

The week ahead...

Saturday 11 February Saturday of Ordinary Time 5	5:00pm	Mass: Tom & Jenny Dowson, Norah Pinkney and pro populo
Sunday 12 February 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Monday 13 February Monday of Ordinary Time 6		
Tuesday 14 February <i>SS Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop</i>	6:30pm	Mass: Jack and Sheila Wilkinson
Wednesday 15 February Wednesday of Ordinary Time 6	9:30am	Mass: Walter Staff
Thursday 16 February Thursday of Ordinary Time 6	9:30am	Mass: Edward and Margaret Morris
Friday 17 February Friday of Ordinary Time 6	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 18 February Saturday of Ordinary Time 6	5:00pm	Mass: Marie Wilson and pro populo

Ministries for this week Saturday 11 February
Eucharistic Ministers Angela & Gordon Tosley Angela Harmston
Readers Pat Middleton Claire Lavery
Children's Liturgy Maria Griffiths Michelle Dannis
Welcomers Angela Harmston Christine Tracey

Ministries for next week Saturday 18 February
Eucharistic Ministers Malcolm & Teresa Wass Andrew Aberdeen
Readers Angela Harmston Maria Griffiths
Children's Liturgy Anne Davies Angela Harmston
Welcomers Pat Middleton Mary Kitching

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION
Gift Aid: £203 Loose Plate: £224
Total: £427
Mass Attendance: 161
DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE CHARITY NUMBER 1143450

Have you an item for the parish bulletin? Please contact Judith Bulmer on (0191) 378 3544 or 07980 481 858 or send an email to her at judithbulmer@rocketmail.com.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Thank you to our Ministers of Holy Communion who do a terrific job each week assisting in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. **Please note**, if you are approaching the tabernacle to retrieve the ciborium, **please do not remove the lid until the ciborium is placed on the altar and the base is secured with your hand**. This not only looks more reverent but will ensure that there is no danger of the consecrated hosts ending up on the floor. Thank you! 

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

Pat Curran, Tom Taylorson, Sylvia Kelly, Marie Carey, Mary Spears, Rose Crick, Maureen McCrann, Teresa Parkin, Doreen Carroll, Dorothy Dowdle, Tom Tracey, Jean O'Donoghue, Margaret Pouton, Michael Kane, Pat Harrison, Ohwyn Morris, Jim Patterson, and Denise Oxberry.

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 February, 2017

“You have learnt how it was said...but I say this to you...”

AT THE COMMENCEMENT of his great Sermon on the Mount, which occupies chapters five to seven of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes and the few verses which follow, the “big picture” of how we will find true happiness and fulfilment. In the remainder of the Sermon Jesus gives us the “nuts and bolts” of how to live a Godly life. If I may put it so crudely, the Sermon on the Mount is rather like an instruction manual for Christian disciples.

But like many instruction manuals the content is not easy to put into practice! Jesus never lets us approach our relationship with him indifferently or lethargically. Out of love for us he knows that such an approach to Christian living is not truly satisfying. Merely “satisfying the obligations”, doing the minimum, is hardly in accordance with the radical call of Jesus.

Writing for a Jewish audience, Matthew was at pains to have Jesus refer constantly to the Law to show that Jesus wasn't dismissing the great Jewish tradition. In fact, in the longer version of this weekend's Gospel, we hear Jesus state that “I have come not to abolish the Law or the Prophets but to complete them.” (Mt 5:17) How does Jesus complete them? By emphasising that the best way to live, and thus to experience the kingdom of heaven, is not to focus solely on observing the external requirements of the Law (which is not too difficult) but to possess the spirit of the Law: loving God and neighbour.

And Jesus makes this clear in the helpful examples he gives. There are three of them given in the shorter version of the Gospel before us today, four in the longer version. In these examples we can see how Jesus draws us into a more radical and ultimately more satisfying living of his Gospel. For example, it is not too difficult for us to refrain from killing someone, even if we are extremely angry with them. Jesus goes on to say however that even if a person is angry with another they will have to answer for it. (Bear in mind however, that Jesus was not speaking about anger generally, for even he got angry, but about inappropriate and unhealthy expressions of anger.) This same principle is applied to adultery, divorce and the taking of oaths.

We are asked not necessarily to change what we do (or don't do) but rather to reflect on why we do what we do, our motivations, because these determine our actions. We don't choose to refrain from killing someone or expressing our anger inappropriately because we fear punishment; we choose this path because we are loving people. And we are loving people because Christ lives in us.

As one commentator expressed it in a modern paraphrase of the words of Jesus we hear today: “For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of those who only behave in a certain way because they feel they have to, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.” In essence, it is all about what motivates our Christian living.

What motivates you: fear or love?

Wishing you a blessed week,

Fr Robert



What's going on...?

St Patrick's Social Committee Fundraising Night: Tickets are on sale for our next fundraising social night on **Friday, 24 February** at the Royal British Legion, Meadowfield. Raffle tickets will also be available in the narthex over the next few weeks. Thank you for your support!

Women's World Day of Prayer Update: The final meeting and rehearsal for WWDP will be on **Wednesday, 15 February at 11:00am** at St Patrick's Presbytery. It would be helpful if all those parishioners who are involved (eg. caterers, singers, readers) could be present. WWYD takes place on **Friday, 03 March** here at St Patrick's.

Churches Together Bible Group: Meeting on Monday, 13 February, 3:30pm—4:45pm at St Andrew's Methodist, Brandon.

