

The week ahead...

Saturday 03 June <i>St Charles Lwanga & Co, Martyrs</i>	5:00pm	Mass: Lily Robson & Tony Caiger and <i>pro populo</i>
Sunday 04 June Pentecost Sunday	NO MASS	
Monday 05 June <i>St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday 06 June Tuesday of Ordinary Time 9	6:30pm	Mass: Gavin Tucker RIP
Wednesday 07 June <i>St Robert of Newminster, Bishop</i>	9:30am	Mass: Tom & Sarah Tracey
Thursday 08 June Thursday of Ordinary Time 9	9:30am	Mass: Duffy & McGough families
Friday 09 June Friday of Ordinary Time 9	7:00am	Mass: Joseph Byrne (sick)
Saturday 10 June Saturday of Ordinary Time 9	5:00pm	Mass: Fr Brian Murphy (Golden Jubilee of Ordination) and <i>pro populo</i>



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Pentecost Sunday

04 June, 2017

"Peace be with you."

ONE OF THE many reasons I love scripture is that it can be revisited time and time again and each time reveal something new about God and faith. It is surely the work of the Holy Spirit that enables us to draw meaning from the Word of God which is appropriate in the midst of the prevailing circumstances in our life. Scripture has the ability to sustain, inspire, enlighten or excite us when we read and pray over it. Put simply, without scripture and the influence of the Holy Spirit, we would be a much poorer and fragmented group of believers, hardly the body of Christ we are called to be.

Acknowledging that the Holy Spirit plays a crucial role in our regular pondering of the Word of God, we can surely expect this to be no less so as we read and pray over the readings this weekend on the Feast of Pentecost, recalling as we do the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the world! In this regard, I'd like to focus on the phrase Jesus utters twice in this weekend's Gospel: "Peace be with you." These words, under the influence of the very same Spirit Jesus sent upon the world at Pentecost, provide us with much food for deliberation, especially at this time when our Parish Partnership of **Finchale**, like every other partnership in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, is being launched in accordance with the vision developed over the past three years through the *Forward Together in Hope* process.

There may be two reasons why Jesus pronounced peace upon the disciples when he entered the room that fateful day of his Resurrection. Firstly, the disciples were distressed, terrified of persecution following Jesus' crucifixion by virtue of their association with him. Jesus knew this and so it is hardly surprising that his first words upon entering the room were "Peace be with you."

But Jesus utters this phrase twice. We might understand this to mean that Jesus wished to emphasise his desire for peace for the disciples or it could be interpreted another way...

Just as Jesus wishes peace upon the disciples in light of their fear, he also wishes peace upon them in anticipation of the mission on which he is about to send them, a mission to build his kingdom through reconciling people with God and with one another. It is for this reason that the Holy Spirit is given to them. It would be impossible for the disciples to go out on mission still full of fear: fear paralyses whereas love energises and transforms. We need to understand that the opposite of love is fear, not hatred. The disciples need the Holy Spirit because their mission is based on, and promotes, love, just as the Holy Spirit is itself love, from the dynamism which marks the relationship between the Father and the Son.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is given to us for the very same reason as it was given to the disciples at Pentecost: to dispel all fear and fill us with the joy and courage necessary for us to carry out our mission of spreading the Good News of the risen Jesus. In light of our new Parish Partnership and the opportunities it affords us, we can be apprehensive about change and this is understandable but let us not imitate the distress of the disciples in the locked room who were yet to receive the Holy Spirit. We are fortunate to have already received this great gift in our baptism – may we use it to move forward with great anticipation and excitement, not fear and apprehension.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Robert



Peace be to you!

