

Saturday 11th October 2025	5pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions: HOLY ROSARY 5.30pm: <i>The Holy Rosary will prayed at the</i> HOLY ROSARY CHURCH 6pm: Mass for a Private Intention: HOLY ROSARY
Sunday 12th October 2025	9.30am: <i>Intention to be announced at Mass:</i> 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>
Monday 13th October 2025	No Masses today
Tuesday 14th October 2025	9.30am: Mass for the Intentions of Father Marc: ST LEONARD’S 7.00pm: <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at</i> ST MICHAEL’S
Wednesday 15th October 2025	9.00am: Mass in ST CUTHBERT’S SCHOOL (<i>Post code is SR4 8HP</i>), Parishioners welcome 10am: Mass for the Jewish People under attack: ST MICHAEL’S (<i>Adoration and confessions before Mass</i>)
Thursday 16th October 2025	9.30am: <i>The Holy Rosary will be prayed at</i> IMMACULATE HEART 10am: Mass - Intention to be announced at Mass:IMMACULATE HEART
Friday 17th October 2025	9.30am: Requiem Mass for David Crowe: ST MICHAEL’S (<i>Adoration before Mass</i>) 12 noon: Mass for Brian Hart: HOLY ROSARY
Saturday 18th October 2025	5pm: <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions:</i> HOLY ROSARY 5.30pm: <i>The Holy Rosary will be prayed at the</i> HOLY ROSARY CHURCH 6pm Mass: Mass for a Private Intention: HOLY ROSARY
Sunday 19th October 2025	9.30am Mass: Mass - Intention to be announced at Mass: IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY 11.00am: Mass for David Bentham (Birthday Remembrance):ST MICHAEL’S 11.00am: Mass for William Ferry at ST LEONARD’S <i>*Celebrated by Carmelites</i>



PARISH ECHO



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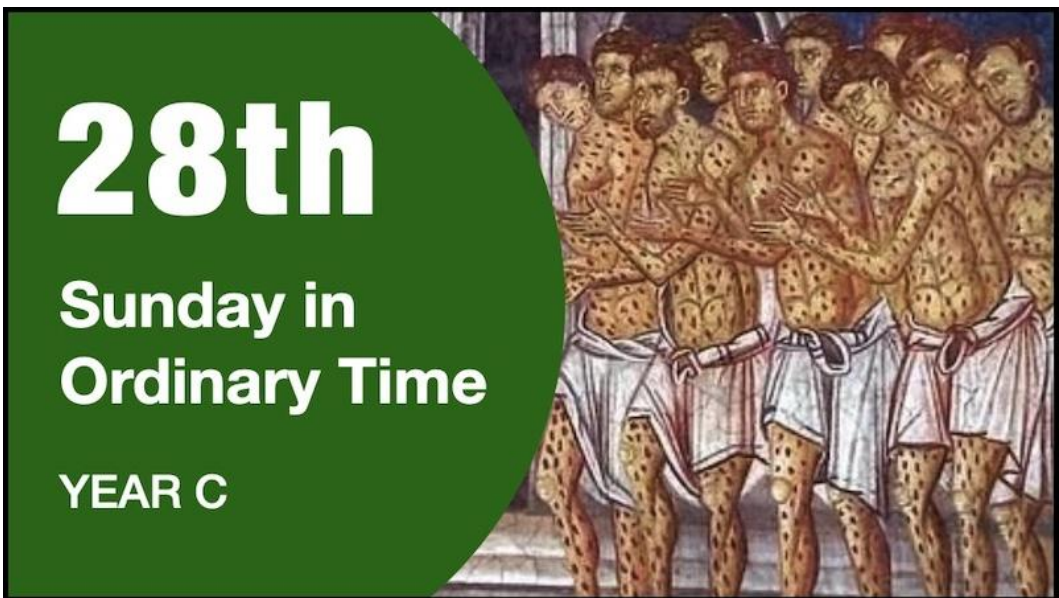
The Future of Jeanne Jugan...

As we continue to discern the future for St Jeanne Jugan parish I invite you to fill in a short survey before you leave Mass. The Survey form will be given out with your Parish Echo and help us to look closely at the needs of the people attending Mass. As you are aware, the Stewardship Committee agreed that one of our church buildings needs to close so that we can consolidate and grow for a dynamic, mission focused, future. Please do complete the survey before or after Mass and leave it at the back of church. They will then be collated and discussed at our next meeting.

An idea has also been put forward that St. Leonard's would work better with St Patrick's in Ryhope as a parish. This would mean removing St Leonard's from St Jeanne Jugan Parish and a new Parish Priest appointed for Ryhope and Silksworth. We welcome your thoughts on this suggestion in advance of consultation with St Patrick's. Please continue to communicate your thoughts, feelings, opinions and reflections to Fr Marc or any member of the Stewardship Committee.



Let us pray WITH and FOR one another at Mass this weekend.



The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A short reflection on the readings this week...

This Sunday, the readings remind us to be aware of God's blessings. They call us to give thanks for what He has done. The readings emphasise healing, mercy, and the gift of faith. They help us see that faith grows stronger when we trust God and give Him praise. Naaman is healed after listening to the prophet Elisha. He chooses to follow the God of Israel. In the Gospel, ten lepers are healed, but only one comes back to thank Jesus.

This man, a Samaritan, shows true faith by giving thanks.

These stories reveal to us that faith is not just *believing*. It is also saying thank you to God. On the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we are invited to look at our own lives. We should ask ourselves if we thank God enough for His care and love.

Saint Quote of the week:
"I pray God may preserve your health and life for many years."
St. Junipero Serra

Quote of the week:
"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are" - Theodore Roosevelt

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...