Mass Intentions: A gentle reminder that if you wish to have a Mass said for someone, please use the **Mass Offering** envelopes at the rear of the church. Also, it would be most helpful if you would place the envelope on the collection plate during Mass. Alternatively, give the envelope to Fr Robert or Mr Kevin Coad. Thank you!

Pope Francis' Mission Statement for February: "That all those who afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and the marginalised, may find welcome and comfort in our communities." *God wants you to be signs of his merciful love for our time!*

Carers Support: Do You Look After Someone? If so, then Durham County Carers Support may be able to assist you with specialist advice and information, home visits, help with administrative matters, directions to other services or simply as a listening ear when things are difficult. Brochures are available in the narthex or phone 0300 005 1213.

Annual Memorial Service for Babies: Please see the noticeboard for details of this memorial service for babies who died before or around the time of birth. **Wednesday, 01 March** at St Cuthbert's Anglican, North Road, Durham. You may know of someone who may benefit from attending this service and the healing it may facilitate.

Ash Wednesday: An early notice about Masses for Ash Wednesday this year. Ash Wednesday is on **01 March** and there will be two Masses, one at 9:30am (with St Patrick's school present) and the other at 7:00pm.

Invitation to Youth Ministry Meeting: All parishioners who are concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-workers' gathering at the Emmaus Youth Village on **Sunday 26 February at 3.30pm**. (Tea, coffee and cake and a chance to chat from 2:00pm). An important aspect of the new partnerships is to explore how we can deepen our relationship with young people. There are a number of opportunities that YMT will share with you and this will also be a time to share good practice and network with other parts of the diocese. Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org.

The Kids' Bulletin

Psalm 119 Word-Find



See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Y D S C O F G O O D U
W I T O L O R D B I L
B L A M E L E S S L B
L I T M E L A W E B C
E G U A P O F I R M O
S E T N R W L I V E N
S N E D E C R E E S S
E T S E C M A Y L S I
D L E D E O P E N E D
S Y K E P T S E D E E
M I G H T H W A L K R
W O R D S E R V A N T

Blessed are they who FOLLOW the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they whose way is BLAMELESS,
who WALK in the LAW of the Lord.
BLESSED are they who OBSERVE his DECREES,
who SEEK him with all their heart.

You have COMMANDED that your PRECEPTS
be DILIGENTLY KEPT.
Oh, that I MIGHT be FIRM in the ways
of keeping your STATUTES!

Be GOOD to your SERVANT, that I MAY LIVE
and keep your WORDS.
OPEN my EYES, that I may CONSIDER
THE wonders of your law.

If you obey God's law, _____

SCHOOL NEWS

Internet Safety Day

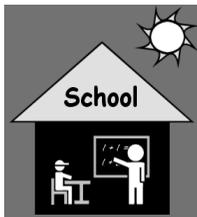
This week, all pupils took part in a variety of activities to promote safe use of the Internet. Our younger pupils sorted information, after deciding if it was safe or unsafe to share on the Internet, while our older pupils looked at how easily images can be altered in order to deceive.

Prayer Room

Our diocesan architect visited this week, to look at ideas for the creation of a prayer room in school. This will further enhance opportunities for prayer and reflection, for both pupils and staff.

Royal Mail's Christmas Postage Stamp Competition

Our school is taking part in Royal Mail's Christmas Postage Stamp Competition for 2017. While Christmas is a long way off, the deadline for entries is 17th March.



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Saints Cyril and Methodius - 14 February

Methodius was born in Thessalonica in about 826. With his brother Cyril he went to Moravia to preach the faith. They translated liturgical texts into the Slavonic language and invented the Glagolitic and possibly also the Cyrillic alphabet. After his brother's death in Rome in 869 Methodius went to Pannonia, where he was assiduous in the work on evangelisation. In the complicated international politics of the time he suffered much from attacks by his enemies, but he was always supported by the Popes. He died on 06 April, 885.

Cyril was born in Thessalonica in about 827 and was educated in Constantinople. He and Methodius were called back to Rome, where Cyril died on 14 February 869.

(Information taken from Universalis)



Forward Together in Hope—Parish Partnerships

As you are aware, on Thursday 09 February, two meetings were held concurrently in Darlington and Dunston to inform those present about the new parish partnerships that have been formed across the diocese and the criteria considered which assisted Bishop Séamus and his team in coming to their decisions. Both meetings were packed, with a combined total of about 1600 people present at the venues.

For your information, our proposal went through the process unaltered. This means that Langley Moor is now part of a parish partnership along with nine other parishes (Coxhoe, both Durham parishes, Esh Laude, Langley Park, Newhouse, Sedgfield, Trimdon and Ushaw Moor). Check the noticeboard for a visual representation of this. See the noticeboard for a map and list of parishes.

Please go to www.hope.rcdhn.org.uk for more information. More news as it comes to hand!

DID YOU KNOW...?

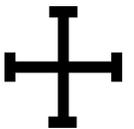
...that there are eighteen parish partnerships now established in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle?

These partnerships have come about after about two and a half years of work by laity and clergy, taking into consideration a large number of factors. The partnerships are of various sizes in terms of geographical area, numbers of parishes and Catholic population. The partnership of which we are a member comprises ten parishes.

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Now is the time to say to Jesus: "Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace". How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost!"

Pope Francis
Evangelii Gaudium (3)



PRAY FOR... racial justice. This Sunday is **Racial Justice Sunday**. As the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (www.carj.org.au) points out in its Prayer for Racial Justice, we need to understand and appreciate that the world is made glorious by its rich diversity. We often misunderstand and fear diversity and need to attune ourselves to the Spirit who reminds us to celebrate and appreciate all our human differences, including those of race.