

Saturday 1st November	5pm: <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions:</i> HOLY ROSARY 5.30pm: <i>The Holy Rosary will prayed at the</i> HOLY ROSARY CHURCH 6pm: <i>Mass for Kathleen Barron:</i> HOLY ROSARY
Sunday 2nd November	9.30am: <i>Mass for Shirley Ann Mc Farlane and James and Veronica Robinson:</i> IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY 11.00am: <i>Mass for Fr Bill:</i> ST MICHAEL’S 11.00am: <i>Mass for the Barron, Scott and Homer families:</i>ST LEONARD’S <i>*Celebrated by Carmelites</i>
Monday 3rd of November	<i>FOR ALL SOULS - 9.00am at Holy Rosary, 10am at St Leonard’s, 11am at Immaculate Heart and 12 noon at ST Michael’s</i>
Tuesday 4th November	9.30am: <i>Mass for Fr. Joseph Patrick Butler:</i> ST LEONARD’S 7.00pm: <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at</i> ST MICHAEL’S
Wednesday 5th November	9.00am: Mass in ST CUTHBERT’S SCHOOL (<i>Post code SR4 8HP</i>), Parishioners welcome 10am: <i>Mass for Liz Ward (RIP – 7th Anniversary):</i> ST MICHAEL’S <i>(Adoration and confessions before Mass)</i>
Thursday 6th November	9.30am: <i>The Holy Rosary will be prayed at</i> IMMACULATE HEART 10am: <i>Mass for the Intentions of Fr. Stephen Watson:</i> IMMACULATE HEART
Friday 7th November	10.00am: <i>Mass for Marie Coughlin (RIP – 1st Anniversary):</i>ST MICHAEL’S 12 noon: <i>Mass for Joseph, Mary, Pat Ivory:</i> HOLY ROSARY
Saturday 8th November	5pm: <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions:</i> HOLY ROSARY 5.30pm: <i>The Holy Rosary will prayed at the</i> HOLY ROSARY CHURCH 6pm Mass: <i>For Brenda Hurst at</i> HOLY ROSARY
Sunday 9th November	9.30am: <i>Mass for:</i> IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY 11.00am Mass: <i>for Pauline Green (RIP – 1st Anniversary):</i> ST MICHAEL’S 11.00am: <i>Mass for Gordon Orr:</i> ST LEONARD’S <i>*Celebrated by Carmelites</i>



PARISH ECHO



Holy Rosary, Immaculate Heart and St Leonard's,
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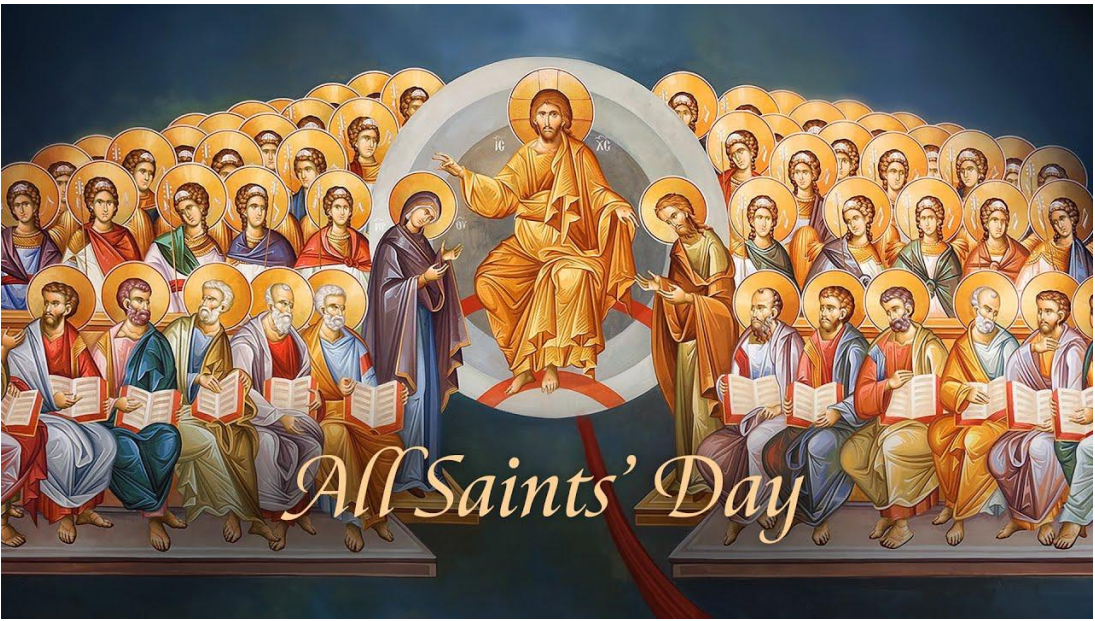
Parish Office is open: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.30am - 1.30pm

