

The week ahead...

Saturday 14 January Weekday before Epiphany	5:00pm	Mass: Margaret Halliday and pro populo
Sunday 15 January 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Monday 16 January Monday of Ordinary Time 2		
Tuesday 17 January <i>St Anthony, Abbot</i>	6:30pm	Mass: Jimmy Foxcroft
Wednesday 18 January Wednesday of Ordinary Time 2	9:30am	Mass: Frank & Marie Wilson
Thursday 19 January Thursday of Ordinary Time 2	9:30am	Mass: John Kitching & Harry Blakey
Friday 20 January Friday of Ordinary Time 2	7:00am	Mass: Robert Walley (recently deceased)
Saturday 21 January Saturday of Ordinary Time 2	5:00pm	Mass: Sally Thompson and pro populo

Ministries for this week
Saturday 14 January

Eucharistic Ministers
Malcolm & Teresa Wass
Andrew Aberdeen

Readers
Maria Griffiths
Angela Harmston

Children's Liturgy
Anne Davies
Michelle Dennis

Welcomers
Angela Harmston
Christine Tracey

Ministries for next week
Saturday 21 January

Eucharistic Ministers
John & Irene Carey
Kevin Boyle

Readers
Marie Pailey
Judith Bulmer

Children's Liturgy
Maria Griffiths
Carol Bainbridge

Welcomers
Pat Middleton
Mary Kitching

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £226 Loose Plate: £208

Total: £434

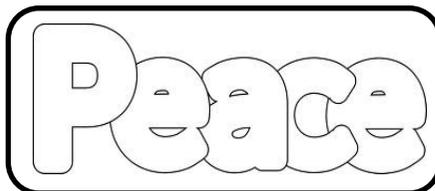
Mass Attendance: 140

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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.

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 and Bede Anderson.



Emailed Bulletin – If you would like to have the parish bulletin emailed to you each week please email Judith (details opposite) and you will be added to the mailing list. Parish Council minutes are also available



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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 15 January, 2017

"I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God."

WE RETURN to Sundays in Ordinary Time this weekend having reached the conclusion of the Christmas season last weekend. We continue with Ordinary Time until we reach Ash Wednesday on 01 March (having as we do quite a late Easter this year on 16 April). As I always like to point out, 'Ordinary Time' refers not to the time outside of Christmas or Easter being mundane or commonplace but that the weeks outside these great seasons are simply numbered (ordinals) rather than named since they fall outside the great feasts of the Nativity and the Resurrection. No Sunday, indeed no day at all, should ever be regarded as 'ordinary' in the life of the Christian!

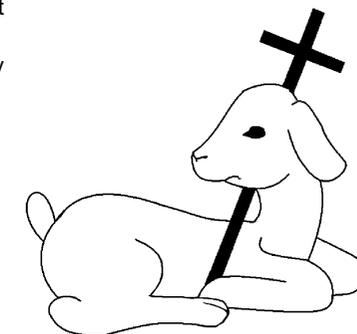
Last Monday we celebrated the Baptism of Jesus by his cousin John and it seems that we can't get away from John the Baptist, occupying as he does a central place in this weekend's Gospel. John's words in the Gospel this weekend are quite cryptic. Twice he says (to an audience unknown to us), "I did not know him myself." Surely if anyone outside the immediacy of the Holy Family were to know Jesus it would be his cousin? Yet at the end of the Gospel today we hear John make the claim of Jesus: "I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God." John was obedient to God in baptising others and it was in doing this that he was made aware of the identity of his cousin. For it was when John baptised Jesus that the Spirit descended on Jesus and the booming voice resounded from heaven declaring that Jesus was the Chosen One of God.

One of the aims of the Gospel of John is to differentiate between John the Baptist and Jesus, to help any followers of the Baptist see that their allegiance ought to be to Jesus, the Messiah, and not to John. Yet we can see in John some very positive qualities that wouldn't go astray in our own lives as followers of Jesus: his obedience to God, his humility in not being tempted to declare himself the Messiah, his simplicity of lifestyle, and his willingness to stand up for the truth, even when knowing it could lead to his demise. Though our focus ought to be on Jesus, it does not do us any harm to identify and cultivate the truly Christ-like qualities we see in followers of Jesus, like John. The saints, in their humanity, show us that living as Jesus did is not beyond us and they are fine role models for us, enabling us to be more like Jesus, especially if we ask for the help of the same Spirit who descended on Jesus so long ago in the River Jordan.

Let us then cultivate those qualities we seen in people like John the Baptist. After all, wouldn't it be wonderful if, like John, someone were to say of us: "Look, there goes someone who is a chosen one of God."

Blessings and prayers in the week ahead,

Fr Robert



What's going on...?

Friday Mass Intentions: Please don't forget that each Friday there is a 7:00am Mass for which there is rarely an intention requested. Whilst I understand that many people wish to be present when a Mass intention they are offering 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.

Churches Together Prayer Group: The prayer group will meet in St Patrick's presbytery during the winter months, each third Tuesday, 9:30am—10:00am. Next meeting will be on this **Tuesday, 17 January**.

