

# The week ahead...

<b>Saturday 04 June</b> Saturday of Ordinary Time 8	5:00pm	Mass: <b>James and Helena Harrison and pro populo</b>
<b>Sunday 05 June</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		
<b>Monday 06 June</b> Monday of Ordinary Time 10		
<b>Tuesday 07 June</b> Tuesday of Ordinary Time 10		
<b>Wednesday 08 June</b> Wednesday of Ordinary Time 10	9:30am	Mass: <b>Teresa and Walter Drane</b>
<b>Thursday 09 June</b> Thursday of Ordinary Time 10	9:30am	Mass: <b>Walter Staff</b>
<b>Friday 10 June</b> Friday of Ordinary Time 10	7:00am	Mass: <b>Jack Wilkinson RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 11 June</b> <i>St Barnabas, Apostle</i>	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Bill Burn and pro populo</b>



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### 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

05 June, 2016

#### Dear Girls and Boys...

It is wonderful to see you here at my church in Langley Moor along with your family and friends who love you so much. I know that they have helped bring you to this very important day of your First Communion. I hope that what you receive today you will receive on many more occasions in the future.

Your faith journey began with your baptism – which you probably don't remember! When you had the waters of baptism poured over you, the priest said your Christian names and then said "I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." At that moment you became a part of my body, the Church. Your parents and godparents promised to do everything they could to help you know me as a friend, and as your God. The Holy Spirit came down upon you and has given you strength to be like me: loving, caring, kind, helpful and someone who likes to share with others and not fight or squabble or hold grudges against other people.

I know it is not always easy living like me. Sometimes you have made bad choices and you will do so again, even after today. You know that you can always come to me in the sacrament of Reconciliation, tell me what you have done (though I already know!), say that you are truly sorry, promise to try not to sin again, and be forgiven. It is just as though I have forgotten your sin and you are once again as innocent as you were when you were baptised! Isn't that wonderful? You have already celebrated Reconciliation a couple of times and I hope that you will continue to do so whenever the need arises.

And now here you are, receiving my Body and Blood for the first time! Even though you have done a lot of preparation for this day, I don't believe you know what a precious gift you are receiving today. I'm sure that even a lot of the adults here at church don't know this either – perhaps even Fr Robert can't comprehend this gift fully! It is beyond anyone to really understand the sacrifice I made on the cross so that everyone who believes in me, eats my Body and drinks my Blood, may spend eternity with God. Just as you need food every day to have a healthy body so that you can do what you need to do, so too you need my Body and Blood to nourish you spiritually so that you can love others the way I do. You can't "do things" to get into heaven but the more you live and love like me the happier you will be and you will know what heaven is like while you are here on earth.

I hope that in the years ahead you will come to know more and more how much I love you. One way to understand this is to know that I love you as though you were the only person on earth to love. My love is greater than you can possibly imagine and I hope you will start to see that this evening when you receive my Body and Blood for the first time.

Know that I am always watching over you, not to judge you, but because I love you.

Your friend and your God,

*Jesus*



#### Ministries for this week Saturday 04 June

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Judith Bulmer, John and Irene Carey

**Readers:**  
First Communion.  
(Readers TBC)

**Children's Liturgy:**  
Half-Term Break

**Welcomers:**  
Angela Harmston and Christine Tracey

#### Ministries for next week Saturday 11 June

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Wilf Lavery, Jane Smith and Irene Carey

**Readers:**  
Greg Mearman and Judith Bulmer

**Children's Liturgy:**  
Anne Davies and Angela Harmston

**Welcomers:**  
Halina Holman and Janet Harrigan

#### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £266 Loose Plate: £153

**Total: £419**

**Mass Attendance: 139**

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Have you an item for the parish bulletin? Please contact Judith Bulmer on 0191 378 3544 or 07980 481 858 or send an email to her at [judithbulmer@rocketmail.com](mailto:judithbulmer@rocketmail.com).

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

*Tom Taylorson, Sylvia Kelly, Marie Carey, Mary Spears, Rose Crick, Maureen McCrann, Teresa Parkin, Doreen Carroll, Marie Wilson, Dorothy Dowdle, Jean O'Donoghue, Margaret Pouton, Betty Allison, Michael Kane, Pat Harrison, Olwyn Morris and Sally Thompson.*

**Thank you...** for your contributions last weekend to the Lay Training Fund. **£153.80** was raised. Our **next special collection** will be for Catholic Mission **next weekend**. Sr Daphne Norden MMS will be visiting us next weekend to share some of her experiences.

**Emailed Bulletin** – If you would like to have the parish bulletin emailed to you each week please email Judith (details opposite) and you will be added to the mailing list. Parish Council minutes are also available electronically.

## What's going on...?

**St Patrick's Social Committee SPRING PARTY:** The party for senior citizens will be on Saturday 02 July at 12:30pm at the Royal British Legion, Meadowfield. Afternoon tea will be served followed by entertainment. If you would like to join us, please add your name to the sheet at the back of church. Invitations are not being issued to our own parishioners this year and we would ask that everyone who is intending to come please add their names by Monday 20 June. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass on Saturday 11 and Saturday 18 June.

