

The week ahead...

Saturday 24 June <i>Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	5:00pm	Mass: Harry Coad <i>and pro populo</i>
Sunday 25 June 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 26 June Monday of Ordinary Time 12	NO MASS	
Tuesday 27 June Tuesday of Ordinary Time 12	6:30pm	Mass: Waggott family
Wednesday 28 June <i>St Irenaeus, Bishop</i>	11:45am	Requiem Mass: Pat Curran
Thursday 29 June <i>SS Peter & Paul, Apostles</i> Holyday of Obligation	9:30am 7:00pm	Mass: Kathleen Caisley Mass: Private Intention
Friday 30 June Friday of Ordinary Time 12	7:00am	Mass: Pat Curran
Saturday 01 July Saturday of Ordinary Time 12	5:00pm	Mass: Frank & Marie Wilson <i>and pro populo</i>



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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25 June, 2017

"So there is no need to be afraid..."

THOUGH WE RETURN to Ordinary Time immediately after Pentecost, the two Sundays following on from Pentecost are devoted to the Trinity and the Body and Blood of Christ. Having now celebrated those two Sundays, this weekend we return to Sundays in Ordinary Time (hence the green vestments and church decorations) and our Sundays will be of Ordinary Time right through to the end of the liturgical year with the only exception being a Sunday devoted to the Transfiguration of the Lord on the weekend of 05/06 August.

When we were last in Ordinary Time just before Lent we were midway through the Sermon on the Mount. This weekend we pick up Matthew's Gospel about halfway through Chapter 10, about four chapters on from where we left off. By this time Jesus has concluded his great sermon and has descended the mountain on which he was preaching. He has undertaken some significant healings, preached, stilled a storm on the Sea of Galilee and called his disciples to him in preparation for sending them out on mission ("See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves..."). This is the context for today's Gospel which the opening words make clear: "Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows."

Of course, anything Jesus says to his disciples are words that we also are to take to heart. What perhaps strikes us most in today's short Gospel is the repetition of the phrase "Do not be afraid." The appeal to be courageous is a common one in the scriptures so these words of Jesus are by no means exceptional. We see an example of the confidence and courage of a person of strong faith in Jeremiah in this weekend's very moving First Reading. Jeremiah was, of course, a prophet who was reluctant to take up his calling from God and suffered a great deal of persecution. Despite his suffering, we hear in today's First Reading how Jeremiah nonetheless never lost faith in God and today's reading concludes with Jeremiah praising the Lord "for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men."

It is this same attitude that Jesus is undoubtedly trying to instil in his apostles as they prepare for mission. Like Jeremiah, they too will suffer persecution for their missionary activity and tradition tells us that most suffered to the point of death. Jesus instructs The Twelve to be bold in their evangelising ("what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops") and to know that there is a greater foundation than they can possibly imagine to their activity. This foundation is God. Jesus underscores this by speaking of God as "your Father" and "my Father in heaven". Reminded that overseeing all that they will do on their mission is their divine creator, the apostles, armed with this knowledge, surely approached their work with renewed zeal and confidence, undimmed even when they were suffering for their faith.

As we live out our baptismal calling to spread the Good News of Christ Risen, let us remember that "perfect love casts out fear" (1John 4:18). If we trust that we are loved by God (and what love could be more perfect?) we will have the boldness and courage of those early disciples as we make Christ's love known to all whom we encounter in our daily living.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,
Fr Robert

Do not be
afraid,
I am
with you

MINISTRIES

Saturday 24 June

Eucharistic Ministers
Angela & Gordon Tosley
Angela Harmston

Readers
Margaret Purdom
Greg Mearman

Children's Liturgy
Anne Davies
Angela Harmston

Welcomers
Paul & Anne Kelly

MINISTRIES

Saturday 01 July

Eucharistic Ministers
Teresa & Malcolm Wass
Andrew Aberdeen

Readers
Pat Middleton
Angela Tosley

Children's Liturgy
Maria Griffiths
Helen Riddles

Welcomers
Angela Harmston
Christine Tracey

The Twelfth 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.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £244 Loose Plate: £339

Total: £583

Mass Attendance: 257

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CHARITY NUMBER 1143450

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

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



Special Collections

This weekend we will take up a retiring collection for **Day For Life** to support the pro-life message and movement throughout the UK. You would have received an information card as you arrived at Mass this evening. You can also donate online at www.dayforlife.org/article/donate. Next weekend we will take up a retiring collection for the **Lay Training Fund**. As always, thank you for your generosity.



