

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER + TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY

Saturday 02 Sep	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	For Fr Larkin
Sunday 03 Sep	11-00am	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY	Foundation of the School 70th Anniversary
Monday 04 Sep	Private Mass	St Cuthbert, Bishop	
Tuesday 05 Sep	9-30am	Weekday	Pasquale Iaconette [LD]
Wednesday 06 Sep		Weekday	
Thursday 07 Sep	7-30pm	Weekday	Deirdre Smith [B]
Friday 08 Sep	9-30am	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Ellen Horsley [R]
	11.00am	Funeral Service for Brian Buxton RIP	
Saturday 09 Sep	5-00pm 5-30pm	Confession VIGIL MASS	Deceased of the Oldfield & Teesdale families
Sunday 10 Sep	11-00am	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Violet Grice [LD]

### Tea & Coffee after Sunday Mass today (From 11.45 - 12.45)

**Welcome** to our parish, looking toward the altar and the Heart of the church where the priest celebrates Mass in the midst of the congregation, the great image of Christ on the cross is there to remind you that he died that we might have life and that having risen from the dead he draws us with him into Resurrection - you can trust completely in Him. Thank you for your visit and may you travel on in safety.

**PARISH GIVING** – A Testament to your generosity.

**TO BE BANKED | 27 AUG £339.60** plus standing orders of £1220 per month (approx. £281.53 per week)

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**NEXT SUNDAY:** Collection for the Catholic Education Service

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE** It is with great sadness to inform you of the following who died recently.

**BRIAN BUXTON RIP** Service will be held on Friday 08 September at 11.00am.

**SIMON SCULLY RIP** Funeral Service Thursday 14 September 2023 at 11.30am church

We pray for all the lately dead, for family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**RUSHBEARING FESTIVAL** Thanks to everyone who supported the festival and made it a success.

See below what we made in previous years – with full results next week.

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2022</b>
Bar Profit	£237.00	£218.64	£103.10
SVP - Raised	£133.60	£167.50	£155.00
Ladies Group	£557.00	£700.01	£500.00+

**Bar profits** have decreased over the specified years. While there was only a slight drop of £18.36 from 2017 to 2018, the decrease from 2018 to 2022 was more significant, totalling £115.54. This sharp decline in 2022 is due having extra stock to be used in October of that year. The funds raised for **SVP** showed growth from 2017 to 2018 with an increase of £33.90. However, there was a slight decline of £12.50 from 2018 to 2022. While this is not as large as the drop in bar profits, it may still be of concern and could be indicative of broader trends or issues that affected fundraising during these years. **The Ladies Group** had the highest contributions among the categories listed. Their contribution increased substantially by £143.01 from 2017 to 2018. However, the year 2022 saw a decrease to at least £500.00. So the exact drop is at least £200.01. The Rushbearing Festival, over the years detailed in this report, has demonstrated fluctuating financial outcomes. The festival saw no activities in 2019 and 2020, and its return in 2022 brought declines in all three categories when compared to previous active years. This hiatus and the subsequent decline in 2022 can be attributed to numerous challenges faced in restarting the event, from re-engaging the community to adapting to new circumstances. Looking forward, there is optimism and hope that the 2023 Rushbearing Festival will rebound and be a prosperous year, as the community reacquaints itself with this cherished tradition.

**ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD**, we will gather in reverence and joy to mark the 70th anniversary of the original school's opening in 1953. The Holy Mass, a cornerstone of our faith, will be celebrated with the special intention of commemorating the auspicious day of August 31, 1953, when the doors of the school were first opened in the church house. This event is not just a testament to the enduring legacy of Catholic education but a heartfelt tribute to all who attended, walked its corridors, and became part of its rich history. After the Mass, in the spirit of community and shared memories, everyone is cordially invited for coffee and tea, accompanied by a special display of photographs capturing poignant moments from the school's first decade. It's a unique opportunity for all to reminisce, reconnect, and celebrate the institution that has shaped so many lives. The hall will be open to guests from 11-3pm, and all are welcome.

**ONE YEAR AGO - HIS EMINENCE ARTHUR CARDINAL ROCHE** on Saturday 27 August 2022, in St. Peter's Basilica, the Holy Father held a Consistory for the creation of new Cardinals; one of whom was our Bishop Emeritus, Archbishop Arthur Roche. He is the Prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments and has been made Cardinal-Deacon of the Basilica of San Saba in Rome. Pray for him.

**THE SVP** will be having a tombola stall at the Rush Bearing Festival to raise money for our good causes. We are appealing to our parishioners to donate any unwanted gifts, toiletries, bottles etc for prizes for our stall. A box will be in the church porch for donations. Thank you.

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**CATENIANS** Any Catholic men wishing to learn more about the Catenians can call Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042.

**SAFEGUARDING** Irene Hellowell 07432121757 is available to provide advice, support whenever it is needed along with Safeguarding Administrator – Joanne Clark at the diocesan office Tel: 0113 261 8046

#### **MASS ATTENDANCE 2018 - 2023**

5168 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2020) | 5979 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2021)

9392 people attended Mass (Jan – Dec 2022) | August 2023, Mass attendance figures stand at **7584**

1. 2020 (Jan - Dec): The Mass attendance figure for the entire year of 2020 was 5,168 attendees.
  2. 2021 (Jan - Dec): In 2021, the Mass saw an increase in attendance with a total of 5,979 attendees, marking a growth of approximately 15.7% compared to 2020.
  3. 2022 (Jan - Dec): There was a significant increase in Mass attendance in 2022, with a total of 9,392 attendees. This represents a growth of approximately 57.1% compared to 2021.
  4. 2023 (Jan - Aug): As of August 2023, the Mass attendance figures are 7,584. If we project this rate for the entire year (considering the same monthly attendance rate for the remaining months), the estimated total would be approximately **11,376** attendees. This would represent an estimated growth of 21.1% compared to 2022, assuming the same attendance pattern continues for the rest of the year.
- There has been a consistent upward trend in Mass attendance from 2020 to 2023.
  - The largest year-on-year growth was observed between 2021 and 2022, with an increase of 57.1%.
  - Even though the data for the full year of 2023 is not available, if the trend continues, the expected attendance will surpass the figures of 2022. Just keep coming to Mass.

**HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** A date and time for your child's Baptism can be provisionally given once you have completed the parish form and established a relationship with the parish. The choice of godparents is important. A godparent is a role model for your child by living a fully Christian life, there are usually two godparents. Godparents must be at least 16yrs of age, practising Catholics and should have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Parents are responsible for instructing and forming their children in both the teaching and practice of the Catholic faith. Although Catholic schools exist to help parents in this regard, they are not a substitute for it. The best instruction that you can give your child is through commitment to the Mass. As you make this request for your child, it should also be a reality in your own life. If after reading this information you feel ready to present, your child to the Church for Baptism please see Fr Larkin after Mass for Pre-Baptism form.

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## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

Please keep the **Father Paul Moores** in your prayers Ordination to the Priesthood Saturday 01 July 2023.

Please pray for peace in Ukraine and Sudan, all who are sick, our housebound parishioners, for those in distress and bereaved; and for all who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## **Sunday 3rd + TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**READINGS, PRAYERS AND MASS TEXTS** can be found at: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

**FIRST READING** A reading from the prophet Jeremiah Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;  
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,  
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl  
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me  
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,

I will not speak in his name any more.’  
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,  
imprisoned in my bones.  
The effort to restrain it wearied me,  
I could not bear it.  
The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM** Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9

**RESPONSE:** For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God’s mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** cf.Ep1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

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