Journey of Faith (RCIA)

This year's journey of faith will be held on Thursday evenings at The Holy Rosary. The course will be led by Father Marc and start on Thursday 23rd October at 6.30pm, with each session lasting approximately one hour. If anyone from Houghton-le-Spring requires a lift it can be arranged. The RCIA is for anyone wishing to become a Catholic, or wanting to learn more about their faith. If you intend to come, please email Fr Marc to let him know.

TV Filming in St Michael's

Please note that next week Fr Marc is working with Premier League productions, filming a documentary programme called 'Under the Skin'. This programme that will be shown on international sports channels rather than here in the UK. As a result, the 11am Mass at St Michael's will be filmed next week. So, the backs of people's heads may be filmed, unless you are sitting at the back of church. This programme is about the history of Sunderland and Newcastle, so if you'd like to wear your Sunderland (or even Newcastle strip) at Mass, you'd be welcome to do so.

Parish Ceilidh at Holy Rosary Parish Centre *with the Mussell Square Boys* Parishioners from all four churches are warmly welcome on Saturday 25th October at 7.30pm. This promises to be a great night and an ideal opportunity for the four parishes to come together.

Tickets £8 adult, £4 child. Raffle, 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!

St Leonard, Pray for us!

Immaculate Mary of the Rosary, Pray for us!

St Michael, Pray for us!



**"Faith is to believe
what you do not
see; the reward of
this faith is to see
what you believe."**

Saint Augustine

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 Marie Walls

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).

Mass Intentions

Blank envelopes have been left at the back of our churches, and these are for Mass intentions. Please write clearly on the envelope who or what the intention is for, put your offering inside and seal. Either place it in the collection or hand it to Father Marc. Remember, midweek Mass are available too.

Friday Morning Mass: Mass this Friday in St Michael's will be at **9.30am** as it is the Requiem Mass for David Crowe. May he rest in peace.

Prison Week

God's Word is not chained!

Prisons Week 2025 will be held from October 12 to 18, 2025, with the theme "*God's word is not chained*". This year marks the 50th anniversary of Prisons Week, an annual event that encourages Christian communities to pray for those affected by the prison system. Resources and more information can be found on the official Prisons Week website and the Catholic Bishops' Conference website.

Prisons Week, an ecumenical organisation aims to gather the Church in prayer for the needs of all those affected by prisons:- prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working and volunteering in the criminal justice system and the many people caring for those affected by crime. In the North East of England there is a real shortage of Official Prison Visitors . For more information on how to become a visitor see the National Association of Official Prison Visitors- NAOPV website.

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



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* 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 parishioner to receive Holy Communion under both kinds at Mass. Some Ministers might also consider visiting the sick. The day will conclude by 2.30pm. You **MUST** inform Father Marc if you intend 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.

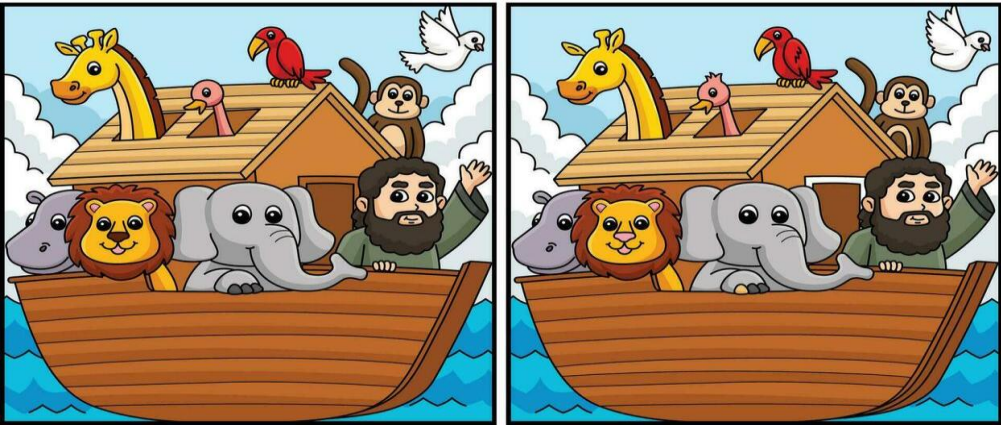
Tickets are £10 and every penny raised will go to the upkeep of our churches. The bar will be available in the hall after the concert and if anyone would like to bring food for a shared table that would be fabulous.

For ticket information or further details please contact Mary Winetroube on 07734849410 or email mwinetroube@icloud.com.

Serving the poor from our churches

Boxes have now been placed at the back of all our churches. Please would you consider bringing nonperishable 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 and get into the habit of bringing one item every week or every fortnight and together we will be making a huge difference in Sunderland.

Find 10 differences



Gaza: Let us welcome with joy the announcement of an agreement that envisages a cessation of the attacks in the Gaza Strip and the immediate release of the hostages, as well as that of Palestinian prisoners. Let us pray that this accord will be fully and faithfully implemented, so that it may mark the beginning of the end of this terrible war. There is of course an absolute urgency for immediate humanitarian relief and the unconditional entry of sufficient aid to Gaza's suffering population. Above all though, let us pray that this step may open a path of healing and reconciliation for both Palestinians and Israelis.

***Dilexi te* ("I have loved you", from Rev 3:9)**

Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation sees the love of Christ incarnated in love for the poor, in caring for the sick, opposing slavery, defending women who experience exclusion and violence, making education available to all, accompanying migrants, charitable giving, working for equality and more. Google *Dilexi te* to find out more information about it.