

The week ahead...

Saturday 30 September <i>St Jerome, Priest, Doctor</i>	5:00pm	Mass: Joan Moran and pro populo
Sunday 01 October 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 02 October <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday 03 October Tuesday of Ordinary Time 26	6:30pm	Mass: Rita Render (RIP)
Wednesday 04 October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9:30am	Mass: Private Intention ("A")
Thursday 05 October Thursday of Ordinary Time 26	9:30am	Mass: Marie Carey
Friday 06 October Friday of Ordinary Time 26	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 07 October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	5:00pm	Mass: Anne Keenan and pro populo



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

01 October, 2017

A Message from Bishop Séamus

My Dear People

St Paul has an extremely important message for us in our Second Reading today. Notice how he tells the people of Philippi, "In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus". He wants everyone in the community to be united, having "a common purpose and a common mind". To do this we must not think of our own interests first but those of others; those of the community as a whole. This is especially important for us in the Diocese as we look forward to putting in place education and training needs for the development of our new partnerships.

The plans for the future are set out in a document called "Developing Discipleship" that is being launched today. It outlines a great variety of courses and programmes to address the needs of different groups of people who we need to equip for the task ahead: renewing our diocesan mission and vision.

The first step is for everyone one of us to look at ourselves, in the light of what St Paul sets out in that reading, and to try to discern what we are currently doing and how we might contribute to the future developments. You may be startled by the analogy used as part of this process. It appears on the postcards you received today. It invites us to reflect on whether we might be "logs, hogs or cogs".

There are times in our lives when we act like "logs" – happy to sit back and let others do all the work. Sometimes, because of important commitments to family and work, or perhaps because of ill health, people have to be "logs" when it comes to involvement in church. However, after reflecting on what St Paul has to say today perhaps some of us need to move on to become "cogs".

There are also "hogs" in our parish communities: people who take over jobs and do them for years and years. These people are very faithful and we owe them a great deal. However, some people "hog" tasks in such a way that others are excluded from contributing to the community. Such people need to reflect really hard on what St Paul is calling for today. As CS Lewis said "True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less". We need to find new ways that enable everyone to have the opportunity to develop their talents and ministries for the good of the whole community in the years ahead.

"Cogs" are people who are focused on the community as a whole cooperating and working together for the growth and development of everyone. 'Cogs' see themselves as part of one body, they acknowledge the gifts and parts that others play and they seek to enable others to fully realise their calling and to share responsibility. This is what we are seeking to develop for the future. This is what we are launching today.

"Developing Discipleship" is a large document, each parish has a full copy and it is also available online. It seeks to take us through a process that explores the dynamics of our communities' relationships and recognises that to move forward involves growth and learning - clergy and laity together. Some of the material is referred to in the leaflet that you received coming to Mass today. Please take time to read it as individuals, as parishes, and as partnerships.

Our mission, the ultimate goal of all our work, is nothing other than St Paul's final words today: so that, "every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father".

God Bless.

With my very best wishes

+Rt Rev Séamus Cunningham
Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle

DISCIPLESHIP

MINISTRIES

Saturday 30 September

Eucharistic Ministers

Angela & Gordon Tosley
Angela Harmston

Readers

Angela Tosley
Ann Canavan

Children's Liturgy

Maria Griffiths
Carol Bainbridge

Welcomers

Halina Holman
Janet Harrigan

MINISTRIES

Saturday 07 October

Eucharistic Ministers

Pauline & Ambrose Burnside
Judith Bulmer

Readers

Claire Lavery
Margaret Purdom

Children's Liturgy

Maria Griffiths
Helen Riddles

Welcomers

Paul & Anne Kelly

The Twenty-sixth Sunday

Should you have any items for the bulletin or wish to have it emailed to you, please contact the parish via phone or email. Contact details are on the front of the bulletin.

We pray for our beloved deceased, including....



Remember those who have gone before us

Teresa COAD, Rec Deceased
Marie CAREY, Rec. Deceased
Dora DAWSON
Nora MARSHALL
Sr Mary ANTHONY

Please remember in your prayers people who are sick and housebound in the parish....

Maureen McCrann, Teresa Parkin,
Doreen Carroll, Dorothy Dowdle,
Margaret Pouton, Pat
Harrison, Olwyn Morris,
Jim Patterson, Linda
Carter, Tom Taylorson,
Sylvia Kelly, Mary
Spears and Rose Crick.



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £227 Loose Plate: £196

Total: £423

Mass Attendance: 133

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CHARITY NUMBER 1143450



What's going on...?

Teresa Coad and Marie Carey RIP: In the week that has passed our parish has held Requiem Masses for these two much-loved long-term parishioners of St Patrick's. Please continue to hold both Teresa and Marie in your prayers as well as their family members at this difficult time for them. *Requiescat in pace.*

Thank You: The Carey family would like to thank all who expressed their condolences on the death of their beloved mother Marie through prayers, Masses, cards, flowers, attendance at her funeral Mass or in any other way. Special thanks to Fr Robert and Fr Brian. The collection amounted to £371.05. They feel very blessed to have had her in their lives for so long.

Gathering after Mass: We will be gathering after Mass on the first Saturday of each month for an opportunity to deepen our unity by getting to know one another better. Again, this is not about fundraising or an opportunity for speeches: just for a chat, a cuppa and a snack! Our next gathering will be after Mass next weekend on **Saturday, 07 October**. Come along!

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting: The next PPC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, 11 October** at **7:00pm**. If you would like an issue raised at the meeting, please talk to one of the PPC members, to Fr Robert or send an email to the parish.

Gift Aid Statements: These are now available for collection at the back of the church. Still a few uncollected. Please check for yours!

