this year.

Journey of Faith (RCIA)
I am currently finalising this years course. The start date and times will be in next weeks newsletter. If you're able to join, please email and let me know which day and venue would be best for you.

