

The week ahead...

Saturday 14 October Saturday of Ordinary Time 27	5:00pm	Mass: Sally Thompson and pro populo
Sunday 15 October 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 16 October Monday of Ordinary Time 28	NO MASS	
Tuesday 17 October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch,</i>	6:30pm	Mass: John Hall
Wednesday 18 October <i>St Luke, Evangelist</i>	9:30am	Mass: Joan Moran & Marie Carey
Thursday 19 October Thursday of Ordinary Time 28	9:30am	Mass: Molly Pearson
Friday 20 October Friday of Ordinary Time 28	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 21 October Saturday of Ordinary Time 28	5:00pm	Mass: Marie Carey and pro populo



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 October, 2017

No garment at the wedding feast...

IF IT WERE NOT for the fact that the parables of Jesus were so colourful and poignant we would probably gloss over them and they would not form such an integral part of our popular culture and consciousness. Over the past three weeks we have been treated to three striking parables in which Jesus attempts to convey to his disciples and to the chief priests and elders something of the nature of the kingdom of heaven and the responsibilities and relationships people have within it. Before we move on next week to hearing how the chief priests and elders reacted to Jesus' wisdom (trying to trap him) they have one more parable put to them, one last effort by Jesus to get his message across to these stubborn Jewish leaders.

Again, we don't need to look too deeply to see the meaning that Jesus is trying to convey to his audience about their behaviour as God's chosen people. The invited guests (the chief priests and elders) have refused the king's invitation, even to the point of violence, and so the king invites others instead who are grateful for the opportunity to be present at the wedding feast of the king's son. Jesus makes it clear that these "others" that the king invites, "bad and good alike", are the sort of people with whom the chief priests and elders would normally not associate. Yet it is these people, Jesus is saying to them, that God is inviting into his kingdom.

Now that Jesus has made his point we would expect the parable to end there. But there is an interesting addendum to the parable related to one of the guests. He is berated by the king for not wearing a wedding garment, to the point of being thrown out of the wedding hall and punished terribly for his behaviour.

There is some debate as to the meaning of this part of the parable but one interpretation that is worth considering is that this guest has not taken the invitation seriously. Just as none of us would attend a wedding wearing inappropriate clothing, so too we must be aware of how we appear in the eyes of God. This doesn't mean that we should understand God as a "universal police officer", watching over our every move to judge us, but rather to be aware of how we are going as Christian disciples and in what ways our behaviour is distinct from those who don't share our faith. It is this distinctness, as lived out through the virtues - acts of loving kindness, compassion and justice - that is our true "wedding garment". A failure to be attentive to how we are living as Christian disciples puts us in the same position as the underdressed invitee at the wedding feast of the king's son in this weekend's Gospel.

And we wouldn't want to hear the same words that he hears in condemnation of his negligence, would we....?

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,
Fr Robert



MINISTRIES

Saturday 14 October

Eucharistic Ministers
Malcolm & Teresa Wass
Andrew Aberdeen

Readers

Greg Mearman
Pat Middleton

Children's Liturgy

Anne Davies
Angela Harmston

Welcomers

Angela Harmston
Christine Tracey

MINISTRIES

Saturday 21 October

Eucharistic Ministers
John & Irene Carey
Kevin Boyle

Readers

Maria Griffiths
Angela Harmston

Children's Liturgy

Anne Davies
Michelle Dennis

Welcomers

Pat Middleton
Mary Kitching

The Twenty-eighth 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....



Sally THOMPSON
Marie WILSON
Alec LIDSTER
Michael FENWICK
Mary Ellen BROWN

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

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



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £211 Loose Plate: £238

Total: £449

Mass Attendance: 170

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What's going on...?

Welcome First Communion Children! This weekend we welcome those children who will begin preparing for First Communion and their families. Please remember to hold them up in prayer as they undertake preparations over the next eight months to receive this precious gift for the first time.

Gathering after Mass: Thank you to all those who came along to a very well-attended gathering after Mass on Saturday evening. A special thank you to Anna and Joanne who assisted with the all-important serving and cleaning up!

Thank You: The Coad family would like to thank Father Robert, Wilf, Claire, Malcolm, Jenny and the choir for their participation in the beautiful funeral Mass for their mother, Teresa. They also express their further thanks to friends and parishioners for their offer of condolences through Masses, cards, flowers and attendance at her funeral Mass. The collection for the parish amounted to £705.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection: Thank you to all who contributed to the special collection last weekend. So far, £300.90 has been raised. If you didn't contribute last weekend but would like to do so this weekend, please pick up an envelope from the table near the church doors and place it in the collection basket or hand it to Fr Robert. You may also donate online via the CAFOD UK website.

Fr Ejaz Fundraiser: On **Sunday, 22 October, 2:30pm - 4:30pm**, in **St Cuthbert's Parish Centre**, there will be a fundraising event for the Orphan and Poor Children's Fund run by Fr Ejaz in Pakistan. There will be afternoon tea (shared table), a DVD, and the usual raffle and tombola, etc. Also, this year there will be a Dutch auction. Please bring

along and unwanted items that can be sold (eg. gifts, toiletries, household goods, Christmas decorations, etc.) Items brought in advance can be left at the back of the churches (Willington and Crook) in the boxes provided. Thank you!

