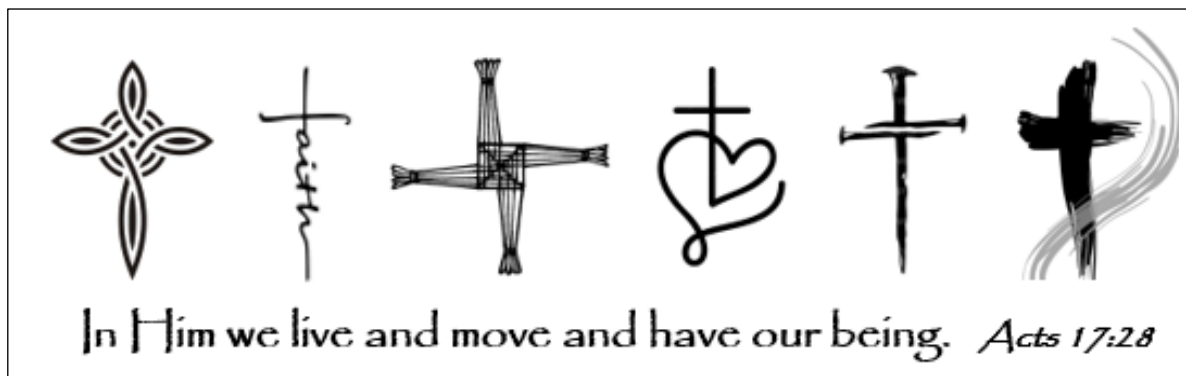


Newcastle Diocese Mothers' Union Footsteps in Faith



Quiz: Follow the footsteps of these female saints.

They are in alphabetical order with answers and brief notes included.

1.	Poirot's creator	Agatha of Sicily Virgin martyr of Decian persecution 250-253 Patron of breast cancer patients, wet nurses, bakers.
2.	..?.. Dei	Agnes. Rome. Aged 12 she refused to be married – was sent by her suiters to a brothel as punishment. All but one of the Roman youths, awed by her purity left her untouched. The sole attacker was struck blind when he violated her; Agnes healed him with prayer. Later martyred for refusing to renounce her faith
3.	..?.. Windsor	Barbara. Greece. Pagan father. Patron of armourers, military engineers, miners and those who work with explosives and mathematicians. Refused marriage. Imprisoned and cruelly tortured with torches – which went out as they came near her. Beheaded 267 by her father who was struck dead by lightning on the way home.
4.	Strike a cereal	Beatrice. Portuguese noblewoman 1424-1492 Beautiful – close friend and lady-in-waiting of the queen who later became jealous of her beauty and imprisoned her. In prison she had an apparition of the BVM. After she escaped, she founded of Order of the Immaculate Conception 1484
5.	Rigid Bridge?	Brigid. Kildare. C 450 A Patron saint of Ireland. Known for her gift of hospitality. Patron of dairy farmers, cattle, midwives, babies, computers and blacksmiths.
6.	Russian Monarch	Catherine. A princess in Alexandria. Studious, educated & beautiful. Became a Christian aged 14. Imprisoned & tortured – a dove brought her food. Martyred aged 18 for refusing to recant her faith and marry the emperor. Condemned to die on a spiked wheel – her touch shattered the wheel so she was beheaded c 305
7.	A Cambridge college	Clare. Assisi. 1194-1253. Christian family. Friend of Francis. Founded the Order of Poor Ladies. Clare's sisters also joined the order and one later became abbess under her chosen name Agnes. Patron saint of laundry, goldsmiths, eye disease, television, bicycle messengers, good weather.

