

ST. CHAD AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH (Sedgley) and ST. PETER AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (Lower Gornal)

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SUNDAY 4 SEPT 2022				23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C	CHURCH
Sat	3	Sep	1:00pm 5:00pm 6:30pm	MARRIAGE: Bogdan Piotrowski and Roksana Goral Rohan Skaria RIP (B'D) and Gil Tinsley RIP (B'D) Fred Wilkes RIP	Sedgley Lr.Gornal Sedgley
Sun	4	Sep	9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Fr Rob Taylor (ILL) and Kathryn and Bryan (Int) Alan Hyde RIP (2 nd Anniv) BAPTISM: Naomi Adelid King	Lr.Gornal Sedgley Sedgley
Mon	5	Sep		-----NO MASS----- (At Birmingham)	
Tue	6	Sep	6:00pm	Hazel Shakespeare RIP	Sedgley
Wed	7	Sep	10:30am 11:40am	Eileen Caddick RIP Welcome Mass - Bishop Milner Year 7	Lr.Gornal School
Thu	8	Sep		-----NO MASS----- (Father Paul at Bishop Milner School all day)	
Fri	9	Sep	6:30pm	Doner Mass	Lr.Gornal
Sat	10	Sep	5:00pm 6:30pm	Liam Duffy RIP Eddie O'Neil Jr. RIP	Lr.Gornal Sedgley
Sun	11	Sep	9:00am 10:30am	Jean and Fred (Sp Int) Eileen Mitchell RIP (B'D Mem)	Lr.Gornal Sedgley

Confessions at Lower Gornal: Friday after 6:30pm Mass

Confessions at Sedgley: Saturday after 6:30pm Mass

Please note if you wish to discuss a personal matter with Fr Paul, a mutually convenient appointment can be arranged by contacting the Parish Office on 01902 882215 - Thank you.

OUR PRAYERS GO TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE, MAY THEY REST IN THE LOVING ARMS OF OUR LORD

John O'Neill RIP, Joan O'Neill RIP, Iris Giles RIP, Kenneth Hickman RIP, Margaret Brookes RIP, John Price RIP, Patrick Green RIP, Irene Layland RIP, Graham Bennett RIP, Mary Spiteri RIP, Josephine Cox RIP, Evelyn Turton RIP, Derek Rafferty RIP, Emiliana Plant RIP, Florence Cox RIP, Hazel Shakespeare RIP.

We offer our prayers for those who are left to grieve. May the Merciful Heart of Jesus comfort all who grieve.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WITH ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

We pray together in merciful charity for all those gone before us recently and their loved ones who now suffer their loss

+ May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen +

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

We pray to the merciful heart of Jesus for all our sick along with those who look after them. We ask the intercession of Our Lady, St Chad, St Peter and English Martyrs and All Saints for those who suffer; those in hospital and those at home: Harmony Riley, Irene Clarke, Michael Doherty, Wendy Grimmett, Hilda Davis, Joe Spiteri, Colin Small, Liz Ward, Sharon Jones, Steven Richards, Josephine Cox, Susan Cox, Mary Ward, Karen Palk, Jisha Philip, Joyce Boyle, Cameron 18yr, Tim Gallagher, Dominic Ward, Bernard Mason, Beryl Gayzer, Kerry Blunt.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCES

We remember our departed loved ones whose First Anniversary occur around this time.

MONTH OF PRAYER

Let us continue to spend a few quiet minutes praying to Our Lord for our World to change for the better.
 Let us pray especially for those suffering in Ukraine, and protection for unborn.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for the entire world. Amen.

POPE'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: "ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY"

Pope Francis has asked Catholics around the world to pray in September for an end to the death penalty. He made the appeal in his September prayer intention. "We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country. Let us not forget that, up to the very last moment, a person can convert and change, and in the light of the Gospel, the death penalty is unacceptable. The commandment, 'Thou shall not kill,' refers to both the innocent and the guilty," he said.

Catholic bishops in the US, notably Archbishop Paul Coakley of Oklahoma City and Bishop Daniel Flores of Brownsville, have advocated for individual prisoners on death row this year. While the Church teaches that capital punishment is not intrinsically evil, both Pope Francis and his immediate predecessors have condemned the practice in the West. He revised the Catechism of the Catholic Church in 2018 to state that the death penalty is "inadmissible."

Dominican Father Thomas Petri, a moral theologian at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., told CNA at the time that he thinks this change "further absolutises the pastoral conclusion made by John Paul II. Nothing in the new wording of paragraph 2267 suggests the death penalty is intrinsically evil. Indeed, nothing could suggest that because it would contradict the firm teaching of the Church."

In the Pope's video message, he urged "all people of goodwill to mobilise for the abolition of the death penalty throughout the world."

"Society can effectively repress crime without definitively depriving the offenders of the possibility of redeeming themselves,"

ST MICHAEL PRAYER

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle, be our safeguard against wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou O! Prince of the heavenly host, through the power of God, thrust into hell satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

RESIDENTS IN THE COTTAGE FROM 1ST MAY 2022



Please do not obstruct the car parking spaces or the 'Keep Clear' area.
Access is required 24/7.
Your co-operation would be appreciated.
Thank you.

Some thoughts on today's Gospel: The word "hate" means to love less



Jesus was a good teacher, teaching His disciples with a statement hard enough for them to fathom. The report is a metaphor which He clarifies in verse 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters, his own life then he cannot be my disciple".

Becoming a disciple is forsaking the flesh to follow Jesus Christ. The verse lists all the people closest to you and related by blood. We must hate all these people or separate ourselves to follow Christ. Discipleship needs sacrifice.

However, Jesus did not mean that we should show hatred or despise to our parents or families. No. The cost of following Christ is leaving behind all that you love and sounds essential to you for Christ.

The word "hate" means to love less.

Your love for God must surpass that of your immediate family. The same context is in Matthew 19:29 says, "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life".

The commitment to follow and abide in Christ has a high price to pay. Can you bear the cost? Following Christ has a cost to pay and also good returns in the end. Therefore, be ready to forsake all earthly things and focus on Jesus Christ. When you put your hope in God, all you need and more is at your disposal. Matthew demonstrates it clearly.

"But seek ye the kingdom of God first, and everything shall be added unto you".