

The week ahead...

Saturday 27 January Vigil Mass for 4 th Sunday of the Year	5:00pm	Mass: Marie Carey and pro populo
Sunday 28 January 4 th Sunday of the Year	NO MASS	
Monday 29 January Monday of Ordinary Time 4	NO MASS	
Tuesday 30 January Tuesday of Ordinary Time 4	6:30pm	Mass: McGough & Duffy families
Wednesday 31 January <i>St John Bosco, Priest</i>	9:30am	Mass: Marie Carey
Thursday 01 February Thursday of Ordinary Time 4	9:30am	Mass: Vera Keep
Friday 02 February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 03 February Vigil Mass for 5 th Sunday of the Year	5:00pm	Mass: Alice Egglestone and pro populo

Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

MINISTRIES

Saturday 27 January

Eucharistic Ministers
Pauline & Ambrose Burnside
Judith Bulmer

Readers

Angela Harmston
Maria Griffiths

Children's Liturgy

Carol Bainbridge
Helen Riddles

Welcomers

Paul & Anne Kelly

MINISTRIES

Saturday 03 February

Eucharistic Ministers
Angela & Gordon Tosley
Angela Harmston

Readers

Judith Bulmer
Marie Paily

Children's Liturgy

Maria Griffiths
Michelle Dennis

Welcomers

Angela Harmston
Christine Tracey

The fourth 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. Items need to be submitted by **Thursday midday**.

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



We remember those who have gone before us

Maureen PRICE (Rec. Dec.)

Marie CAREY

George Joseph MAINS

Ellen Mary PIGNALI

Jane MINNS

Catherine SOUTHERN

John O'DONNELL

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish....

Margaret Pouton, Pat Harrison,
Tom Taylorson,
Sylvia Kelly,
Mary Spears, Rose Crick,
Maureen McCrann and
Doreen Carroll



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 January, 2018

"...he taught them with authority..."

THE AUTHOR of Mark's Gospel wastes no time in telling us about Jesus' missionary activity. You will remember that last weekend we heard Jesus call the first four of his disciples, the two pairs of brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew, and James and John. If you or I were in Jesus' situation we might well have sat down with the four new followers and spent some time explaining to them the purpose of the mission we were about to undertake, what the dangers might be, and so on.

But not so with Jesus. Straight away he leads the four new disciples into the nearby town of Capernaum where he teaches in the synagogue. A situation then presents itself for Jesus to display his power and authority as he casts an unclean spirit out of an ailing man. Thus Jesus, with actions rather than words, makes clear something of his divinity to the four disciples and also shows them what their mission too will involve: teaching and healing.

Jesus is portrayed in the Gospel this weekend as one who is in complete control and who acts with utter conviction. He leads the disciples to Capernaum, he teaches with authority and uses that same authority to cast the spirit out of the possessed man. The manner in which he does things has such an impact of those who witnessed his actions that "his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside." And his reputation among the common people would not have been anything other than positive.

Authority for many people is synonymous with "being told what to do", based on childhood memories or experiences with superiors in the workplace. Yet Jesus' reputation was positive even though his authority was a key part of his identity: he taught with a distinct authority and spoke with authority to the unclean spirit. The people in the synagogue responded positively to Jesus' authority because he used it for their good. He didn't use his authority to put people down or belittle them – he used it solely for the purpose of expressing love, care and concern for those in need. In this case, the need was for the people to hear God's message in a new, life-giving way and for the one who was possessed by the unclean spirit to be healed.

True authority and power for the Christian ought to be exercised in the same manner as Jesus demonstrates for us today. Most of us possess some level of authority in our lives, be it in the workplace, in a social context or at home over children or grandchildren. The words "power" and "authority" ought not to be equated with abuse or degradation but rather with loving care, even when used to correct another. As Christians, we have an obligation to use our authority to further the cause of Christ's mission of teaching and healing, begun in Galilee nearly two thousand years ago with the calling of the disciples and the authority exercised in the synagogue in the town of Capernaum.

May we use it wisely.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Robert



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £181 Loose Plate: £172

TOTAL: £353

Mass Attendance: 133

DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE
CHARITY NUMBER 1143450

What's going on...?

SURVIVE-MIVA Appeal on 10 February: SURVIVE-MIVA (UK Registered Charity No. 268745) is a Catholic lay Association, based in Liverpool and founded in 1974, which provides grants to fund essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas, and for the Church's pastoral care in places of difficult access, across Africa, Asia and Latin America. We will hear from a representative and a retiring collection will be taken up on 10 February. Find out more at: www.survive-miva.org and see the flyer on the noticeboard.

Racial Justice Sunday: This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday and this year's theme is "Belonging". On this day Catholics are called to pray for those who experience unjust discrimination or are marginalised because of their race and ethnicity. We think in particular of those who feel they do not belong within our society or our communities because of this discrimination. Pick up one of the prayer cards from the table in the porch area. If you wish to make a donation to the Catholic Church's work in this area go to catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-Sunday-2018.

Holocaust Remembrance Day: Today, 27 January, is Holocaust Remembrance Day. We will devote one of our bidding prayers today to the victims of the Holocaust and pray that their memory will help ensure that such horror is never seen again.

Gathering after Mass next week: As always on the first weekend Mass of the month, we will be gathering in the school hall after Mass next week for fellowship over some drinks and nibbles. Everyone is welcome and it would be wonderful to meet up with any parishioners new to the parish too!

