

Mass Intentions 7 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2016			
Sat	6.30	Bridget & Thomas Greenwell	SC
Sun	9.00	People of the Parish	SB
	10.30	People of the Parish	SC
Mon	10.00	Service of the Word & Communion	SC
Tues		<b>No Service</b>	SC
Wed	10.00	Service of the Word & Communion	SC
Thur	10.00	Service of the Word & Communion	SB
Fri		<b>No Service</b>	SC
Sat	10.00	<b>No Service</b>	SB
	5.45	Confession *	SC
	6.30	People of the Parish	
Sun	9.00	People of the Parish	SB
	10.30	Gerard H McElroy	SC

- Also available upon request to Father Chris

**FEAST OF THE WEEK** - Saturday – St. Matthias, Apostle

**GARDEN PROJECT (St. Cuthbert's)** – We were delighted last year to win a Silver Gift Award from Northumberland in Bloom. This year we are working hard to improve the garden in front of the Coffee Shop and, thanks to a very generous donation towards the project, we have been able to buy lots of new plants which are now in place.

We need volunteers to help maintain the garden and it would be great to have a rota of people willing to help with this, it would only take a few hours a month to keep it in order and make the whole area a credit to our parish. If you can give a little time please contact Claire Fenwick [Claire.fenwick@st-cuthberts.org](mailto:Claire.fenwick@st-cuthberts.org)

**RETIRING COLLECTION** - This weekend for World Communications Day

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT AND PRACTICE** – Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> 4-5.30pm at Senate Suite, Castle College, Durham.

**USHAW COLLEGE** – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 4pm Sung Vespers.

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGY RESEARCH SEMINAR** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 5.15 – 7.00pm. Seminar Room B, Abbey House, Palace Green, Durham.

**DIOCESAN FESTIVAL** – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Emmaus Youth Village, Consett. As we celebrate the Year of Mercy, this year's theme is "Limitless Love: Making all things new" and is a celebration of faith for all ages with inspiring speakers for adults as well as activities for children and young people. Further details available from [festival@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:festival@diocesehn.org.uk).

#### COLLECTIONS

Chester-le-Street

Loose £290.00; GA £245.00; CAFOD £78.31.

Sacriston

Loose £217.50; GA £131.50

#### PARISHES OF

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#### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**GENERATION HOPE** – the new film from Mary's Meals will be shown on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in the Coffee Shop. The screening is being hosted by the Walsingham Group but everyone from both parishes will be most welcome, and it seems especially appropriate during May, Our Lady's month. The aim of Mary's Meals is that every child receives a daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things. To find out more about the charity or to watch a trailer about the film, go to <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME(St. Cuthbert's)

- The programme, for children who will be in Year 4 from September, is delivered in partnership with St. Cuthbert's School. The team of parish catechists support the children and their families as they continue on their faith journey towards First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

**Would you like to join the team of catechists?** There are all sorts of roles, including: helping to lead the monthly sessions for the children and their families; making resources; and helping to prepare the church and the school hall on the day of the First Holy Communions. Full training will be given and you can be involved at a level that suits you. For more information please contact Helen Newton on 07906787702 or email [helennewton22@hotmail.com](mailto:helennewton22@hotmail.com)

**CHURCH CUPBOARD (St. Cuthbert's)** The cupboard under the stairs is being cleaned. Much of what has been stored there has already had to be disposed of due to its condition. Some items remain. If anyone has anything that they wish to keep stored in the cupboard please leave a message with Claire Fenwick by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May so that decisions may be made about further disposal.

**CHURCH ALARM (St. Bede's)** St. Bede's is now alarmed and no one should enter the building unaccompanied.

**FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE** – Latest update now available at <http://hope.rcdhn.org.uk>

Parish Secretary/Bookings	<a href="mailto:claire.fenwick@st-cuthberts.org">claire.fenwick@st-cuthberts.org</a>
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