

The week ahead...

Saturday 06 August <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	5:00pm	Mass: Anne Keenan and pro populo
Sunday 07 August 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Monday 08 August <i>St Dominic, Priest</i>		
Tuesday 09 August <i>St Teresa Benedicata of the Cross Patron of Europe, Virgin, Martyr</i>		
Wednesday 10 August <i>St Laurence, Deacon, Martyr</i>	9:30am	Service of the Word with Communion
Thursday 11 August <i>St Clare of Assisi, Virgin</i>	No Mass	
Friday 12 August Friday of Ordinary Time 19	7:00am	Mass: Repose of the soul of Jo Cox
Saturday 13 August Saturday of Ordinary Time 19	5:00pm	Mass: Pauline Pepper and pro populo

Ministries for this week Saturday 06 August

Eucharistic Ministers:
Andrew Aberdeen
Malcolm and Teresa Wass

Readers:
Angela Tosley
Ann Canavan

Children's Liturgy:
No Children's Liturgy until
school resumes in Sept.

Welcomers:
Janet Harrigan
Pat Middleton

Ministries for next week Saturday 13 August

Eucharistic Ministers:
John and Irene Carey
Judith Bulmer

Readers:
Claire Lavery
Margaret Purdom

Children's Liturgy:
No Children's Liturgy until
school resumes in Sept.

Welcomers:
Janet Harrigan
Halina Holman

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £222 Loose Plate: £221

Total: £443

Mass Attendance: 143

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CHARITY NUMBER 1143450

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.

*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 Tom Tracey.*

A note on appeals: We have had quite a few
appeals of late for various very worthy causes and
I thank you for your generous support. We will have
a hiatus for a few weeks now, our next diocesan
appeal occurring after the summer break. More
details will be forthcoming.

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.



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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

07 August, 2016

“See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit.”

OUR GOSPEL passage this weekend sees a continuation of theme begun last weekend when Jesus told the parable of the rich man who hoarded what he had in abundance and sat back to take life easy, only to find that his life of ease was to be cut short. This weekend's Gospel conveys a similar theme of being ever ready for the return of Jesus through the manner in which we live our lives, not wallowing in complacency and ease but actively living out our baptismal mission, right to the end. In so doing, we will always be ready to meet our God.

A Jesuit priest, Fr Frank Doyle, illustrates this point effectively as follows: “It is no use telling God, ‘Lord, I have oodles in the bank, I have a lovely house in one of the most trendy suburbs, there is a Mercedes for me and a BMW for my wife. My son is a prosperous surgeon in the States and my daughter a thriving lawyer in London...’ Quite honestly, Jesus is not likely to be terribly impressed or interested in such a litany. The really important things have not yet been said.

“Take a different example altogether. His name was John. He was a devout Catholic in China. Like thousands of others, he had remained true to his faith during the dark days of persecution in China and spent long years in prison purely and simply because of his belief in Jesus. Eventually he was allowed out to Hong Kong to live and work. His body was stooped from the years of ill treatment he had experienced. Then, one day while attending Mass at the shrine of St Francis Xavier in nearby Macau, he collapsed and died just after receiving communion. Anyone who knew John, a man of no wealth whatever, knew that he was ready. His whole life had been lived in the company of Jesus. Jesus was all he had; Jesus was all he wanted.”

In the early days of the Church it was not uncommon for people to delay their baptism until they believed death was imminent. This is because baptism cleanses one of all sin. As there was no other way of forgiving sin at this time (there being no sacrament of Reconciliation), and a person can only be baptised once in their life, being baptised as close as possible to death was seen as the only way of getting to heaven. Whilst this doesn't mean necessarily that people took the opportunity to live recklessly and then “have the slate wiped clean” just prior to death, we can sometimes take licence this way ourselves and so not “have our lamps lit” or be always ready to meet our God.

To be always ready means to have an openness to self-examination of our actions and motives and to rectify any shortcomings we may have in these areas. It means being frank and honest with ourselves and ask just how faithfully we are living out our vocation, whatever that might be for us. It means losing our grip on idols that give us a false sense of security and instead grasping tightly to Jesus and thanking God for the real security and fulfilment that comes only from him. In all this, we will be ready at all times to meet God face to face.

