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SUNDAY 17th AUGUST 2014 – 20th SUNDAY

PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE

		Mass	Intentions
Sunday	17 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Des McLaughlin Brian Lewins Ludek & Mary Lake
Monday	18 th	9 15am	Kevin O'Malley
Tuesday	19 th	St Oswin 9 15am	
Wednesday	20 th	St Bernard 9 15am	
Thursday	21 st	St Pius X, Pope 9 15am	
Friday	22 nd	Queenship of Mary 9 15am	
Saturday	23 rd	Our Lady 10 00am	
Sunday	24 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Margaret McCloskey

SUNDAY 24th AUGUST - 21st SUNDAY

	9 00am	11 00am	7 00pm
Readers	R Higginbottom A Beattie	A Dawes J Ratcliffe	T Edwards G Sutcliffe
Eucharistic Ministers	S Conroy G Harber E Harber	V Shearer E Dixon G Davison	A Smith S Smith M Illingworth
Altar Servers	Sarah Bambrick Oliver Bruce	Abigail Kinghorn	Benedict Gosling

Children's liturgy - Summer Holidays

Tea/Coffee after morning Masses every Sunday – everyone welcome

Confessions: Wednesday 6 30 – 7 00pm. Saturday 11 00 am – 12 noon.

The Angelus: Monday to Friday at 9.00am. **Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday at 9.00am

Divine Mercy Devotions: next Devotions Thursday 4th September 7.00pm in presbytery

Rosary: - Saturday – 9 40am and after Mass on Monday.

Bible Sharing: NO Bible Sharing until September.

Wednesday Word: to help you prepare for Mass next Sunday. Please pick up a copy in the porch.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Thursday from the end of Mass until Benediction at 10 15am and Saturday from the end of Mass until 12 noon.

Last Sunday's offering – £873.71. Many thanks.

Sunday Evening Mass – 135 votes for 6.00pm Mass; 79 votes for 7.00pm Mass. Starting on Sunday 4th January 2015 the Sunday evening Mass will be at 6.00pm.

Jacky Botha's walk of the Camino - Jacky is walking the Camino pilgrimage from St Jean in France to Santiago de Compostela – a distance of about 500 miles - as a sponsored walk for the SVP work in Sudan. The situation in Sudan is desperate, though little in the news. Of the 29 million population, up to 9 million have been killed or made refugees including 100,000 orphaned or abandoned children. The SVP is running projects costing 1.6 million euros (about £1.3m) including baby feeding stations, medical clinics and training projects. For details see notice board in church porch. You can support Jacky by signing a sponsorship form (so the SVP can get Gift Aid) or by placing your donation in an envelope marked "Camino" and putting it in the basket after Mass

Gerry's 2014 walk – Gerry Harber will be backpacking the Dales Way (80 miles from Ilkley to Bowness-on-Windermere) in September as a sponsored walk for Christian Aid. He will be outside church with sponsor forms for the next few Sundays – please support him.

SVP – The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 10th September in the presbytery.

Parish Mission Feedback – Please pick up the PINK sheet in the porch for the feedback results.

Statues – You may have noticed that the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes in the grotto has been beautifully repainted by Ivan Webley. Please don't decorate it with flowers or rosary beads. Mr Webley is now painting the statue of Christ the King in the sacristy. The Icon of St Robert has been put where Christ the King was as a temporary measure.

Pilgrimage to Holy island – Saturday 13th September – parish pilgrimage to Holy Island. Please sign up on the list at the back of church.

Fundraising Events – Dates for your diary. We are currently raising funds for the church hall. We are having a problem with damp and the kitchen will need a lot of work – like a new cooker!. Please note that the Collingwood Dinner will now be on Saturday 27th September. The Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 8th November in the Town Hall. Christmas Wine Tasting on Friday 28th November (not 6th December as previously advertised) to help you select appropriate wines for your Christmas celebrations.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – Friday 20th to Friday 27th February 2015: Visiting Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the mount of the Transfiguration, the site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes, the mount of beatitudes and much more. The cost is £1,195 each (sharing a room); Single room supplement £270.00. The price includes flights from Heathrow (but not transport to and from Heathrow), half board accommodation with dinner, bed and breakfast. Please pick up a brochure in the porch.

Celebrate North East – 11-12th October 2014 at Hebburn. For more information pick up the information in the porch. Also take a look at the parish website for promotion video.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank – please see box in Church porch for donations. Here is a recent message from the Project Manager: "I am writing to give you a quick update on the Wansbeck Valley Food Bank project and to ask for your parish to continue supporting us. The first 6 months of 2014 has shown significant growth in numbers approaching us for help; during this period food parcels (each one adequate for three days) were issued for 1065 individuals, ie exceeding the same number we issued in all twelve months of 2013. While donations of required food types have continued to be encouraging, we have now reached the "tipping point" where it is necessary to also purchase whenever stock volumes are low in the warehouse. In such instances, we have become quite adept at finding the cheapest local supermarkets and make full use of special offers wherever they are available! Despite this the topping up of stock has already cost us £760 in the first 6 months of 2014, so with the ongoing growth in demand, we are anticipating that food purchases during 2014 will exceed £2000. Now that the service through our Morpeth, Ashington and Newbiggin distribution centres are well established, we have recently opened further sessions in the outlying communities of Lynemouth and Pegswood. In total we now provide 7 distribution sessions every week across our operating area. We will also commence sessions in Widdrington from November. It has been great to see this ecumenical initiative serving many in need within our local community, providing a practical demonstration that Christians truly care. Many thanks again."