

The week ahead...

Saturday 21 October Saturday of Ordinary Time 28	5:00pm	Mass: Marie Carey and pro populo
Sunday 22 October 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 23 October Monday of Ordinary Time 29	NO MASS	
Tuesday 24 October Tuesday of Ordinary Time 29	6:30pm	Mass: Teresa Coad
Wednesday 25 October Wednesday of Ordinary Time 29	9:30am	Mass: Marie Carey
Thursday 26 October <i>SS Chad and Cedd, Bishops</i>	9:30am	Mass: Fr Brian McNamara
Friday 27 October Friday of Ordinary Time 29	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 28 October <i>SS Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	5:00pm	Mass: Harry and Teresa Coad and pro populo



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 October, 2017

“Render therefore unto Caesar....”

IT IS FASCINATING how older phrases stick in our minds and the phrase which forms the title of this week's column is no exception. Like so many biblical phrases and stories, it has become buried in our consciousness and is even perhaps trotted out from time to time in a light-hearted manner. The scripture passage from which the phrase “Render therefore unto Caesar” is taken is our Gospel for this weekend, though from a more modern translation of the scriptures as opposed to the King James Version from which the famous phrase quoted above is taken!

Over the past few weekends we have witnessed Jesus tell parables concerning the nature of the kingdom of heaven, receiving only a negative response from the chief priests and the Pharisees. After Jesus tells the parable of the wicked tenants we hear that the chief priests and Pharisees wanted to arrest Jesus but didn't do so because they feared the response of the crowds who regarded Jesus as a prophet. Even though Jesus must have known of the anger of the leaders, he nonetheless was undeterred and went on to tell the parable of the wedding banquet which we heard last weekend but, it seems, to no avail as the Pharisees send their disciples to try and entrap Jesus. It is this attempt to trick Jesus that we hear of in this weekend's Gospel.

Those who are set to Jesus to entrap him come from two opposing groups: the Herodians and the Pharisees' disciples. Though enemies of one another, their hatred for Jesus was stronger than their hatred for one other and so they are willing to collaborate on this occasion. For Jesus, answering “yes” to the question about whether it is permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not will cause him difficulty as he will be seen to be favouring the Roman occupiers, whilst answering “no” will mean that he can be handed over to the Romans for sedition. As it turns out, his response is brilliant (“Give to Caesar...”) and were we to read the next verse in the Gospel we would learn that those sent to entrap Jesus were amazed “and they left him and went away.”

Jesus understood that we are citizens of two “kingdoms” – the kingdom of God and the secular “kingdom” administered by, in our case, the government of the United Kingdom. Whilst we can be cynical about the way our government administers the nation and uses the taxes it raises, we must not be blind to the fact that taxes paid to a secular authority largely do God's work, for example in supporting the poor and marginalised, the disabled and the sick, as well as aiding development in poorer nations, and so on. Certainly, there is wastage and we ought to be critical of that but that should not blind us to the fact that we have an obligation to “render unto Caesar” as good citizens.

We must be vigilant however, to ensure that our loyalty to the secular authority does not deafen us to the voice of our true King. May we ensure that we keep attentive to the voice of Jesus and have the courage and strength to make a choice to be obedient to his voice only if there should ever be a conflict between what he asks of us and what is asked of us by those in authority in our earthly realm.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,
Fr Robert



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

MINISTRIES

Saturday 28 October

Eucharistic Ministers

Jane Smith, Helen Musham
Wilf Lavery

Readers

Marie Paily
Judith Bulmer

Children's Liturgy

Anne Davies
Michelle Dennis

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.

We pray for our beloved deceased, including....



Remember those who have gone before us

Marie CAREY
Jackie WAGGOT
Anne HAYTON
John McDONOUGH
Philip SOLAN

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

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



The Twenty-ninth Sunday

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £216 Loose Plate: £160

Total: £376

Mass Attendance: 142

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What's going on...?

Dorothy Dowdle RIP: Sad news through earlier this week of the death of Dorothy Dowdle, the mother of Mrs Burnside, Head of St Patrick's school. Dorothy's Requiem Mass will be held here at St Patrick's on **Monday, 30 October at 12:45pm**. Please keep Mrs Burnside and the family in your prayers.

Catholic Mission: The special collection for Catholic Mission will take place **this weekend, 21 October, Mission Sunday**. This year's focus is on the world's newest nation, South Sudan. This collection is a mandatory one as decreed by Pope Francis and assists in supporting the growth of the Church in the world. See missio.org.uk/wms.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection: Thank you to all who contributed to the special collection last weekend. In all, **£355.00** was raised. This will be sent through to CAFOD shortly so that they can put the money to good use assisting the less fortunate in our world.