MINISTRIES

Saturday 03 June

Eucharistic Ministers

Irene & John Carey
Kevin Boyle

Readers

Claire Lavery
Angela Harmston

Children's Liturgy

Maria Griffiths
Michelle Dennis

Welcomers

Angela Harmston
Christine Tracey

MINISTRIES

Saturday 10 June

Eucharistic Ministers

Jane Smith, Helen Musham
Wilf Lavery

Readers

Marie Pailey
Judith Bulmer

Children's Liturgy

Maria Griffiths
Carol Bainbridge

Welcomers

Pat Middleton
Mary Kitching

Pentecost

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.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £193 Loose Plate: £167

Total: £360

Mass Attendance: 123

DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE
CHARITY NUMBER 1143450

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

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



Special Collections

Our special collection for **World Communications Day** last weekend raised a total of **£130.65**. This weekend we will take up a retiring collection for **Fr Brian** so that we can present him with a monetary gift on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee on Friday, 16 June at Willington. As always, thank you for your generosity with regard to these special collections.



What's going on...?

Official Launch of our Parish Partnership: This weekend sees the launch of the Parish Partnerships throughout the Diocese. You will receive two brochures with your bulletin this weekend, one titled *Pointing the Way* and the other *Prayer for our new Partnership*. The name that has been given to our partnership is **Finchale**.

Kathleen Caisley (née Drane) RIP: Sad news about the death of Kathleen who died peacefully on Friday evening. Arrangements for her funeral to be forthcoming. In the meantime, please pray for the repose of her soul and for the family at this sad time.

Gathering after Mass: We will be having our usual gathering after Mass to get to know each other better **today**. As usual, all welcome!

Missio (APF/Mill Hill Missionaries): Quarterly Overseas Mission contributions will be collected by sponsors during the month of June.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Appeal for Nurses: Due to increased requests from people needing nursing care and assistance on our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes we need to make an appeal for more nurses. Are you a nurse? Do you know a nurse in your family, a friend, or a nurse in your parish that you might think could help us in Lourdes? Could your parish support funding for a nurse to come to Lourdes? Are you a registered nurse or experienced adult carer who can give some time over to helping sick people travel to Lourdes? If you can help please get in touch with Fr Peter J Stott on 01670 513410, www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk or contact lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk.

Celebration of Marriage: "Partnership of Life and Love". At St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Saturday, 10 June at 11:00am. Principal celebrant is Bishop Séamus Cunningham. Everyone is welcome!

Survey for Synod on Youth: In October 2018, the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome to consider 'Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment.' In preparation for this, the Bishops of England and Wales would like to hear from young people and from those who are regularly in contact with them. If aged 13-29, please take part in the Mega Youth poll <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>. Parents, teachers, catechists, youth leaders please participate in the poll at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cymfed-yourview>.

Churches Together in DH7: Our Prayer group will meet on the third Tuesday of each month this summer in St John's Church, Meadowfield at 9:30am.

Friday Mass Intentions: Please don't forget that each Friday there is a 7:00am Mass for which there is not always an intention requested. Whilst I understand that many people wish to be present when a Mass they requested is being celebrated, this is not essential. If it is not important for you to be present at a Mass for which you are asking an intention, consider asking for it to be celebrated on Friday morning. The intention will be printed on the back page of the bulletin and the Mass announced and faithfully offered. Please use one of the offering envelopes found at the rear of the church.

PEACE BE TO YOU

SCHOOL NEWS

First Holy Communicants

Our First Holy Communicants will receive the holy Eucharist for the first time during Mass on Saturday 17th June. Everyone is welcome to come into the school hall for refreshments after this celebration when the children will be presented with certificates to mark this special day.

Dates of Masses

The school children will attend the following Masses over the next few weeks:

Class 2 - Weds 21 June - 2:30pm in the school hall

Class 3 - Thursday 29th June - 9:30am in church

Class 1 - Thursday 6th July - 9:30am in church, followed by a Penitential Service

Whole School - Thursday 20th July - 9:30am in church. This Mass will mark the end of the school year.

Year 6

Our Year 6 pupils will be making a number of visits to St. Leonard's over the next few weeks, in preparation for their transfer there, at the end of this academic year. They will also join other feeder primary schools at the Primary Festival at the Emmaus Village in Allensford on Tuesday 20th June and to celebrate a 'Leavers' Mass' at St. Godric's Church in Durham City on Tuesday 27th June. Please keep these children in your prayers, as they prepare to take this next step.



