

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 25th August 2019 Sunday Cycle: C Weekdays: Year I

REFLECTION

A relationship with Christ is not an insurance policy whereby we pay our premiums and expect to receive a settlement when needed. This relationship with the Son of God is not so transactional that we do x, y, and z and then Jesus in return grants salvation. If such were the case we would be effectively earning our own salvation by our works. But salvation is a free gift, undeserved, no matter how much we might feel that we deserve it.

The master locks the door on the evildoers, barring entry to them. The frightening thing is that some of those locked out know the Lord. Would they consider themselves as evildoers? Not likely.

Where are we in this story? Are we striving to enter through the narrow door? Are we waiting until later before we make up our minds? When will the door be shut, not in some apocalyptic sense, but when we come to the end of our own personal life? There will be a reversal of fortune. Let us be prepared and manage our expectations lest we be disappointed.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66: 18-21

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 116 (117)

RESPONSE: **Go out to the whole world: proclaim the Good News.**

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! **(R)**
2. Strong is his love for us;
He is faithful for ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me."**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Luke 13: 22-30



CELEBRATIONS AND SERVICES AT SAINT MARY'S

Sunday 25 th August	6:00pm (Vigil)	Mass: Intentions of the Moffat Family (HEX)	<i>Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary time</i>
	9:15am	Mass: Mick Dowling (HB)	
	10:00am	Mass: Deceased Members of the Twizell & Welch Families (HEX)	
	11:00am	Mass: <i>No Intention</i> (BEL)	
	5:00pm	NO Rosary & Benediction (HEX)	
	6:00pm	Mass: People of our Parishes (HEX)	
Monday	9:30am	Mass: Jim & Anna Batey (Golden Wedding) (HEX)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Tuesday	9:30am	Mass: <i>No Intention</i> (SWIN)	<i>St. Monica</i>
	6:30pm	Mass: Olive & Martin Cafferty (HEX)	
Wednesday	9:30am	Mass: Hans-Peter Althaus (HEX)	<i>St. Augustine of Hippo</i>
Thursday	9:00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (HEX)	<i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>
	9:30am	Mass: <i>No Intention</i> (HW)	
	9:30am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion led by Paul McNamara (HEX)	
Friday	9:30am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion led by ... (HEX)	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
Saturday	5:15pm	Confessions (HEX)	<i>St. Aidan Bp, and the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>
Sunday 1 st September	6:00pm (Vigil)	Mass: Holy Souls (HEX)	<i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary time</i>
	9:15am	Mass: <i>No Intention</i> (HB)	
	10:00am	Mass: Joe Daley (HEX)	
	11:00am	Mass: <i>No Intention</i> (BEL)	
	5:00pm	Rosary & Benediction (HEX)	
	6:00pm	Mass: People of our Parishes (HEX)	

Rosary	Before Mass Tuesday – Saturday
Morning Prayer (Lauds)	8:30am Monday – Saturday in Saint Mary's Chapel

Readers		Today	Next Sunday
Hexham (Vigil)	6:00pm	Bill Cunningham	Michael Ratki
Hexham	10:00am	Patricia Thornley	Pat Wager
	10am Intentions	-----	Abigail Bell
	6:00pm	John McArdle	Philip Clark
Other ministry rotas		Today	Next Sunday
Offertory (Hexham)	10:00am	The Thornley Family	Saint Mary's Guild
Eucharistic Ministers		Team 2	Team 3
Children's Liturgy	10:00am	<i>No Liturgy</i>	<i>No Liturgy</i>
Sacristans (Hexham)	5:30pm	Team 4	Team 1
Counters	5:45pm	Team 6	Team 7
HGH Eucharistic		Pat Miller	Malcolm Race
Hospital visitors		Team 8	Team 9
Church cleaners		Team 7	Team 8
Papers next Sunday		-----	Bill Hudson

NEWSLETTER – ITEMS BY TUESDAY 4:00PM TO THE PARISH OFFICE