Women's World Day of Prayer: Will be held this year on **Friday, 02 March** and the theme is "All God's creation is very good!" Notice of the

venue will be given soon, together with dates and times of the meetings leading up to the day. All are welcome!

Rosary Prayer Group: If anyone would like to join a start-up group at St Patrick's to pray the rosary meeting once a month (or maybe more often), please add your name to the list on the clipboard at the back of the church so that we can gauge interest. For more information, please contact Fr Robert.

RC Chaplain Post at HMP Durham: A Chaplaincy job in an establishment which provides pastoral and faith specific care to prisoners and staff. The minimum qualification for this post is normally the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies. 37 hour working week - this role requires working regular unsocial hours. Salary: £25,920 - £29,176. Closing date for application is 30th January 2018.

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

- Youth Ministry Co-ordinator, partnerships of Brinkburn and Heavenfield, Northumberland, full-time, 3 year fixed-term contract. Closing date: 02 February.
- Parish Secretary, Our Lady and St Columba, Wallsend, 10 hours per week, 12 month fixed-term contract. Closing date: 31 January.
- Parish Secretary, St Mary and St Wilfrid, Bishop Auckland, 10 hours per week, 12 month fixed-term contract. Closing date: 30 January.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301 or human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

The Kids' Bulletin

Unscramble: Jesus Casts out a Demon

Sort out the letters to fill in the blanks.
Use the letters in the boxes to fill in the last row of boxes.

And immediately there was in their synagogue a (NMA) with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, (ESSJU) of Nazareth? Have you come to (YDSETRO) us? I know who you are, the (OYLH) One of God."

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and (MEOC) out of him!"
And the unclean (TRSIP), convulsing him and crying with a loud (IOCEV), came out of him.

And (YEHT) were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, (YSNIAG), "What is this? A new teaching!"

With he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."



SCHOOL NEWS

Statement to Live By

This week's statement is, 'I know I belong to a community that includes my school'. We reflected on the different communities we belong to, including home, school and parish. Our scripture reading was Acts 2: 43-37. We heard about the friends of Jesus coming together, to set up a community, after his death and resurrection.

Mrs Heslington

Mrs Heslington, one of our Lunchtime Supervisors, gave birth to a baby boy on Wednesday morning of this week. Congratulations to the family, on the safe arrival of Theo James!

Mrs Rogers

Congratulations to Mrs Rogers who has been successful in obtaining a promotion. She will be leaving us at the end of this half term, to take up the position of Head of School in West Yorkshire. We extend a warm welcome to Miss Stephenson, who will be working alongside Mrs Rogers until half term. She will then teach Class 1, until a new Deputy Head is appointed.

Dates to Remember

Class 2 Liturgy in school, 2:30pm, Wednesday 31 January

Classes 3&4 Mass in church, 9:30am, Thursday 01 February

Classes 3&4 Liturgy in school, 2:30pm, Thursday 08 February

Class 1 Safety Carousel, 9:00am, Tuesday 06 March



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Henry Morse - 01 February

Henry Morse was born into a Church of England family in 1595 at Brome, Suffolk. He converted to Catholicism, studied for the priesthood in Rome, and was sent on the English mission in 1620. He was almost immediately arrested and imprisoned in York Castle. He had already declared that he wished to become a Jesuit, and spent the three years he was then in prison as his novitiate. On his release he was banished and went to Flanders for a while before returning to England. He worked as a covert priest in London, and among the plague victims in 1636, when he caught the plague himself though soon recovered. He was again arrested and exiled but within two years had returned to England. For a time he ministered in the south of the country, then after a brief ministry in the north he was arrested in Cumberland, escaped, was rearrested and taken to London, where he was convicted for practicing as a Catholic priest and condemned to death. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered on 01 February 1645 at Tyburn, London.



(Information taken from *Universalis*)

~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

Annual AGM and Prayers

Taking place at **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Esh Winning on Tuesday, 30 January.**

Tea and coffee at **1:00pm** with the meeting starting at **1:30pm**. All are welcome to hear about the work being done by **Churches Together in DH7.**

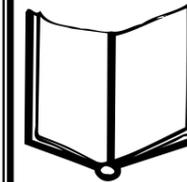


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PRAYER GROUP & BIBLE STUDY

The Churches Together prayer group will meet in St Patrick's Presbytery on **Tuesday, 20 February** from **9:30am to 10:00am.**

The next Bible study will be at **St Andrew's Methodist** on **Monday, 19 February, 3:30 - 4:45pm.**



ALL WELCOME!

DID YOU KNOW...?

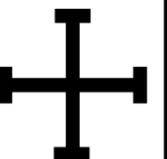
....that the Gospel of Mark which will be the main focus for liturgical year in 2018, has a few distinct features?

Mark's gospel was the first gospel to be written, probably in Rome around the year 65-70, possibly by John Mark. It is the shortest of the four gospels. Significant parts of Mark's gospel were used by the authors of Matthew and Luke when they wrote their gospels. Mark is also a fast-paced gospel, with the ministry of Jesus being conveyed with a sense of urgency by frequent use of the words "then", "when" and "went". Mark was written for a gentile (non-Jewish) audience.

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because he loves us."

C S Lewis (1898 - 1963)
Christian apologist and author
Mere Christianity



PLEASE PRAY... for the following intentions over the next few weeks leading up to Lent, as requested by Bishop Séamus: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; the Unemployed. **Lord, hear our prayer.....**