The Kids' Bulletin

Unscramble: The Pentecost Story

Unscramble the words to finish the story and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one [LCPAE] together. And [ENYLUSDD] there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving [DWN] and it filled the entire [USHOE] in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of [ERFI] which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were all [ILFLDE] with the Holy Spirit and [GNEAB] to speak in different tongues, as the [IPSTRI] enabled them to proclaim.

Pentecost is the _____
of the Church!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Boniface - 05 June

For the first forty years of his life Boniface was known as Wynfrith. He was born in Devon in around 675 and educated at the monastery at Exeter, and then joined the Benedictine abbey at Nursling, near Southampton. He was a teacher and preacher, but he desired to preach the gospel in a foreign land. In 718, Pope Gregory II commissioned him to do so, at the same time changing his name from Wynfrith to Boniface.

Boniface left England, never to return, and took the gospel to the heathen tribes of Germany, where he had great success. He was created Bishop of Mainz, and he founded or restored diocese in Bavaria, Thuringia, and Franconia. In his later years he worked with King Pepin the Short to reform the Frankish church, and then, over seventy years old, set out to evangelize Friesland (part of modern Holland) where he was set upon and murdered, on 05 June 574.

He is buried at Fulda, near Frankfurt, in the monastery he founded himself, and is honoured as the apostle of Germany.

(Information taken from *Universalis*)



LAUNCH OF THE PARISH PARTNERSHIP OF FINCHALE - from Bishop Séamus

"Today we come together throughout the Diocese to affirm that we are indeed moving from parishes to partnerships. It is extraordinary how so many parishioners in our diocese have been involved in our journey, through their prayers, reflections, meetings, discussion and volunteering. Without you it simply would not have happened. It has all been about us renewing our relationship with God, discovering how to become more aware of our call to be disciples of Jesus. The Holy Spirit has brought us to where we are.

"We are now faced with new opportunities to use our God given gifts to serve one another and the world we live in as disciples of Jesus. There will be a range of formation programmes to help us all deepen our awareness of what it means to be disciples of the Lord. You will be aware that I have appointed Partnership Deans to lead our new Partnerships, and with the assistance of your local Episcopal Vicars they will help to take it all forward.

"I am sure that they will be very keen to encourage more parishioners to become fully involved in setting up groups to help with the formation of Partnerships in the future. There will also be more opportunities for the skills and talents of lay people to help our local communities manage their property, finance, administration and communication.

"The invitation to us today is to leave behind whatever fear we might have and, trusting in the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves more closely together in the future."

DID YOU KNOW...?

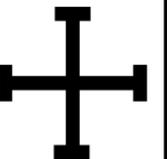
...that the gifts of the Holy Spirit lead to the fruits of the Holy Spirit, works that can only be undertaken with the assistance of the Spirit?

As we celebrate Pentecost this weekend, it is worthwhile to reflect upon the fruits of the Holy Spirit, perhaps less often referred to than the gifts of the Spirit. The twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit are: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity. Nine of these are found in Paul's Letter to the Galatians (5:22-23). The Catechism (n. 1832) states that the fruits of the Spirit are "perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory."

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"The aim of all those who live in God is to please our Lord Jesus Christ and become reconciled with God the Father through receiving the Holy Spirit, thus securing their salvation, for in this consists the salvation of every soul. If this aim and this activity is lacking, all other labour is useless and all other striving is in vain. Every path of life which does not lead to this is without profit."

St Symeon the New Theologian
(949-1022)
Writings from the Philokalia



PLEASE PRAY FOR....our Parish Partnership of Finchale as it is officially launched this Pentecost weekend. Pray that it will become a true source of spiritual and practical vitality for our community and that we will allow the Holy Spirit to move us to see and embrace new and fruitful ways of being Christian disciples here and in the community beyond our parish.