Family Fast Day: Our next special collection is the **Family Fast Day** and will take place on **this Saturday, 07 October** the fast day itself being the day before on the Friday. Please place the envelope you received last Saturday on the collection plate this weekend. Our next special collection for **Catholic Mission**, will take place **next Saturday, 21 October**.

St Patrick's Social Night - 27 October at 7:30pm: Tickets are on sale at the back of the church for our parish social night, to be held at the **Royal British Legion** at Meadowfield. Raffle tickets will also be on sale on 14 and 21 October. All money raised will fund the annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party in December.

Statues in the grotto: If you are a visitor to our statues of Mary and Bernadette in the grotto you will notice that they have disappeared. Fear not! St Leonard's School Design and Technology department have kindly agreed to refurbish them for us. It is likely that this will take some time but expect their return early in 2018.

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 07725 722 303. Entrance free with refreshments on sale.

Churches Together in DH7: The **monthly prayer meetings** will be held during the winter months in St. Patrick's Presbytery. The first monthly meeting will take place this **Tuesday 17 October, 9:30am - 10:00am**. Everyone is most welcome!

SCHOOL NEWS

Statement To Live By

This week's statement was "I understand that rights match responsibilities." We talked about how we should use the rights that we have been blessed with to further God's kingdom and to help those in need.

Harvest Assembly

Thank you to all those who came along to support our recent Harvest Assembly. Through your generous support, over £200 was raised to further the valuable work of CAFOD, in parts of the world where people are in great need of help.

First Holy Communicants

Five of our children begin preparations to receive First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep Christina, Harris, Imogen, Jim and Sara in your prayers.

Masses and Liturgies

The following Masses and Liturgies will be taking place over the next few weeks:

Class 1 Mass in the school hall at 2:30pm on Wednesday 8th November

Class 2 Mass in church at 9:30am on Thursday 9th November

Class 2 Mass in the school hall at 2:30pm on Wednesday 22nd November

Classes 3 & 4 Liturgy in the school hall at 2:30pm on Wednesday 6th December

Class 1 Mass in church at 9:30am on Thursday 7th December. This will be followed by a Penitential Service at 10:00am.

Children preparing for First Sacraments will celebrate Reconciliation for the first time at 5:45pm on Tuesday 5th December. Mass will follow as usual, at 6:30pm.



The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15th, 2017



The king sent his servants to call all the people in the street to his son's wedding. Follow the road on the map from the castle's courtyard all the way to the farmland. The people in the houses next to the road you pass are invited to the wedding.

You can colour in the houses if you like.
Who was invited to the feast?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Teresa of Ávila - 15 October

Teresa was born in Ávila, Spain in 1515 and entered the Carmelite convent there at the age of 20, mainly because it seemed a sensible thing to do rather than any great attraction to religious life. Carmelite convents at this time were comfortable places rather than places of austerity. Teresa made great progress in contemplative prayer and had a number of mystical experiences which she treated with great suspicion, not believing herself holy enough for them.

She sought a more perfect life and founded a convent of Discalced ("shoeless") Carmelites who were devoted to poverty. More such convents were established over the years despite opposition from the highest levels. She died, exhausted by her efforts, on 15 October, 1582.

A favourite story about St Teresa illustrates her intimacy with God. When she was on one of her innumerable journeys across Spain, her horse threw her as she was crossing a river. Soaked to the skin she looked up to heaven and said, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!"

(Information taken from *Universalis*)



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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.

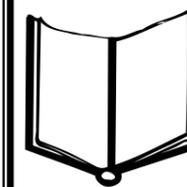
"God is encouraging you to dream. He wants to make you see that, with you the world can be different. For unless you offer the best of yourselves, the world will never be different."



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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**.

DID YOU KNOW...?

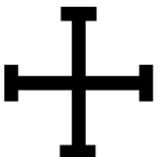
...that the Second and Third Eucharistic Prayers, the most commonly used at Mass, are able to be used with different Prefaces, making them quite flexible?

There are many different Eucharistic Prayers which you will hear at Mass, but these two will probably be most commonly heard. These two Eucharistic Prayers can be used with numerous different Prefaces (as can the First Eucharistic Prayer) thus making them suitable for Masses for special occasions such as weddings, funerals and anniversaries.

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"God, in all that is most living and incarnate in him, is not far away from us, altogether apart from the world we see, touch, hear, smell and taste about us. Rather he awaits us every instant in our action, in the work of the moment... He is at the tip of my pen, my brush, my needle - of my heart and of my thought."

Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955)
*French priest, philosopher,
palaeontologist and geologist*



CONGRATULATIONS.... to the children who are now beginning the exciting journey of preparation for First Eucharist which they will receive in June next year. We look forward to accompanying you in both prayerful and practical ways. May God bless you and your families!

