

The week ahead...

Saturday 13 January Vigil Mass for 2 nd Sunday of the Year	5:00pm	Mass: Pat Curran and pro populo
Sunday 14 January 2 nd Sunday of the Year	NO MASS	
Monday 15 January Monday of Ordinary Time 2	NO MASS	
Tuesday 16 January Tuesday of Ordinary Time 2	12:00noon 6:30pm	Funeral Service for Maureen Price Mass: John Kitching and Harry & Michael Blakey
Wednesday 17 January <i>St Antony of Egypt, Abbot</i>	9:30am	Mass: Bernard McGoay
Thursday 18 January Thursday of Ordinary Time 2	9:30am	Mass: Walter & Teresa Drane and Kathleen Caisley
Friday 19 January Friday of Ordinary Time 2	7:00am	Mass: Teresa Parkin
Saturday 20 January Vigil Mass for 3 rd Sunday of the Year	5:00pm	Mass: Margaret Halliday and pro populo

Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

MINISTRIES

Saturday 13 January

Eucharistic Ministers

Irene & John Carey
Kevin Boyle

Readers

Brendan Payne
Pat Middleton

Children's Liturgy

Maria Griffiths
Michelle Dennis

Welcomers

Pat Middleton
Mary Kitching

MINISTRIES

Saturday 20 January

Eucharistic Ministers

Jane Smith, Helen Musham
Wilf Lavery

Readers

Rowan Payne
Greg Mearman

Children's Liturgy

Maria Griffiths
Joanne Lidster

Welcomers

Halina Holman
Janet Harrigan

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. Items need to be submitted by **Thursday midday**.

We pray for our beloved deceased, including...



We remember those who have gone before us

Maureen PRICE (Rec. Dec.)

Pat CURRAN

Arthur WINN

Winifred MEARMAN

Peter CLEARLY

Agnese SACCO

Margaret KEENAN

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish...

Tom Taylorson, Sylvia Kelly,
Mary Spears, Rose Crick,
Maureen McCrann,
Doreen Carroll,
Margaret Pouton,
and Pat Harrison



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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 January, 2018

"What do you want?"

CHRISTMAS TIME is now over and we move into Ordinary Time for a few weeks until the start of Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday on 14 February. (Interestingly, Ash Wednesday this year falls on Valentine's Day and Easter Sunday on April Fools' Day!) During Ordinary Time the Church explores the mystery of Christ in a range of ways. Though we are focusing on Mark's Gospel this year we kick off with a Gospel reading from John in which we witness the curiosity aroused in Andrew and another disciple who then follow Jesus and spend the day with him. The next day Andrew introduces his brother Peter to Jesus and it is here that Jesus bestows on him the name Cephas ("Rock").

As you have heard me say many times, we must not overlook some of the interesting phrases which may strike our attention in reading a passage of scripture. One such phrase which struck me this week in the Gospel is how Jesus "passed" John the Baptist who is standing with two of his (John's) disciples. It might seem petty to point this out but this is not the only occasion we witness Jesus "pass by" those whom he knows and loves. For example, when the disciples are in a boat and Jesus walks on the water we hear how "he intended to pass them by" (Mk 6:48) but stops to help them in their time of need. Why would Jesus behave so towards those he loves?

Perhaps the answer lay in the whole idea of movement and what it means. In the Gospel of Mark particularly, Jesus is constantly on the move, focused on his mission. Certainly, he takes time to be still and converse in prayer with the Father, but otherwise he is the veritable "man of action". He is not intending to be unkind to the disciples but rather is focused on what he has to do, in the time he has to do it.

Today, in the passage from John's Gospel, we have some interesting movements going on which reveal deeper meanings. Note, for example, how, as Jesus walks by, John and the two disciples are standing still. This gives the two disciples the opportunity to move away from John towards Jesus. The message is clear: John has been the one to prepare the way but it is with Jesus that salvation lies. In "passing by", Jesus is giving John's disciples, with John's prompting, the opportunity to make a life-changing decision to follow him.

As these disciples (Andrew and another) leave John and follow Jesus, Jesus turns around and asks them in a rather brusque manner, "What do you want?" Again, a movement, and an opportunity once again presents itself to the disciples. They are not sure who Jesus is and so ask to spend some time with him. Only after these hours with Jesus is Andrew then able to declare to his brother Simon Peter: "We have found the Messiah."

At times we can all feel that Jesus is not interested in our lives and is constantly "passing us by" instead of pausing and spending time with us. Like the disciples in this weekend's Gospel, may we instead see an opportunity for us to follow him, spend time with him and come to understand who he truly is: our loving Saviour.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Robert



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £211 Loose Plate: £247

TOTAL: £458

Mass Attendance: 181

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CHARITY NUMBER 1143450

What's going on...?

RIP Maureen Price: Maureen's funeral service will be celebrated here at St Patrick's on **Tuesday, 16 January at 12:00noon**. Please remember Maureen and her family in your prayers.

Peace Sunday: This Sunday is Peace Sunday and whilst we pray for peace in our bidding prayers we are all called to be active agents of peace by the very fact of our being Christians. To find out more about what each of us can do in this regard, as individuals or corporately (as a parish?), go to www.paxchristi.org.uk.

The Finchale Partnership: The Partnership Development Group met for the third time in December. At the meeting, Graham Donachie (the Chair of the PDG) reported back from a Diocesan meeting of PDG Chairs. We also agreed the guidelines for our own PDG and discussed a draft development plan for the whole Partnership. This will set our priorities for working together across our nine parishes over the next few years, and there will be a consultation about these priorities during January and February. More information will be available very soon. In the meantime, the full minutes of the meeting are available on the our partnership webpages currently hosted at <https://www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/the-finchale-partnership/partnership-development-group-information>.