Immaculate Heart Church

Thank you to everyone who came to the parish meeting last Sunday. At that meeting, members of the Stewardship Committee took us through all the hard work they have been doing since March and, given all the options, I announced that it is my intention to recommend the closure of Immaculate Heart Church to the Council of Priests and the Bishop. It would be my intention to move the 9.30am Sunday morning Mass to Holy Rosary church and call it *The Holy Rosary and Immaculate Heart Church*. It would have a 6pm Vigil—and 9.30am Sunday morning Mass. People have suggested that we aim for Advent to start this Mass but let us wait and see what the Council of Priests say when this issue is discussed at their next meeting this coming week. I would like to express my sincere thanks for some very kind messages of support I have received. They really do mean a lot to me.



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



The Solemnity of All Saints

This Sunday, the Church celebrates all our saints, those in Heaven looking after us

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a celebration honouring all men and women who have entered Heaven. While this includes every soul in Heaven, the focus is particularly on those who led extraordinarily holy lives on earth and whom the Church has canonised as saints. These individuals honoured God in a variety of ways: through deep prayer and mystical union, through enduring martyrdom or other forms of religious persecution, and through acts of service, such as caring for the needy or teaching the faith. Some saints were powerful preachers or miracle workers. Others were leaders, some lived in obscurity, and still others experienced exile or made significant personal sacrifices for their faith. In various ways, these saints glorified God during their lifetime.

By honouring this host of saintly witnesses, we honour and glorify God through their lives. By honouring them, we honour Him Who made them holy. This liturgical solemnity is but a foretaste of the eternal Solemnity of Heaven. Heaven will be the eternal glory of God through the lives of all His saints. In Heaven, the virtues, sacrifices, prayers, and selfless service of all the saints will radiate as beacons that eternally manifest the great mercy and goodness of God. The life of every saint in Heaven will become a continuous chorus of praise and worship of God, intertwined with the nine choirs of angelic hosts. Today, perhaps reflect on who your favourite saint is and why. Ask for their prayers and protection.

Saint Quote of the week:

“Actions speak louder than words. Let your words teach and your actions speak.”

Anthony of Padua

Quote of the week:

When I choose to imagine someone's pain/perspective I lose my appetite for anger.

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...

Remembering our Dead

Monday is All Souls Day, a day we traditionally remember at Mass all our loved ones who have died. I will celebrate Mass in each of our churches on Monday and offer it for all parishioners who have died. Please do come along, and pray for those family members, friends or simply fellow parishioners, who have died.

Thank you to all those who came along and supported the Ceilidh. £1000 was raised for the parish!

Permanent Deacons

Over the coming months, the Diocese will be holding events to explore the possibilities of vocations to the Permanent Diaconate. The first of these will take place at: St John Boste, Crighton, Oxclose, Washington, NE38 0LB 10.30am to 12 noon on Saturday 1st November 2025. There are age limits for ordination to the Permanent Diaconate, the minimum being 35 and the maximum 65. Enquiries are welcome from both married and single men. Single men should be aware of the need to commit to celibacy prior to ordination. See Fr Marc if interested.

Concert Tickets on sale NOW!

A fabulous fundraising concert will take place in The 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. Tickets are on sale at the back of church or contact Mary Winetroube on 07734849410

St Leonard, Pray for us!