Newcastle Diocese Mothers' Union Footsteps in Faith

8.	Author of romantic fiction	<i>(Arguably the most obscure clue!)</i> Colette . French. 1381-1447. Founder of Poor Clares, a reform branch of the Order of St Clare. The daughter of a childless couple until a late age – seen as a miracle birth. Patron saint of women seeking to conceive, expectant mothers and sick children.
9.	Tide at Beadnell	Ebba . Coldingham, Northumbria. 615-683 Brother of St (King) Oswald. Established a monastery at Ebchester – a 'double' separate order of monks and nuns. Ruins of a contemporary chapel on Beadnell headland are dedicated to her.
10.	Like a WW1 nursing hero	Edith . 961-986. Daughter of King Edgar of England. Grew up with her mother in the community of Wilton Abbey and became a nun there. Gifted in music, calligraphy and embroidery. Other Saint Ediths include Edith Stein, a German Jewish convert and martyr. She became a Carmelite nun in 1934 and was killed in Birkenhau in 1942.
11.	..?.., hope and charity	Faith . Spanish. 3 rd century martyr – arrested and tortured as a young girl.
12.	Happiness/Joy	Felicity . A slave and martyr of 3 rd century. Imprisoned, whilst pregnant, with Perpetua, a noblewoman with a baby son. They were martyred together in 203, aged 20.
13.	Went all the way to Brighton	Genevieve . 5 th century. Patron saint of Paris. Reputedly saved Paris from invasion by her prayers. Many miracles attributed to her.
14.	Hamlet's mother	Gertrude the Great. German. 1256-1301. Patron of the West Indies. Cistercian mystic and theologian.
15.	The face that "launched a thousand ships"	Helen (Helena) . Greek. 246-330. Mother of Constantine the Great, the first Christian Emperor and reformer of the Roman Empire. A woman of low birth she married the emperor Constantius. She is credited with the conversion of her son, following his illustrious career under Diocletian.
16.	Triumphed in Whitby	Hild (Hilda) . 614-680. Foundress and Abbess of Whitby Abbey and monastery. Related to King Edwin who founded the kingdom of Northumbria.
17.	Necessary on a bicycle?	Isobel (Isobella) . 1225-1270. French. Daughter of Louis VIII. Founder of a convent but never became a nun. Refused marriage and used her wealth to give to the poor.
18.	Personal pronoun with A	Ita . 475-570. Patron saint of Limerick, Ireland. Royal descent. Founded a school for boys, where St Brendan was taught. Named Deirdre, but remembered as Ita, meaning 'thirst' after her 'thirst for the love of God'
19.	Maid of Orleans	Joan . 1412-1431. Patron saint of France. Joan of Arc, defender of the French nation in the siege of Orleans. Later accused of blasphemy for wearing men's clothing and for demonic visions. Burned at the stake.
20.	In the sky with diamonds	Lucy . 283-304. Martyr under Roman persecution of Emperor Diocletian. Her eyes were gouged out but legend has it that they were restored when her body was prepared for burial. Patron saint of the blind.
21.	A type of French cake	Madeleine . 1779-1865 French. Founder of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

Newcastle Diocese Mothers' Union Footsteps in Faith

22. British Prime minister	Margaret. Two saints! Margaret of Antioch's father was a pagan. Her mother died when she was a baby and a Christian nurse brought her up on a sheep farm. She refused to marry and was disowned by her father, cruelly tortured and martyred around 304. Patron saint to kidney-sufferers and pregnant women. Margaret of Scotland 1046-1093. Her original intention was to be a nun but she married King Malcolm III and became Queen of Scotland. They had 8 children, three became kings of Scotland and one Queen of England as wife to King Henry I. Despite her royalty she lived an austere and devout life-style.
23. A favourite in "Friends"	Monica. 332-387. Mother of Augustine of Hippo. Devout Christian, married to an adulterous pagan with a violent temper. She prayed every night for her son, Augustine, who eventually converted to Christianity. Patron saint of difficult marriages, victims of abuse, and alcoholics.
24. Mixed up by Judy Dench	Philomena. 291-304. Daughter of Greek king. Aged 13 she took a vow of virginity. She refused marriage to Emperor Diocletian so she was tortured then decapitated. Patron saint of babies, infants & youths. Known as the 'wonderworker' as many miracles were accredited to her prayers.
25. Contemporary of St Paul	Priscilla. Wife of Aquila, a 1 st century missionary couple who worked and travelled with St Paul. She may have held the office of presbyter and is possibly the author of the Letter to the Hebrews.
26. Lovely meter maid	Rita. 1381 – 1457 Italian. Married aged 12 to a cruel and abusive man. Her influence eventually led him to be a better man but he had many enemies and he was murdered in family feud. Her two sons vowed to avenge their father regardless of her pleas, so she prayed for them to die rather than lose their souls to the mortal sin of murder. They both died of dysentery within a year. Rita became a nun after her husband died. Patron of lost and impossible causes, marital problems and abuse.
27. Climber, tea or bush	Rose. 1586-1617. Peru. Born in a noble family. Known for her care of the poor in Lima city. Member of the third order of St Dominic. Patron of embroidery, gardening and blooming flowers.
28. Indian mother	Teresa. St Teresa of Avila 1515 – 1582. Her beloved mother died when she was 11. Carmelite nun and reformer of the order. Patron of Spain, sick people, chess, lacemakers and people ridiculed for their piety. Mother Teresa – canonized in 2016 by Pope Francis.



For information about
'Footsteps in Faith'

www.munewcastle.org.uk

FAITH in ACTION by
Mothers' UNION
in Newcastle Diocese