What's going on...?

Pat Curran RIP: The funeral Mass for Pat will be held here at St Patrick's this **Wednesday, 28 June at 11:45am**. Please keep Pat's husband Harry and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Change of Mass on Wednesday: Please note that due to the funeral of Pat Curran on Wednesday morning the usual 9:30am Mass has been cancelled for this week only.

Feast of SS Peter & Paul: Please note that this Thursday's Feast Day of SS Peter & Paul is a Holyday of Obligation. In addition to the usual morning Mass there will be a Mass at 7:00pm. Both these Masses will feature a **retiring collection for Peter's Pence**.

Thank you from Fr Brian Murphy: Fr Brian wishes to pass on his appreciation for those who attended his Golden Jubilee Mass at Willington on 16 June and for generous gift which he received from the parish through the two retiring collections.

Miners' Gala: This year's Miners' Gala in Durham is on Saturday 08 July. If you are going into Durham for the Gala, please do call in at St. Cuthbert's. The church will be open for visitors and there will be tea, coffee, bacon butties and cakes, raising money for charity.

Finchale Partnership: Event at Ushaw College: The nine parishes of the Finchale Partnership are holding our first partnership event at Ushaw on Sunday 23rd July. It is a chance for us to get to know each other and to pray together. The afternoon will start at 2:00pm and you are invited to bring a picnic, to join in games and activities for families, and to enjoy the grounds and the buildings at Ushaw. There will be the chance to see several exhibitions in the college, including Secret Faith, a new exhibition of artefacts made by Catholics during the 16th-19th

centuries, which could be concealed as Catholicism was illegal. You can also join a guided tour (£5.00 per person) at 3:30pm, but please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, as there are limited places on the tours. The afternoon will conclude with Vespers in St. Cuthbert's Chapel at 5:00pm. Don't miss out on the fun!

Survey for Synod on Youth: In October 2018, the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome to consider 'Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment.' In preparation for this, the Bishops of England and Wales would like to hear from young people and from those who are regularly in contact with them. If aged 13-29, please take part in the Mega Youth poll <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>. Parents, teachers, catechists, youth leaders please participate in the poll at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cymfed-yourview>.

Treasure Trail around Durham: On Saturday, 01 July, everyone is invited to join St. Cuthbert's, Durham for a Treasure Trail around Durham. This is a great opportunity to meet each other and a challenge too! We will meet at St. Cuthbert's church, Old Elvet, Durham at 2:00pm, and there will be refreshments in the parish room back at St. Cuthbert's when you have completed the trail. There is no need to sign up in advance – please just come along on the day.

"Come to me all you who labour...": A Day of Recollection with Sr Rosarie Spence. Jesus invites each of us to step aside and leave ourselves in his hands. The day enables you to experience different ways of praying and gives you time for quiet personal prayer. Saturday 8 July 2017, 10:00am – 3:00pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead, NE81LX. No charge. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking is essential. If you would like to attend you can book online at <http://adultformationhn.eventbrite.com> or contact us at adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk. Ph. (0191) 243 3313.

The Kids' Bulletin

Fill-in-the-Blanks

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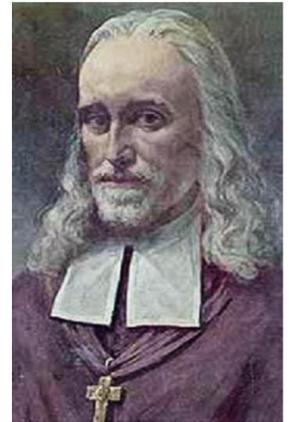
What I tell you in the dark,
utter in the ;
and what you hear whispered,
 upon the
housetops. And do not fear those
who kill the
but kill the soul;
rather him who can kill
both body and soul in Hell.
Are not two
sold for a ?
And not one of them will fall to the ground
without your will.
But even the hairs your head
are numbered.
Fear therefore;
you are of value than many sparrows.
So
who acknowledges me before men,
I also will acknowledge
 my Father who is in heaven;
 whoever denies me before men, I also
will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

