

**JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP  
THE PARISHES OF ST ANNE  
AND ST AUGUSTINE  
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**16th May 2021**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY - Day of Special Prayer for the Church**

Vigil St Anne 5.30 pm	For the Parishioners
10.00 am St Augustine	Anne Bennell
Monday <a href="#">Mary, Mother of the Church</a>	Betty Hepson (SVP)
Tuesday <a href="#">St Bede the Venerable</a> , 10. am St Augustine's	Ken Storey
Wednesday <a href="#">St Philip Neri</a> 10 am St Anne's	Helena Elliott
Thursday <a href="#">Feast Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</a>	St Augustine SVP Conference Intention
Friday	Rebecca Maanuel
<b><a href="#">THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, Solemnity</a></b>	
Vigil St Anne 5.30 pm	Laura Beatrice Robson
10.00 am St Augustine	For the Parishioners

TODAY there is a special collection  
for the **Lay Training Fund.**

**25<sup>th</sup> May St Bede the Venerable**

Born at Wearmouth in 673, Bede was educated at the monasteries of Wearmouth and Jarrow, where he was professed by the St Benet Biscop and later ordained by St John of Beverley. He remained there as a monk for the rest of his life. He was the first historian of the English church and people, a master of the Scriptures and the teaching of the Fathers. Known for his delight in learning, teaching and writing, he is venerated as the 'light of the Church' in the period sometimes known as the Dark Ages, and as a forerunner of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> century renaissance of the Western Church. Bede died in Jarrow on this day in 735.

**PROUD CATHOLICS**

Proud Catholics, established in November 2018, is a support group for Catholics in the Diocese who identify as LGBT+ or who are questioning their sexual or gender identity. Members seek to encourage one another both in faith and in acceptance of their identity, with meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at St Andrew's, Worswick Street, Newcastle, or by Zoom. Meetings include Mass, prayer, reflection on the Scriptures, discussion of topics connected with faith and/or sexual/gender identity, and social time. Meetings are open to anybody supportive of the aims of the group. Proud Catholics also offers confidential advice and support to people who are questioning their sexual or gender identity, and to their families. For more information, , email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>.

**BISHOP  
ROBERT BYRNE  
WILL BE THE  
MAIN  
CELEBRANT AT  
OUR WEEKEND  
MASSES,  
29<sup>TH</sup>/30<sup>TH</sup> MAY.**

**Baptism Preparation  
for Parents**  
Next Course starts  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7 pm  
at St Augustine's. Book a  
place with Deacon Paddy  
– his email is above.

*Human Thirst and the Holy Spirit*

The ultimate thirst of men cries out for the Holy Spirit. He, and he alone, is, at a profound level, the fresh water without which there is no life. In the image of a spring, of the water that irrigates and transforms a desert, that man meets like a secret promise, the mystery of the Spirit becomes visible in an ineffable fashion that no rational meditation can encompass. In man's thirst, and his being refreshed by water, is portrayed that infinite, far more radical thirst that can be quenched by no other water ... The Holy Spirit is eternally of his very nature, God's gift, God as wholly self-giving, God as sharing himself, as gift. In that sense, the inner reason and basis for creation and salvation history do after all lie in this quality of being of the Holy Spirit, as *donum* and *datum* ....He is the content of Christian prayer. He is the only gift worthy of God: as God, God gives nothing other than God; he gives himself and thereby everything. That is why properly Christian prayer, again, does not beg for just anything; rather, it begs for the gift of God that is God himself, begs for him. **(Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)**

**FAITH WITNESS AGAINST HASSOCKFIELD**

In October, the UK government plans to open an Immigration Removal Centre at Hassockfield on the site of the former Medomsley Detention Centre. This will be for 80 women seeking asylum in the UK. The proposal is inhumane, unjust and incompatible with our faith which calls us to recognise the intrinsic dignity of each person. These women are not criminals to be locked up but people like ourselves who have the right to a place of safety and to be treated with respect and compassion. An interfaith prayer service will take place on **Sunday 23rd May at 3.00pm** in as many churches and places of worship as possible as part of a united faith response against Hassockfield. The Youth Ministry Team will join with the Faith Witness and will go live at the same time on YMT's Facebook@youthministryteam.

**Your charitable prayers**  
are requested for the  
repose of the souls of  
Fr Michael McCoy,  
Joan Hopkins,  
Nora Johnson, and  
Bob Shaw and all those  
whose anniversaries occur  
about this time.  
**May they rest in peace.**  
**Amen**

**Pope Francis – Prayer to Mary for Protection during the COVID–19 Pandemic.**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy, and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.