

The week ahead...

Saturday 28 October <i>SS Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	5:00pm	Mass: Harry and Teresa Coad and pro populo
Sunday 29 October 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 30 October <i>The Martyrs of Douai College</i>	12:45pm	Funeral Mass for Dorothy DOWDLE
Tuesday 31 October Tuesday of Ordinary Time 30 <i>(Vigil for All Saints' Day)</i>	6:30pm	Mass: James & Mary Reynolds
Wednesday 01 November <i>All Saints' Day</i> <i>(Holyday of Obligation)</i>	9:30am	Mass: Pat Curran
Thursday 02 November <i>The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed</i>	9:30am 6:30pm	Mass: Marie Carey Mass: The Faithful Departed
Friday 03 November Friday of Ordinary Time 30	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 04 November <i>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>	5:00pm	Mass: Teresa Coad and pro populo



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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 October, 2017

“Love God and love your neighbour.”

THE PHARISEES are very pleased, we hear, that Jesus has just silenced the Sadducees. In a spirit of triumphalism they now approach Jesus to succeed, so they think, where the Sadducees had not. They ask him a question with the expectation that Jesus either won't be able to answer it or, if he does, that his answer will get him into hot water. As usual, the Pharisees will fail in their endeavour!

Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment of the Law. I reproduce below some reflections on this Gospel by Fr Frank Doyle SJ:

Jesus responds very quickly, not by using his own words but quoting from the Books of the Law themselves. And his answer contains not one but two laws:

a. You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul. This is from Deuteronomy 6:5, and;

b. You must love your neighbour as yourself. This is from Leviticus 19:18.

They both have the word 'love' in common. It is important to be aware that the word translated 'love' here can be described as an intense desire for the good or the well-being of the other. We are not asked to have affection for each other, only to work for the good of the other, no matter what that person is like.

And, from the Gospel (e.g. Matthew 25) we know that not only are these two commandments similar, they are complementary and inseparable. In other words, it is not possible to love God and not love the neighbour and vice versa.

On these two commandments, says Jesus, "hang the whole Law and the Prophets also", in other words, the whole of the Old Testament teaching....

And Jesus is saying that as long as one is truly loving God and the neighbour, the rest of the Law will take care of itself. And there may even be times when such love will transcend and override the requirements of some laws. No truly loving act can ever be sinful.

We need to ensure that we ourselves as Christians don't get caught up in concerning ourselves in our faith lives solely with regulations and lose a sense of perspective. If we are constantly harping on about rules and doctrines and so forth, looking for opportunities to jump on someone else's minor indiscretion, we are missing out on the very thing Jesus calls us to: fullness of life.

And we will only know the fullness of life to which Jesus refers if we love as he did. Let us pray for the strength and courage to do so, both individually and as a community.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,
Fr Robert



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

MINISTRIES

Saturday 04 November

Eucharistic Ministers

Pauline & Ambrose Burnside
Judith Bulmer

Readers

Ann Canavan
Angela Tosley

Children's Liturgy

Maria Griffiths
Carol Bainbridge

Welcomers

Paul & Anne Kelly

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.

The Thirtieth Sunday

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



Remember those who have gone before us

Dorothy DOWDLE (Rec. Dec.)

Joan HOLMES (Rec. Dec.)

Liz JACKSON

Harry COAD

Teresa COAD

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

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



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £240 Loose Plate: £214

Total: £454

Mass Attendance: 145

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CHARITY NUMBER 1143450



What's going on...?

Dorothy Dowdle RIP: Dorothy's Requiem Mass will be held here at St Patrick's this **Monday, 30 October at 12:45pm**. Please keep Mrs Burnside and the family in your prayers.

Catholic Mission: The special collection for Catholic Mission last weekend raised **£213.84**. Thank you for your generous response!

Clergy Training Fund: This weekend in place of the usual homily we will hear a message from Bishop Séamus in relation to **next weekend's** special collection in aid of the **Clergy Training Fund**. This collection will remain open until **26 November**. Envelopes are available from the table at the back of the church should you wish to gift aid your donation. Also available are some reports outlining the contributions made by the various parishes of the diocese last year. Langley Moor contributed a total of **£218.20**.

All Saints and All Souls' Masses: See back of bulletin for the times for these Masses. A reminder - All Saints' is a Holyday of Obligation.

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

Church Decorations and Material for Viewing: Please note that any changes, even minor ones, to the decorations in the church, and the placement of any reading material, including pamphlets, must not be undertaken without first consulting Fr Robert. This will help avoid any tension which can often arise from people seeking to decorate areas of the church to their personal tastes and/or promote religious devotions and causes which may not accord with Church teaching. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

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

Safeguarding Advisor: Department for Safeguarding, 30 hours per week, permanent contract. Closing date: 10 November.

Volunteering Opportunity: Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Commission. The Chair is an independent, lay appointee with responsibility for ensuring the Commission's regulatory, advisory and scrutiny functions are carried out effectively in regard to matters relating to the safeguarding of children and adults at risk within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk.

