

**ST WILLIAM & FRANCIS de SALES,
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(resides at St Teresa's Presbytery)

Part of the Cluster of Parishes in Darlington.

Fr David Russell, Rev Deacon Jurgen Muller, *Brother Robert.*

Year A 28th May 2017

Feast of the Ascension



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Please remember in your prayers, all our priests and religious of our Diocese. Parishioners and family who are struggling with health problems at this time. These include Kitty Turner, Kath White, Anne McLoughlin, Tommy Holland and Bob Rippon. Please remember those who look after them, and pray that those recovering from illness continue to improve.

May Anniversaries. Rhoda Ryder, May Hart, Elizabeth Robinson, Martha Mallett, Pat Dennis, Connie Lye, Tommy Belson, Billy Dodds, Mary Coleman, George Baxter, Mary Naylor, Charles Clarke, Arthur Hodgson, Thomas Daley, Arthur Gaddass.

APF RED MISSION BOXES ARE DUE TO BE OPENED.
Please bring box or contents with your name to Tim Rochester as soon as you can.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY *Ascension Sunday has been designated by the Catholic Church as Communications Sunday when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media and when a retiring collection is to be taken after Mass to fund the CCN.*
Thank you for supporting so many appeals.

The First Tentative meeting of the Partnership Development Group will take place on Monday May 30th at 7pm in St Augustine's Presbytery.
Please keep us all in your prayers. Fr Greg.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Appeal for Nurses to help look after the sick. If you can help please contact Fr Peter Stott on 01670 513410 www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk or Lourdes@redhn.org.uk

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL 2017 - CHANGING HEARTS

The challenge of discipleship. With talks on the theme of discipleship from David Wells, Sr Judith Russi and Clare Dixon. Featuring RISE THEATRE and MORE THAN DANCE. Including activities for families, children and young people. Mass, music, marketplace, adoration, ceilidh and much more. SATURDAY 24th & SUNDAY 25th JUNE Emmaus Youth Village, Consett. £15 per person (incl both days) or £5 Sunday only. Under 18s free. Please pick up a booking form and return by 2 June.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE Saturday 10th June
St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. Mass at 11am Celebrated by Bishop Seamus. He hopes each parish will be represented. Young or old, newly married or celebrating an anniversary. In addition everyone is welcome.

NEW DIOCESAN GUIDELINES FOR BAPTISM will be launched on 7th June. A day for Catechists 10th June in St Anne's 9am—12 noon. Would you like to be a Catechist for Baptism? If so please see Fr Greg.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Parish Quiz teams who won both trophies at last weeks Interparish Quiz.
WELL DONE TO EVERYONE and thanks to Vince and Madeline Rose for bringing the Quiz back to life.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who were affected by the events in Manchester this week.
To those who died, to those who are poorly and to those who survived and those who mourn.
Let us remember them all in our Mass today.

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| Sunday | 28th | 9am | Mary, Billy & James Coleman |
| Monday | 29th | 9.30a | Connie & Tom Lye |
| Wednesday | 31 | 4-5 | Exposition and silent prayer |
| Sunday | 4 Ju | 9am | Teresa Hanlon |
| Monday | 5th | 9.30a | Kane Family |

TODAY 1st Communion Mass

Readings, Offertory, Eucharistic Ministers, Bidding
Prayers will be done by the Communion Class as arranged.

Tea/ Coffee Maureen Chisman + anyone else who can help.

Next Sunday 4th June

Reader; M. Thompson. Offertory; Children
Eucharistic Ministers; J. Lye, D. Lye
Coffee Makers; Irene / Maureen

The Ministry of Consolation A day to raise awareness of the vitally important Ministry of Consolation. For many people, bereavement begins before the death of a loved one, and the person themselves often feels a deep need for support and consolation. This day will help us to look at these needs and how people and parishes can respond to them. It is open to anyone interested in the Ministry of Consolation or those whose work involves caring for those in need of this kind of support. Please see notices with information and booking forms. Saturday 10th June 10.30am—3.30pm in Ushaw College, Durham DH7 9RH Booking is essential although the day is free.

PLEASE PICK UP A NEW ROTA OF MINISTRIES TO COVER UNTIL END OF AUGUST. PLEASE TRY AND GET COVER IF DATES ARE NOT SUITABLE. Thank you

BINGO every two weeks on a Tuesday 7.30pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 30th May.

Please check the Notice Board for things going on in our area.

New leaflets for **AoS Day of Prayer** and Pilgrimage to Holy Island on Saturday 17th June.

King's Church - Men's Sheds - a communal project which is a larger version of the shed at the bottom of your garden. Offers men the opportunity to come together to share, learn and develop skills eg bike and car repair, woodwork, engineering etc. Please contact Geoff Storer on geofftees@gmail.com

**Seven of our children make their First Holy Communion
TODAY The Feast of The Ascension**

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

*Lucy Hales, Emily Mulholland,
Anna Colley, Lottie Graves, Evie Wright,
Ollie Dunne & Sophie Carter.*

Thank you to Jayne Lye, Rosemarie Rochester and all who have helped in preparing the children and the church for this special day.
Special Thanks also to Hannah Lye for her input, she has been a great help

