

## The week ahead...

<b>Saturday 26 August</b> Saturday of Ordinary Time 20	5:00pm	Mass: <b>McGough &amp; Duffy families and pro populo</b>
<b>Sunday 27 August</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
<b>Monday 28 August</b> <i>St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, Doctor</i>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 29 August</b> <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	NO MASS	
<b>Wednesday 30 August</b> Wednesday of Ordinary Time 21	9:30am	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Thursday 31 August</b> <i>St Aidan, Bishop, and the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	NO MASS	
<b>Friday 01 September</b> Friday of Ordinary Time 21	NO MASS	
<b>Saturday 02 September</b> Saturday of Ordinary Time 21	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Kathleen Caisley and pro populo</b>



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## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 27 August, 2017

### "It was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you..."

LAST WEEK we witnessed Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman who persisted in begging him to heal her sick daughter. Not only was she persistent but Jesus detected in her a deep faith and healed her daughter with the words, "Woman, you have great faith." Such faith in a foreign, pagan woman was in great contrast to that of the "religious" Pharisees and Scribes with whom Jesus had ongoing disputes.

After this event, Jesus moves out of the region of Tyre and Sidon to more familiar territory on the shores of the Sea of Galilee where he heals a large number of people, just as he did in the Gospel three weeks ago when he went to be alone with his disciples after hearing of the news of the execution of John the Baptist but finds a crowd of people awaiting him. We heard how Jesus "took pity on them and healed their sick." Following this we had the famous miracle of the feeding of the crowds with five loaves and two fish. After the encounter with the Canaanite woman Jesus once again feeds thousands of people (four thousand men "to say nothing of women and children"), this time with seven loaves and a few small fish. Jesus has another combative encounter with some Pharisees and Sadducees and then warns the disciples against their teaching. He then moves to Caesarea Philippi, north of the Sea of Galilee, where this weekend's Gospel takes place.

We witness a key moment in the middle of Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus asks the disciples "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" After hearing their responses he then challenges the disciples directly: "Who do you say I am?" Peter speaks up first (no surprises there!) declaring Jesus to be "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This declaration is made in verse sixteen; a few verses later Peter will demonstrate his failure to understand the meaning of "Christ" and will be referred to as Satan by Jesus for thinking in human terms and not as befits one who has declared a faith in Jesus as the Messiah.

Nonetheless, Jesus acknowledges the source of Peter's faith: "...it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven." Though Peter will on occasion betray a lack of understanding of Jesus' true nature, his faith and missionary zeal after the Resurrection is proof of the divine nature of the revelation made to him and the effect it had on his life as an apostle.

It is worthwhile reflecting what in our own lives has been revealed to us by God as opposed to seeing situations exclusively from a worldly perspective. Surely this is asked of us as much as it was of Peter? Are we open to understanding God being present in certain people and situations that might seem mundane, distasteful or abhorrent? Whilst it is not so difficult to appreciate God's presence in a beautiful sunset or in times of great joy, can we see where God might be present in such circumstances as being rejected by another, losing a job, experiencing relationship or financial difficulties? God is at work in our lives as much as Peter's. May we not hinder this work through indifference or neglect, thus ensuring we can stand before Jesus at the end of time and answer with conviction the question he will surely ask us: "Who do you say I am?"

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,  
Fr Robert



## The Twenty-first 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....



Allan Michael JOHN (Rec. Deceased)  
Fr Michael MARR (Rec. Deceased)  
Imelda GRAHAM (Rec. Deceased)  
Elizabeth Veronica GARRICK  
Peter RICHARDS  
Norah HOLDER

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

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



### MINISTRIES

#### Saturday 26 August

##### Eucharistic Ministers

Pauline & Ambrose Burnside  
Judith Bulmer

##### Readers

Ann Canavan  
Angela Tosley

##### Children's Liturgy

(Resumes next week)

##### Welcomers

Angela Harmston  
Christine Tracey

### MINISTRIES

#### Saturday 02 September

##### Eucharistic Ministers

Gordon & Angela Tosley  
Angela Harmston

##### Readers

Margaret Purdom  
Claire Lavery

##### Children's Liturgy

Maria Griffiths  
Angela Harmston

##### Welcomers

Pat Middleton  
Mary Kitching

### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £224      Loose Plate: £187  
Total: £411

Mass Attendance: 152

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# What's going on...?