Can Catholic's Celebrate HALLOWEEN? Is it right for us to celebrate Halloween? Of course it is! Halloween is the celebration of All Hallows Eve, the night before the Feast of All Saints, so it is right for us to celebrate - not to celebrate and glorify ghosts, ghouls, and witches, etc etc, but to celebrate the lives of our holy brothers and sisters who fought against the dark forces of the world to live out their faith in a joyous way. So yes, it is right to celebrate Have a celebration where your loved ones come together and celebrate the saints of the Church who we commemorate at this time of the year and avoid what goes against catholic teaching. If you search the internet for 'Catholics and Halloween', you'll get some ideas of how to celebrate!

Immaculate Mary of the Rosary, Pray for us!

St Michael, Pray for us!

Pope and King Pray together

Last week the King and Queen travelled to the Vatican for a state visit. With this visit, the King became the first British Monarch to pray at a public service with the Pope since the Reformation five centuries ago, marking an extraordinary moment in religious history. Charles, Supreme Governor of the Church of England, prayed with Pope Leo XIV, head of the Catholic Church, during an ecumenical service in the famous Sistine Chapel on Thursday, in a symbolic moment of unity for Anglicans and Roman Catholics across the globe. At the end of the short service, Pope Leo said: "Let us pray. God our Father, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to see your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children. Through Christ our Lord." When Charles first greeted Leo, he told him: "Your Holiness, it's such a pleasure to meet you, if I may say so," and after introducing his wife, she added: "So kind to see me." King Charles is Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8th November from 12-3pm at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle. There will be lots of stalls, raffle, home baking and refreshments. All welcome.

*The Sanctuary Light burning this week in St Michael's is for
Maureen Margaret Grogan*

I have loved you...

'Dilexi Te' is Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation, affirming Christ's love for the poor and urging all Christians to embrace a renewed commitment to social justice, solidarity, and care for the marginalised in continuity with Pope Francis' teachings. The full text of this is available on the Vatican website www.vatican.va

We keep Pope Leo in our Prayers as he leads the Catholic Church

Youth 2000

You are warmly invited to Youth 2000's Holy Hour in Durham, an opportunity for young adults aged 18 - 35 to come together before the Blessed Sacrament to join in Worship. The next Holy Hour will be on Saturday 1st November, 2-3pm with praise and worship followed by social time and snacks. It will be held at: Durham University Catholic Chaplaincy, St Cuthbert's Catholic Church, Old Elvet, Durham, DH1 3HL.

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



Happy Feast of All the Saints!

Dear God,
thank you for the example of the Saints.
I desire to join in their company,
worshiping you forever in Heaven.
Please help me follow their footsteps,
and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me
to conform
myself to Your image,
seeking Your will in all things,
as the Saints did. Please help me to
devote myself, and all that I do, to Your
glory,
and to the service of my neighbours.
Amen.

Christmas Market
Sunderland Council are
organising a Christmas Market
on Thursday 13th November
from 1pm-6pm at City Hall
and the Beam in Sunderland.
A mix of stalls including arts
and crafts, jewellery, dog treats,
cheeses and so much more. All
welcome to soak up the
atmosphere.

Soup and tea/coffee: Following
the 12 noon Mass on Friday in
the Holy Rosary, all are
welcome in the parish club for
soup, a bun and a hot drink.
Why not join us?

Holy Rosary Raffle: Tickets are
on sale at the back of Church.
October winner was PINK 41-
45. Buy tickets at the 6pm Mass
to win November's draw.

Jounery of Faith

Thank you to all who joined us
on Thursday for the journey of
faith. Great to have some
young people interested in
becoming Catholic and I am
extremely grateful to the
people from the parish who
came to support them. We
continue our journey this
Thursday at 6.30pm – all are
welcome.



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All Soul's Day Masses:
9.00am at Holy Rosary
10.00am at St.
Leonard's
11.00am at Immaculate
Heart
12noon at St. Michael's



St Charles Borromeo

Tuesday is the feast of St Charles. Saint Charles Borromeo made his own the words of Christ: "...I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:35-36). Borromeo saw Christ in his neighbour and knew that charity offered for the least of his flock was charity offered for Christ.

Food Bank Collections...

Thank you to everyone who continues to bring
an item each week to Mass for the boxes in all
our churches. This is helping people more than
you will ever know. Let's keep it up!