Lumiere: Are you going into Durham for the Lumiere festival (16-19 November)? If so, in common with many of the churches in the centre of the city, two of the churches in our partnership will be open and hope to provide a place for quieter reflection where people can light a candle, say a prayer and also find some "light" refreshments. One of the installations involves lighting the boundary wall of **St Godric's** (Durham Martyrs parish) and the church will be open each evening. **St Cuthbert's** has two of the installations just outside, and plans to be open from about 5:00pm to 10:00pm on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday and after the evening Mass on the Sunday.

Ushaw College Events: Thanks to everyone for supporting our wonderful summer programme. The exhibitions in the chapel and beautifully restored museum are a great success adding even more interest for visitors. We now have our permanent Chaplain here, Canon Bob Spence, and he celebrates Mass here every Friday at 12:30pm, open to everyone. Forthcoming events include Mass for Douai Martyrs at 12:30pm on **Monday 30 October**; A Concert by Young Sinfonia Orchestra on **Saturday 04 November** at 3:30pm; Remembrance at Ushaw on **Saturday 11 November** at 4:00pm; Lanchester Brass Band on **Saturday 11 November** at 7:30pm and An Afternoon with the War Poets on **Thursday 23 November** at 2:00pm. Refreshments available Wednesdays to Saturdays – all are welcome!

SCHOOL NEWS

Harvest Hampers

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Harvest hampers, in support of the food banks in the local area. These were collected last week and were gratefully received.

First Holy Communicants

Just a reminder that those preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion meet in the Parish House next Saturday, at 4:00pm. We hope these children and their families will join with other parishioners for refreshments in the school hall, immediately after Mass next week.

Masses

The school children will take part in the following Masses this month:

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.

Everyone is always welcome to join us for celebrations in the school hall.

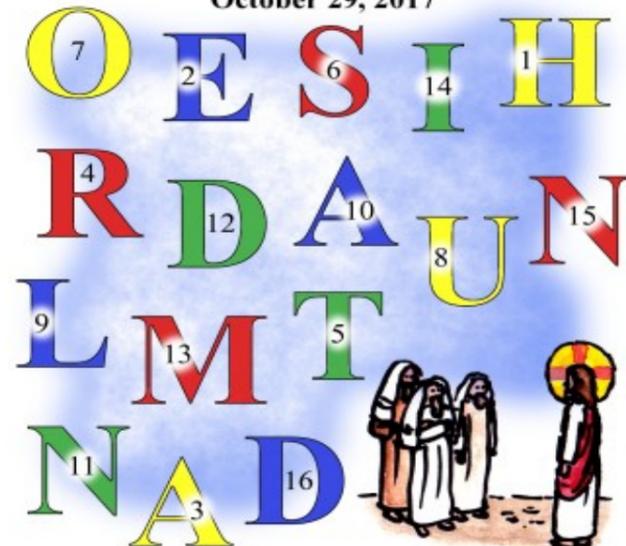
School Re-opens

We hope the children have enjoyed the half term holiday and look forward to seeing them at school again on Monday 30 October.



The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 2017



How did Jesus say we should love God?
Put the letters in order by their numbers
to fill in the spaces and find out!

With all our _____
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
10 11 12 13 14 15 16

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

The Blessed Martyrs of Douai College - 30 October

The English College at Douai was founded in 1569 to educate English Catholics, and in particular to act as a seminary training priests to enter England covertly, minister to English Catholics, and attempt the re-conversion of England to the faith. Simply being a Catholic priest was high treason in England at this time, with the penalty of hanging, drawing and quartering, and more than 160 of the priests from Douai were thus executed. Each time the news of another execution reached the College, a solemn Mass of thanksgiving was sung.



(Information taken from *Universalis*)

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the parents, godparents, families and friends of

Aria WOOD

Lily STARR-ROBSON

Beatrice PAYNE

on their baptisms here at St Patrick's last weekend.

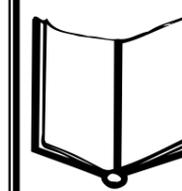


I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

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...?

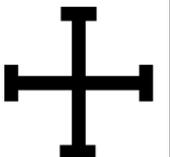
...that the Mass is not another sacrifice of Jesus but in fact the same sacrifice of Jesus at Calvary made present for us?

When we see the Mass in this manner it makes it all the more special! Not only are we nourished by the Word of God but we are, in a sense, transported back to Calvary to experience all the saving power of Christ's sacrifice to the Father. At Mass we do more than simply remember Christ's saving act on the Cross (though we do that, of course); we also benefit from it through participation in this sacrifice.

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"In regard to the divine and holy mysteries of the faith, not the least part may be handed on without the Holy Scriptures. Do not be led astray by winning words and clever arguments. Even to me, who tell you these things, do not give ready belief, unless you receive from the Holy Scriptures the proof of the things which I announce. The salvation in which we believe is not proved from clever reasoning, but from the Holy Scriptures."

St Cyril of Jerusalem (ca.313-386)
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Catechetical Lectures



DON'T FORGET...that after Mass **next weekend** we will be gathering in the school hall for our monthly fellowship, a time simply to get to know each other better over some drinks and snacks. We had a terrific turn up last time so let's keep up the momentum!

