**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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# PARISH NOTICES

✠ **MASSES THIS WEEKEND:** There will be no Saturday 10am Mass. Fr Joe Ryan will celebrate 7pm Mass and Fr John Deehan will celebrate at 10.30am. Masses will return as normal from Wednesday 23rd September.

✠ **PARISH OFFICE:** will be closed as Susan will be on annual leave for the next 2 weeks and will return to the office on 5th October. For anything urgent and appointments please contact Fr Bernard directly.

✠ **HALL SIGNBOARD:** The signboard above the hall entrance is rotting and bits of wood are falling off. Please be vigilant whilst you are entering and leaving the hall until this can be repaired.

✠ **SAVE OUR WATER:** Each time someone asks ChatGPT a question, the exchange feels nearly invisible: just text appearing on a screen. But behind that response lies a massive physical infrastructuredrawing electricity, consuming water, and producing carbon emissions at an unprecedentedscale. As generative artificial intelligence becomes embedded in everyday life, the environmental footprint of the system powering it is growing just as rapidly. Data centres rely on water-based cooling systems to prevent servers from overheating. This amounts to an astronomical level of water and is only increasing. Think about your own searches and settings, can you avoid using AI and unnecessarily storing data? For example, clear up your folders (some might remember this was an automatic step when the PC slowed down!). Maybe you can think about the small actions you take and consider the impact thesehave. As St Teresa of Calcutta taught us: "Do small things, with great love".

✠ **ARE YOU OF ITALIAN ORIGIN?:** The Italian Medical Charity have inherited the work of the former Italian Hospital in London. After it was sold to the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, the proceeds are being used to help those of Italian origin who need funds for medical treatment that the NHS has difficulty in providing or for their carers. Please visit their website at italianmedicalcharity.co.uk or write to us at IMC, Kings Lodge, Kingsway, N12 0EW if you think you qualify.

✠ **THE CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2027 YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS:** Our **Year 7** open evening will be held on **Tuesday 22 September 2026,** for boys who will be eligible for Year 7 entry in September 2027. The Headmaster will address parents and pupils at 4.30pm and again at 6.00pm. Following each speech, parents will be taken on a tour of the school. We therefore recommend you arrive in good time for either 4.30pm or 6.00pm.The online application form link for Year 7 is available on the school website www.cvms.co.uk/admissions

✠ **GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL:** Gumley House School is delighted to invite prospective families to our Open Events which will take place on Monday 28th September 2026 from 9.00am until 11.00am and also in the evening from 5pm until 8pm.There will be a second morning event on Thursday 1st October 2026 from 9.00am until 11.00am.You can register for these events on our website www.gumleyhouse.com/Open-Events

✠ **APPOINTMENTS WITH FR BERNARD:** Fr Bernard is only available to meet with parishioners on **Wednesdays** from 11am.

✠ **BAPTISM:** Before your child can be Baptised parents must make an appointment to meet with Fr Bernard, at least one of whom should be a Baptised, practicing Catholic. Under Canon Law there must be a reasonable expectation that Catholic parents requesting Baptism of their child should be practicing their faith. Fr Bernard requires the Baptism certificates of the parents and the Baptism **and** Confirmation certificates of each Godparent. Please contact the office to make an appointment with Fr Bernard.

✠ **PARISH GROUPS:** Everyone, parishioners and non-parishioners, are welcome to join these groups:

**THE EVERGREEN CLUB:** meet on Mondays 1-3pm in the church hall for a chat over tea/coffee, biscuits and cake, play games and bingo. It's a chance to meet new friends and is open to all ages.

**MEDITATION:** Have you ever wondered what meditation is about? If so, why not join our meditation at Our Lady's in Stephendale Road. We meet every Wednesday from 6.30-7.30pm for this ancient way of silent prayer (entrance is at the first door to the left of the church building in Tynemouth Street). Introduction and guidance will be given. Any questions ask Fr Bernard or email Pia: pia.huber@gmail.com

✠ **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please can you remember the sick of our parish in your prayers:
Connie Arowojolu; Patricia Bland; Manuel Da Costa; Bill Fleming; Cynthia James; Jacqueline Kelleher; Maureen Palmer; Alma Smith.

✠ **PLEASE GIFT AID YOUR CONTACTLESS DONATIONS:** When making your donation by card you will see the option to gift aid your donation on the screen, simply click yes. It is **essential** that you enter your **full name** and **full first line of your address and postcode**, it then remembers for future donations. For more info visit: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stephendaleroad/donate/other-ways-to-give/

✠ **NORMAL MASS TIMES:**

**Our Lady's**: Wednesday: **10am** Saturday: **10am** (followed by Adoration and Confession); **7pm** Vigil Mass; Sunday: **10.30am**

**Holy Cross**: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: **9.30am**; Saturday: **5.30pm** Vigil Mass;
Sunday: **9am** Family **12pm** Solemn (**Please check their website for Summer Mass times**)

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| 20th Sept | 7pm | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 128 | Fr Joe Ryan |
| 20th Sept | 10.30am | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 128 | Fr John Deehan |
| 27th Sept | 7pm and 10.30am | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 134 | Fr Bernard Akoeso |
| 4th Oct | 7pm and 10.30am | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 137 | Fr Bernard Akoeso |

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**
If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp lit before the Blessed Sacrament for a particular intention please send an email to the office. Each lamp burns for a week.
This week's special intention is for: Patricia Bland