**Welcome, Fr Brian!** We welcome Fr Brian back to St Patrick's this weekend and over the next three Saturdays for the Vigil Masses whilst Fr Robert is on leave.

**Gathering after Mass:** A reminder that after Mass next weekend we will be having our usual gathering to get to know each other better. As always, snacks and drinks will be on offer. Join us! You can check out the recent renovations that have taken place in the school hall over the summer break.

**Special Collections:** The retiring collection for **Catholic Education** will take place in two weeks' time on **09 September**. We haven't had a retiring collection for quite some time. As always, thank you for your generosity!

**"Encounters With Grace: There's a Crack in Everything, That's How the Light Gets In"**: (Leonard Cohen) A day for women with Sr Sheila McNamara. Saturday 16 September from 10:30am – 3:30pm at St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. No charge but booking is essential. Please bring a packed lunch. If you would like to attend you can book online at <http://adultformationhn.eventbrite.com> or contact us at [adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk) or call 0191 243 3313.

**Vocation Discernment:** For those thinking about priesthood (aged 16 and over). Evenings of prayer and reflection with an opportunity to listen to speakers talk about their own discernment, faith journeys and vocations. Various dates at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Further details are available from the Diocesan

Vocations Promoter: Fr David Smith on 0191 2676063 or email at [stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com).

**Apostleship of the Sea (AoS):** Please come and join in the celebration of Holy Mass at 12:05pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Friday, 22 September. It is an opportunity to pray for seafarers and the work of the AoS in the ports of your diocese. A reception will follow the Mass. For more information please contact Salvina Bartholomeusz at [salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk).

**Missio (APF/Mill Hill):** The September Quarterly Missionary Red Boxes and Brown Envelopes will be collected by sponsors beginning 01 September. For those people who have just received a Red Box, we don't expect donations from you until the December collections. Many thanks, Michael and Stella Foody.

**PeerTalk:** Interested in mental wellbeing and a good listener PeerTalk, a charity underpinned by the Methodist Church, is looking for volunteers to help run a second peer support group for people living with depression in Newcastle. Training Day is on Saturday 16 September at The Copthorne Hotel, The Close, Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 3RT, 10:00am – 4:00pm. More details at [www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/volunteer](http://www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/volunteer) or [admin@peertalk.org.uk](mailto:admin@peertalk.org.uk).

**St Brandon 1500 Festival:** Please see the noticeboard for information on this event. Over the weekend of **16-17 September** which includes a talk, festival of flowers and music and an exhibition on the history of St Brandon's church.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St Margaret Clitherow - 30 August

Margaret was born in York in 1556 and lived there all her life. At the age of 15 she married a butcher, John Clitherow, and three years later became a Catholic. Imprisoned for her non-attendance at the Protestant church, she taught herself to read, and on her release ran a small school for her own and her neighbours' children. Her husband, although he remained a Protestant himself, allowed her to hide priests in the house. In 1586 the secret hiding places were discovered and Margaret was put on trial. As the law then stood, to be found guilty would have meant destitution for her children, so she refused to plead: thus she could not be tried, and instead was crushed to death with a heavy stone, on 25 March 1586. She shares her feast day with two other female martyrs, Anne Line (d.1601) and Margaret Ward (d.1588).



(Information taken from *Universalis*)

## The Kids' Bulletin

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 27, 2017

Who do you say that I am?

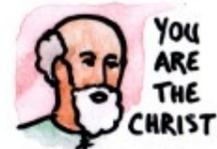
You are the Christ, the son of the living God.

Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood have not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

What were Peter and Jesus saying in today's Gospel reading?  
Look in the mirror to find out!

### "Who do you say that I am?" CROSSWORD

See how well you know what happened in today's Gospel story!



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5. "...the gates of the \_\_\_\_\_ will not prevail..."
  7. "...this rock I will build my Church..."
  9. "Whatever you bind on earth shall \_\_\_\_\_ bound in Heaven."
  10. "I will \_\_\_\_\_ you the keys of the kingdom..."
  11. "On this \_\_\_\_\_ I will build my Church."
  13. Jesus made Peter the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church on earth.
  14. "Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed \_\_\_\_\_ Heaven."
  17. "\_\_\_\_\_ and blood have not revealed this to you..."
  19. \_\_\_\_\_ asked them, "Who do you say that I am?"
  21. God \_\_\_\_\_ Peter in charge of His Church on earth.
  22. Jesus changed Simon's \_\_\_\_\_ to Peter.
  23. "Flesh and blood \_\_\_\_\_ not revealed this to you..."
  24. "...You are the Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the living God!"
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1. \_\_\_\_\_ said, "You are the Christ..."
  2. "On this rock I will build my \_\_\_\_\_."
  3. "Blessed \_\_\_\_\_ you, Simon..."
  4. "...the gates of the netherworld shall not \_\_\_\_\_..."
  6. "Who \_\_\_\_\_ people say that the Son of Man is?"
  8. "Flesh and blood have \_\_\_\_\_ revealed this..."
  10. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living \_\_\_\_\_!"
  12. "I will give you the \_\_\_\_\_ to the kingdom of Heaven."
  15. When will the gates of the netherworld prevail against the Church?
  16. \_\_\_\_\_ belong to the Church that Jesus started.
  17. The Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ revealed to Simon who Jesus was.
  18. "...the keys to the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_..."
  19. "Blessed are you, Simon, son of \_\_\_\_\_..."
  20. Peter's name before Jesus changed it.
  23. Jesus ordered the disciples to tell no one that \_\_\_\_\_ was the Christ.



### ~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

**Pope Francis' Mission Statement for August:** That through their creativity, artists of our time may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

**Prayer Group:** Will meet on **Tuesday, 22 August** from 9:30am - 10:15am in **St John's Church** at Meadowfield. Please note the change from the usual scheduled third Tuesday for **this month only** because of the Feast of the Assumption having been celebrated last Tuesday, **15 August**.

**Bible Group:** Next meeting will be in September.

**Craft Groups (Tues & Thurs):** These take place at the usual times. Please see noticeboard for details.

### DID YOU KNOW...?

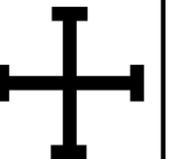
...that there is more than one type of Catholic Church?

Typically, when we think of the Catholic Church we think of the Roman Catholic (or Latin) Church, and understandably so since most Catholics belong to this part of the Catholic family. There are many other (Eastern) Catholic churches however, all of whom are in full communion with Rome and so have the Pope as their head. Each of these churches has its own manner of celebrating Mass yet we all share the same fundamental doctrine. A few examples are the Maronite, Melkite, Chaldean and Syro-Malabar churches.

### "QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Christian prayer is not about appealing an angry God. It is centred on a person, Jesus, and through him we are invited into a loving and saving relationship with the Father, Son, and Spirit that has consequences for how we live in this world and the next. In this relationship, nothing is wasted in our often-complex lives. We are invited where we are, as we are, to grow and become even more."

Fr Richard Leonard SJ (b. 1963)  
From *Why Bother Praying?* (2013)



**DON'T FORGET....**that after Mass next weekend we will be gathering in the newly refurbished school hall for our monthly fellowship, a time simply to get to know each other better over some drinks and snacks. It will be a great opportunity for you to catch up with Fr Brian!