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! Also, please see the noticeboard at the back of the church to sight the most recent quarterly report which includes finances and a rundown of the latest developments.

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 are also on sale. 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.

Daylight Saving: Please don't forget after Mass **next Saturday** (28 October) to turn your clocks back one hour to mark the end of daylight saving.

Job Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

Housekeeper: All Saints, Lanchester, 7.5 hours per week, 12-month fixed term contract. Closing date: 30 October.

Parish Secretary: St. Mary and St. Wilfrid, Bishop Auckland, 10 hours per week, 12-month fixed term contract. Closing date: 30 October.

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator: Partnerships of Brinkburn and Heavenfield, Northumberland, full-time, 3-year fixed term contract. Closing date: 06 November.

For further information and an application pack please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us (0191) 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

SCHOOL NEWS

Statement To Live By

Our statement to live by this week was 'I try to stand up for myself and others'. The children discussed how they would react in different situations and learned more about Rosa Parks, an activist in the civil rights movement, who refused to obey a bus driver's order to give up her seat to a white passenger.

'Operation Spruce Up' Assembly

On Thursday, the children took part in an assembly about the work that The Friends of Langley Moor and Durham County Council are doing to improve the area. They explained the importance of looking after our local environment and how vital it is to recycle.

Staffing

Mrs Edgar has been successful in obtaining a new job and will leave us on Friday 3rd November. I know you will join with us in wishing her every success for the future and thanking her for all her valuable work at St. Patrick's.

Deepest Sympathy

We are very saddened to hear that Mrs Dorothy Dowdle, the mother of our Headteacher, passed away earlier this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Burnside and all her family at this time.

Half Term

School closed on Friday 20th October and re-opens on Monday 30th October. We hope all our children and families have a safe and happy holiday.

First Holy Communion

The children have begun preparation for their First Holy Communion. Prayer cards containing a child's name have been placed at the back of church. Please take a prayer card home after Mass this evening and keep the children in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for this special sacrament.



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The Kids' Bulletin

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2017



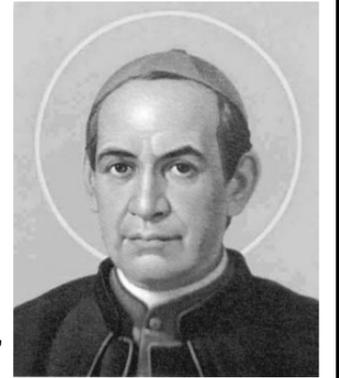
In today's Gospel reading, some men asked Jesus if it was right to pay tax. What did Jesus ask them to show Him? Connect the dots to find out!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Antony Mary Claret - 24 October

Antony was born at Sallent in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807. After becoming a priest he spent several years preaching to the people throughout Catalonia and also in the Canary Islands. Returning to Spain, he established a missionary order, and founded a great religious library and publishing house in Barcelona which published millions of cheap copies of ancient and modern Catholic works. In 1851 the Pope appointed him Bishop of Santiago de Cuba. The diocese was in a terrible state and everything needed reform and renewal. He reorganised the seminary, enforced clerical discipline, and regularised thousands of marriages. He built a hospital and many schools. This was not done without opposition and he was the subject of fifteen assassination attempts.

Recalled to Spain in 1857 by Queen Isabella II to act as her confessor, he did further great work for the Church. His health began to fail, and he died at the Cistercian abbey at Fontfroide, France, in 1870.



(Information taken from Universalis)

~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

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.

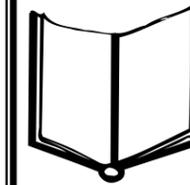
"God is encouraging you to dream. He wants to make you see that, with you the world can be different. For unless you offer the best of yourselves, the world will never be different."



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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, the Churches Together prayer group will meet on the **Tuesday of every third week** in the winter months in St Patrick's Presbytery, **9:30am to 10:00am**.

DID YOU KNOW...?

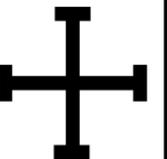
...that as Catholics we do not worship Mary and the saints?

Even Catholics sometimes get confused with this idea and find it difficult to respond to members of other churches who challenge them on this point. We worship only God, but we venerate and honour the saints because they are close to God and so are in a wonderful position to pray for us if we ask for their intercession. Worshipping and honouring are two distinct activities. Let us not confuse them!

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"As a mother delights in taking her child on her knees, in caressing and feeding him, so does our God delight in treating with love and tenderness those souls who give themselves entirely to Him, and place all their hopes in His goodness and bounty."

St Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)
Doctor of the Church



CONGRATULATIONS.... to the children who have now begun 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!