Play Area: A play area has been set up in the narthex adjacent to the bathroom. Parents and carers are welcome to take babies and toddlers to this area at any time before or during Mass. Please ensure that babies and toddlers are supervised at all times and please try to leave the area tidy after use. A baby change-table has also been installed in the bathroom.

Fr Ejaz: The support for Fr Ejaz over the last four years has been overwhelming, and the orphanage, now named *Nazareth House* is complete and supporting up to 50 children at any one time. Fr Ejaz reports that the children are doing well, cared for and educated by Fr Ejaz and his team of volunteers in often extremely dangerous and difficult situations in Pakistan. Grateful thanks to everyone who has either given donations or requested envelopes to continue to give their

generous financial support. If you would like to help, either by a contribution each month or a donation, however small, please let me know. Fr Ejaz and the children send their love and prayers and immense gratitude to us all and please remember them in your prayers. *Judith Bulmer*

Christmas Crib: Thanks to your generosity we were able to send a cheque for **£163.10** to Friends of the Holy Land earlier this week.

Northern Catholic Calendar: We still have two copies of the Northern Catholic Calendar left for sale near the church entrance. £3.00 a copy.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC): The minutes of the last PPC meeting are available for perusal on the noticeboard at the rear of the church.

St Leonard's Catholic School: Congratulations to students, staff, parents and governors of St. Leonard's Catholic School who were inspected on 22/23rd November 2017 by the Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Inspectors. The Inspectors' assessment of the Catholic Life of the School was outstanding. Many congratulations to all concerned. The full Section 48 report is available online by going to www.st-leonards.durham.sch.uk.

Rosary Prayer Group: If anyone would like to join a start-up group at St Patrick's to pray the rosary meeting once a month (or maybe more often), please add your name to the list on the clipboard at the back of the church so that we can gauge interest. For more information, please contact Fr Robert.

The Kids' Bulletin

Samuel's Call Cross-Word

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

SAMUEL was sleeping in the TEMPLE. He heard a voice calling him, so he RAN to ELI and said, "Here I am. You called me."
"I did not call you," Eli said. "Go BACK to sleep."
So he went back to sleep. Then the same thing happened again. The voice CALLED Samuel again, for the THIRD time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "HERE I am. You called me."



Then Eli UNDERSTOOD that the Lord was calling the YOUTH. So he said to Samuel, "Go to SLEEP, and if you are called, REPLY, "SPEAK, Lord, for your SERVANT is listening." When Samuel went to sleep, the LORD came and REVEALED his presence, calling out as BEFORE, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel ANSWERED, "Speak, for your servant is LISTENING."

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

What's another way of saying this was Samuel's calling?
It was

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Wulstan - 19 January

St Wulstan was born around 1008 and became a Benedictine monk at Worcester Cathedral priory, and later was made prior. He reformed the monastic observance, and became known as a preacher and counsellor.

In 1062 he became Bishop of Worcester and combined effectively the tasks of monastic superior and diocesan bishop. He is the first English bishop known to have made a systematic visitation of his diocese. Together with Lanfranc, the Archbishop of Canterbury, he was instrumental in abolishing the slave trade from Bristol to Viking Ireland, and later he supported Lanfranc's policy of reform. He built parish churches and re-founded the monastery at Westbury-on-Trym. He insisted on clerical celibacy, and under him Worcester became one of the most important centres of Old English literature and culture. He was known for his abstinence and generosity to the poor.

He died in 1095 and was buried in his Cathedral. He was canonised in 1203.

(Information taken from *Universalis*)



~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

Pope Francis' Mission Statement for January:

That Christians in and other religious minorities in Asian countries may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

"Let us promote friendship and respect between men and women of different religious traditions in order to build a better world of peace."



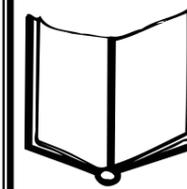
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BIBLE STUDIES

The Churches Together prayer group will meet on the **third Tuesday of each month** over winter in St Patrick's Presbytery, from **9:30am to 10:00am**.

Next meeting: **16 January**.

ALL WELCOME!



SCHOOL NEWS

New School Term

A warm welcome back, to all staff and pupils, who started a new school term on Tuesday 9 January.

Feast of the Epiphany

We celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany in school this week and reflected on some of the simple ways we could be a light in the world - for those whose lives we share and for those who need our help in other parts of the world.

Masses and Liturgies

Pupils will be involved in the following celebrations this half term.

Masses in church

Class 1 9:30am on Thursday 18 January
Class 2 9:30am on Thursday 25 January
Classes 3 & 4 9:30am on Thursday 01 February

Celebrations in school

Class 1 2:30 pm on Wednesday 24 January Mass
Class 2 2:30 pm on Wednesday 31 January Liturgy
Classes 3 & 4 2:30 pm on Thursday 08 Feb Liturgy



DID YOU KNOW...?

...that this Sunday is Peace Sunday?

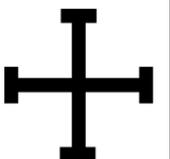
Each year the Pope issues a message for the World Day of Peace. This year the message is titled *Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace*. The message, which takes only ten or fifteen minutes to read, can easily be accessed online. Pope Francis outlines four "mileposts for action" to help migrants and refugees find the peace that they are seeking.



"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Had I understood always, as I do now, that so great a King resided in my soul I should not have left Him alone so often, but should have stayed with Him sometimes and not have kept His dwelling place in such disorder."

St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)
Carmelite nun, mystic and reformer



PLEASE PRAY... on this **Peace Sunday** for peace in the year ahead. On a global level 2017 was a year which saw more political unrest than usual. Pray that people with power and influence will do their best to find ways to make the world a more peaceful and stable place, enabling ordinary citizens to be free of the trauma that stems from political instability and violence.