SPARROWS
EVERYONE
PROCLAIM
FATHER'S
CANNOT
BEFORE
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SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Oliver Plunkett - 01 July

Born in 1625, Oliver Plunkett was archbishop of Armagh and primate of All Ireland from 1668, at a time when the country was in a state of civil and religious disorder after the interventions of Oliver Cromwell. He persevered for ten years in his effort to ameliorate this state of affairs, until the discovery of a non-existent "Popish Plot" against the English government gave the authorities an excuse to act against many prominent Catholics. Plunkett was arrested in Ireland but taken to London for trial; one of his companions was saved by being appointed as Bavarian Ambassador to London and therefore acquiring diplomatic immunity, but for Plunkett there was no such escape, and he was hanged at Tyburn on 01 July 1681, cheating his executioners by dying before he could be ceremonially disembowelled. His remains are preserved at Downside Abbey, Somerset.



(Information taken from *Universalis*)

Thank You!

Congratulations to Leo, Joanna, Nicole, Aimee, Aidan, Charlotte, Christian, Ella, Olivia, Ketila, Vanessa, Jessica, Harry, Stanley and Lucy, who received the Holy Eucharist for the first time last Saturday evening.

Reflections from the children on their special day included - 'I felt closer God.', 'I felt changed.', and 'I felt more a part of the parish family.'

Thanks to Father Robert for his support and guidance throughout the programme of preparation; to the catechists for their time and efforts over the past eight months and to the children and their families for their commitment.



Thank you to the children who supported with the readings; Richard and the choir for the music; Joanne Lidster and Joyce Chakanyuka for serving the food and drinks and the Social Committee for providing the cake.

These children will take a special part in this evening's Mass, having reflected in their final session, on the importance of sharing their love for God with others.

Mrs Burnside

DID YOU KNOW...?

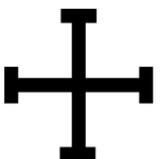
...that the liturgical colour green symbolises hope?

"Universalis", a Catholic Church website and app, states: "The theological virtue of hope is symbolised by the colour green, just as the burning fire of love is symbolised by red. Green is the colour of growing things, and hope, like them, is always new and always fresh. Liturgically, green is the colour of Ordinary Time, the season in which we are being neither especially penitent (in purple) nor overwhelmingly joyful (in white).

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"You need to know how not to worry, and to trust God. Most of us have worries, most of us go through periods of darkness, uncertainly, doubt. That is part of living. There was a time when I used to try to get rid of the anxieties and doubts, a time when I used to look for certainty. Then I realised: no, what matters is to trust God. Trusting God means throwing the whole thing into his hands."

Cardinal Basil Hume
(1923-1999)
From *The Mystery of Love* (1996)



PLEASE PRAY FOR....those children who received their first Holy Communion last weekend on the feast of Corpus Christi. Pray that as these children are sent forth this weekend they will come to know the great joy of intimacy with Christ and that they will receive the support they need to ensure that this relationship with God is continually nourished into the future.

SCHOOL NEWS

SS. Peter and Paul

The whole school will attend Mass next Thursday, to celebrate the feast of SS Peter and Paul.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our recent book fair was well supported and raised £384 in commission, which will be spent on library resources.

Parish Partnership Event - Ushaw College - 23rd July

We have been asked to provide an activity for the forthcoming event, to be held at Ushaw College. Our parish will be running a tombola stall. Please leave any donations of suitable prizes, including stationery, soft toys, games, books and sweets (no chocolate please), at the back of church, in the box provided.

Staffing

As Mrs Turnbull returns from maternity leave on Monday 3rd July, Miss Fisher, who has been teaching her class in her absence, will leave us on Friday 30th June. 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.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Bryson has been successful in obtaining a promotion. She takes up the post of Deputy Head at Burnhope Primary School in September and therefore leaves us at the end of this academic year. We congratulate her and wish her well.

Mrs Jackman will join our staff in September 2017. She will be teaching Years 3 and 4.