Employment Opportunities—Ushaw College: Ushaw College are currently recruiting Conference Assistants and Cleaning Staff on a Zero Hours basis to assist with their ongoing expansion. For further details and an application form contact Jonathan Ward: jonathan.ward2@durham.ac.uk.

Quiz Night at St Cuthbert's, Durham: Can we get a team (4-6 people) together for our parish. It is to be held on Saturday 28 January from 7:00pm. Cost is £5.00 per person. Food and drink included in the price. The parish needs to know by this Friday, 20 January if we are to send a team. Please see Fr Robert if you would like to get a team together. Should be a fun night!

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Housebound: Do you know someone who lives in the parish but cannot get to Mass and is in need of the sacraments? It is our responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters who cannot gather with us each week. If you know someone in this situation who is in need of pastoral care, please pass their details on to Fr Robert.

Ushaw Moor Catholic Club: The Catholic Club is available for birthday parties and wedding anniversaries as well as receptions after weddings and funerals. For more information,

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to school for the Spring Term to all our children and families. Three new pupils have joined us this term, bringing our numbers to 100. A student teacher has joined us for this half term and is working alongside the class teacher in Class 3 (Years 1 & 2).

First Holy Communicants

Our children preparing to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time in June will take a special part during the Mass this evening. Please keep them in your prayers.

Masses and Liturgies

Everyone is welcome to join us for the Masses and liturgies planned to take place in school over the next half term.

Liturgy - 2:45pm, Tuesday 17th January - The whole school - to celebrate the life of Oscar Romero

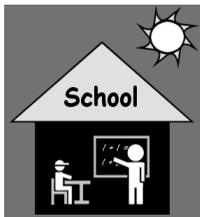
Mass - 2:00pm, Wednesday 25th January - Class 1 (Years 5 & 6)

Liturgy - 2:00pm, Wednesday 15th February - Class 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Liturgy - 2:00pm, Wednesday 15th March - Reception and Class 3 (Years 1 & 2)

Liturgy - 9:15am, Friday 24th March - (Whole school) - Reception will lead this Mothers' Day Liturgy

In addition to the celebrations above, Class 1 will attend Mass in church on Thursday 2nd February and Class 2 on Thursday 9th February. The whole school will attend Mass on the morning of Ash Wednesday and the school will lead a Mass at 9:30am in church on St. Patrick's Day.



The Kids' Bulletin



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

I have WAITED, waited for the LORD,
and He stooped TOWARD me and HEARD my cry.
And He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn to our God.

SACRIFICE or OFFERING You wished not,
but EARS OPEN to OBEDIENCE You gave me.
HOLOCAUST or sin-offerings You sought not;
then I said, "Behold I COME."

"In the WRITTEN scroll it is prescribed for me,
to do Your will, O my God, is my DELIGHT,
and Your law is WITHIN my HEART!"

I announced Your JUSTICE in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as You, O Lord, know.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK Saint Anthony - 17 January



St Anthony is the originator of monastic life. He was born in Egypt in 251: when his parents died, he listened to the words of the gospel and gave all his belongings to the poor. He went out into the wilderness to begin a life of penitence, living in absolute poverty, praying, meditating, and supporting himself by manual work. He suffered many temptations, both physical and spiritual, but he overcame them. Disciples gathered round him, attracted by his wisdom, moderation, and holiness. He gave support to the victims of the persecutions of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, and helped St Athanasius in his fight against the Arian heretics.

He lived to be over a hundred years old and died in 356.

(Information taken from [Universalis](#))

CAFOD needs you!

CAFOD is desperately looking for volunteers willing to help children and young people in our schools to learn about global poverty. You don't need to be an expert or a trained teacher, just someone who cares about global poverty and is happy to work with children and young people. We offer all our volunteers a full training programme, ongoing support and excellent resources. If you're interested, please contact the diocesan Volunteer Centre on 0191 384 4847 or email them at hexhamandnewcastle@cafod.org.uk. Thank you!

FLAME CONGRESS

On Saturday 11 March a group of 1,000 young people and accompanying adults from our diocese will be travelling to Flame at Wembley Arena. Flame is a National Catholic Youth Congress with inspiring speakers and music from Matt Redman. Coaches will be leaving from every part of the diocese. There are still places left for young people Year 9 and above and for adults. If you would like to go, please contact YMT for further details. Email admin@ymt.org or 01207 592244.

DID YOU KNOW...?

...that Pax Christi, meaning 'the Peace of Christ', is the Catholic Movement for Peace in England and Wales?

"The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice."

(Taken from Pax Christi Peace Sunday notice)

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"'Mighty God' entrusts himself to us as a child. His gentleness is power. Do we believe that violence and injustice can be effectively opposed by nonviolent means, as opposition which includes love of the oppressor as well as love of the oppressed?"

Gerard W Hughes SJ
Letting the Word Become Flesh (1988)



PRAY FOR... PEACE as the new year begins. Pray that this year will see God work in ways that will motivate those responsible for violent conflicts to open their hearts to possibilities for true and lasting peace. Peace is not the mere absence of war but comes about through an attitude of tolerance, understanding and respect for the dignity of all. May it start with us!