Family Fast Day: Our next special collection is the **Family Fast Day** and will take place on **07 October**, the fast day itself being the day before on the Friday. Tricia Whitfield, our parish CAFOD rep, will share some information with us this weekend. Go to cafod.org.uk/harvest for more information.

Dementia Friends: Do you know someone, be it a relative or friend, who is living with dementia or caring for someone with dementia? Would you like to learn a little bit more about what this means and the small ways you can help? The Alzheimers Society are delivering a "Dementia Friends Session" at **7:00pm on Wednesday, 11 October in the Jubilee Room, St Joseph's, Mill Lane, Gilesgate, Durham DH1 2JG**. The event has been organised by the Inclusive Group in Durham Martyrs parish, who are working to create a "Dementia Friendly Community", and they would like to invite people from the partnership to attend the session which will last for one hour only.

Job Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

- **Deputy Head** of the Diocesan Department for Education – full time, term-time
- **Administrator**, Department for Adult Formation and Evangelisation - full time, fixed term contract until Aug 2019
- **HR Administrator**, Department for Finance, 15 hours per week

For further information and an application pack please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us by phone on 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk.

Craft Fair: Saturday, 21 October, 10:00am – 2:00pm at St. Andrew's Church, Brandon. If you are interested in a table to sell your crafts, please call 0772572203. Entrance free, refreshments on sale.

Spectacles needed for Overseas Aid: If you have spectacles that you no longer need, Stella and Michael Foody will be happy to collect them from you before or after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday 07 October.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Holy Guardian Angels - 02 October

The doctrine that every individual soul has a guardian angel has never been defined by the Church and so is not an article of faith, but it is present in both the Old and New Testaments. As Jesus says, *See that you never despise any of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels in heaven always gaze on the face of my Father in heaven.* Thus even little children have guardian angels, and these angels remain in the presence of God even as they fulfil their mission on earth.

In ancient times, all angels were celebrated together on the feast of St Michael. A separate feast of the Guardian Angels began in Spain in 1411.

One of the benefits of this feast is that it reminds us that God cares for us individually, something which we can at times easily forget, particularly in times of adversity.

(Information taken from Universalis)



~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

Pope Francis' Mission Statement for October:

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

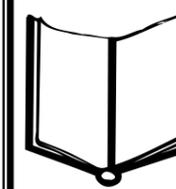
"God is encouraging you to dream. He wants to make you see that, with you the world can be different. For unless you offer the best of yourselves, the world will never be different."



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BIBLE STUDIES

The **Friday afternoon** Bible Study Group is holding eight sessions beginning on 15 September and running through to 03 November here at **St Patrick's Presbytery**, from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. The topic for these studies is **Women in the Old Testament**.



Also, **monthly** Bible Fellowship takes place at St Andrew's Methodist Church at Brandon from 3:30pm - 4:45pm. Next meeting takes place on **Monday, 09 October**.

SCHOOL NEWS

Statement to Live By

This week's statement to live by was, 'I know how to laugh and have fun.' We reflected on the fact that God wants us to be a happy and joyful people. The children enjoyed an extra break time to celebrate this statement.

Welcome Liturgy – Friday 29th September

A Welcome Liturgy, led by Reception, was celebrated in school this Friday. It was followed by refreshments, with the proceeds of all donations for these, going to support MacMillan Cancer.

Mass of Welcome

Mrs Burnside attended a Mass of Welcome for at St. Leonard's school, in support of last year's Year 6 pupils, who transferred there this September.

CAFOD Fundraising and Harvest Assembly – Friday 6th October

A reminder that we will be holding a Family Fast Day to support CAFOD. Children will dress in their house colours (red, yellow, green and blue), in recognition of our aim this harvest season, which is to brighten up the world. The assembly will begin at 2:30 p.m. and this will be followed by refreshments and a raffle of 'Class Hampers'. Everyone is welcome!

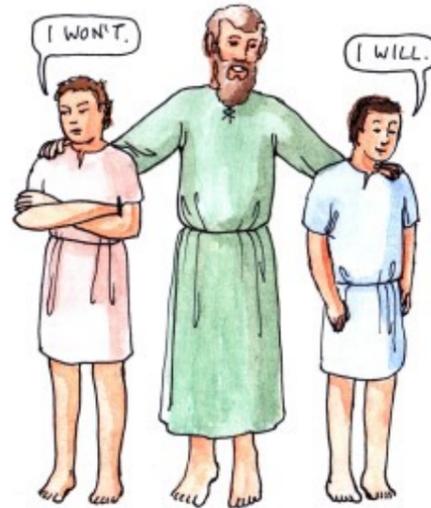


The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1st, 2017

*In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two sons to work in the vineyard.
Which one did what his father asked?*

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!



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DID YOU KNOW...?

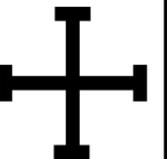
...that the sixteenth century was witness to an unprecedented number of highly talented artists and poets, especially in Italy?

The years 1500-1600 were crucial years for the Catholic Church, with the Reformation at its height and consequent fighting and persecutions tearing various European nations apart. The Renaissance in Italy however, saw great artists, poets and philosophers come to light such as Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Correggio, Titian, Tasso, Ariosto and Macchiavelli.

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"When I fed the poor, they called me a saint. When I asked, 'Why are they poor?' they called me a Communist."

Dom Hélder Câmara (1909-1999)
Archbishop of Olinda and Recife (Brazil)
Hoping Against All Hope



CONGRATULATIONS.... to the families of **Harris and Graye ARMSTRONG** and **Isabella MUSHAM** on the occasion of the baptism of these three children last weekend. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as we live out our commitment to support these new members of our parish family!