**Parish Council Annual General Meeting (AGM):** Scheduled for Wednesday, 15 June at 7:00pm in St Patrick's School hall. Any issues you would like discussed at the AGM need to be emailed to Judith Bulmer ([judithbulmer@rocketmail.com](mailto:judithbulmer@rocketmail.com)) by **31 May**. The meeting will also include elections for membership of the Parish Council. **Nomination forms, due by Saturday 11 June, now available from Fr Robert.** Please consider coming along to this meeting - all parishioners welcome!

**Mass for the Sick:** Mass with anointing of the sick scheduled for **next Saturday 11 June** at 11:00am. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the presbytery. If you can help with lifts for parishioners, please see Judith Bulmer.

**24 Hours of Prayer:** Pope Francis has asked that parishes have significant times for people to come and pray for the needs of people locally and across the world. All the churches of our deanery will be open for an hour on either 16 or 17 June.

**St Patrick's will be open from 1:00pm - 2:00pm on Thursday 16 June.** See list on the noticeboard for other churches' times.

**Ushaw College:** Folk Festival 03-05 June. See [www.ushaw.org](http://www.ushaw.org).

**St John's Church, Meadowfield:** A brass band will be playing on Saturday 11 June from 6:00pm with a shared supper to follow. Everyone is welcome.

**Pope Francis's Mission Statement for June:** That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their Mission. 'A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.'

## For our younger parishioners....

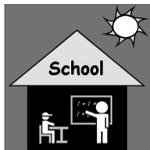
**Diocesan Festival 2016:** A celebration of faith for people of all ages at the Youth Village, 25/26 June, 2016. Mass, family activities, talks, mime artist and ceilidh. £15 per person for two days, or £5 for the Sunday only. There will also be talks on the theme of mercy from Karen Kilby (Durham University) and from Barry and Margaret Mizen whose son was murdered and who now forgive the killers. Under 18s free! Saturday 9:30am—10:00pm, Sunday 10:00am—2:00pm. For bookings call (0191) 373 0219.



The family of **Jack Wilkinson** would like to inform the parish that £360 was raised for Dementia Research at the Requiem Mass. Many thanks!

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Half Term Holiday**  
The school has been closed for the half term holiday and will re-open this Monday 06 June.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St Justin Martyr - 01 June

St Norbert was born at Xanten in the Rhineland, about the year 1080. The early part of his life was devoted to the world and its pleasures.

One day a thunderstorm brewed up suddenly as Norbert was out riding. A sudden flash of lightning made his horse buck, throwing Norbert to the ground. For almost an hour he lay unmoving. When he awoke his first words were, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" Norbert heard in his heart, "Turn from evil and do good. Seek peace and pursue it."

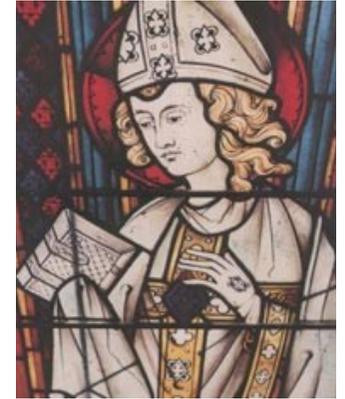
He returned to the place of his birth to devote himself to prayer and penance. He embraced the instruction for the priesthood and was ordained in 1115. His complete conversion caused some to denounce him as a hypocrite. Norbert's response was to give everything he owned to the poor and to go to the Pope for permission to preach.

He became an itinerant preacher, travelling through Europe with two companions. In response to his old ways, he now chose the most difficult ways to travel - walking barefoot in the middle of winter through snow and ice. The bishop of Laon offered Norbert land where he could start his own community. In a lonely valley called Prémontré, he began his community with thirteen canons. His reforms attracted many disciples until eight abbeys and two convents were established.

Norbert was chosen as bishop of Magdeburg. Legend has it the porter refused to let Norbert into his new residence, assuming he was a beggar. Norbert carried the love of reform to his new diocese. As usual, this made him many enemies and he was almost assassinated. Disgusted with the citizens' desire to keep to their old ways, he left the city, but was soon called back.

When two rival popes were elected after the death of Honorius II, Norbert helped try to heal the Church by getting the emperor to support the first elected, Innocent II. At the end of his life he was made an archbishop but he died soon after on 06 June, 1134 at the age of 53.

Taken from [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)



## DID YOU KNOW...?

....that Ordinary Time is by no means 'ordinary' in the usual sense of the word?

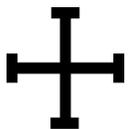
We have now returned to Ordinary Time but this doesn't mean that there is anything 'ordinary' about our celebrations of Eucharist in these days! Ordinary Time simply refers to time which falls outside the great celebrations of Lent/Easter or Advent/Christmas. Every Sunday is really a 'mini-Easter' in which we remember and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, regardless of the time of year!

## "QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"If we do not give thanks daily for the Christian community in which we have been placed, even when there are no great experiences, no noticeable riches, but much weakness, difficulty, and little faith...then we hinder God from letting our community grow according to the measure and riches there are for us all in Jesus Christ."

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer**  
(1906—1945)

German Theologian,  
executed by the Nazis



**Please pray for....those children who are receiving their First Eucharist this weekend at the Saturday evening Mass, that they will continue to eagerly seek the nourishment of the Eucharist into the future. Pray too for the family of Jack WILKINSON whose funeral was celebrated here on Wednesday. May he rest in the peace of Christ whom he lovingly served on earth.**