Blessings and prayers in the week ahead,

Fr Robert



What's going on...?

Noticeboards: The noticeboards at the entrance to the church are always worthwhile viewing for news and events. Plenty of activity is happening around the diocese - so much that it cannot always find space here in the bulletin! Also, if you have something to place on the noticeboard, please do not place it there without seeing me first. This will ensure that we use the noticeboard space most effectively.

Weekday Mass Intentions: I will be returning home to Australia for a few weeks from mid-August to mid-September. During this time all weekday Masses will be replaced by services of the Word with communion. Saturday evening Mass will still be celebrated. This means that weekday Mass intentions cannot be offered during this time, though persons can, of course, be prayed for during these weekday services in the bidding prayers. Applies from 19 August to 14 September (inclusive).

Ushaw Moor Catholic Club: The Catholic Club is available for birthday parties and wedding anniversaries as well as receptions after weddings and funerals. For more information, phone 07519 672 570 and, if need be, leave a message.

Ushaw College: During the summer the college is open every Saturday from 12:00noon until 5:00pm.

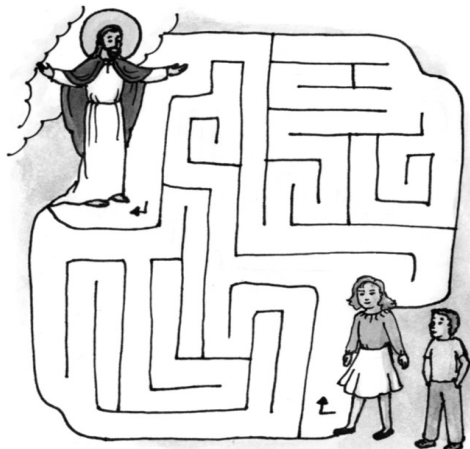
Pastoral Care of the Sick and Housebound: Do you know someone who lives in the parish but cannot get to Mass and is in need of the sacraments? It is our responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters who cannot gather with us each week. If you know someone in this situation who is in need of pastoral care, please pass their details on to Fr Robert.

Celebrating the Mercy of God: In this Jubilee Year of Mercy there is to be an interfaith gathering with short talks by Mrs Hengameh Ashraf Emami, Professor Karen Kilby and Rabbi Aaron Lipsey. These talks will be at the Cardinal Hume School, Gateshead, NE9 6RZ, on Wednesday, 21 September, 7:00 – 8:30pm. For further information please contact the Department for Spirituality spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk or (0191) 243 3302.



The Kids' Bulletin

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 7, 2016

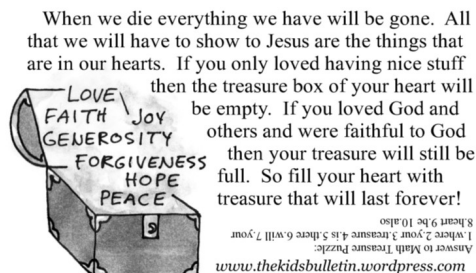


*Jesus tells us to be prepared for when He comes back. We don't know when that will be so we should always be ready.
How long until this girl and boy see Jesus?
Follow the maze and find out!*

What is Your Treasure?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus talks about being ready for when He comes again. He reminds us that having nice things here on earth does not help us get into Heaven.

Jesus said "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." He means that the things that are important to you show what it is that you love. If money or food or nice clothes are the most important things in your life then it shows that you love them more than you should. But if being kind and helpful to others and loving God are more important to you than having nice things, then you have a good treasure stored up for Heaven.



When we die everything we have will be gone. All that we will have to show to Jesus are the things that are in our hearts. If you only loved having nice stuff then the treasure box of your heart will be empty. If you loved God and others and were faithful to God then your treasure will still be full. So fill your heart with treasure that will last forever!



Answer to 10th Treasure Puzzle:
1 where 2 your 3 treasure 4 is 5 there 6 will 7 your
8 heart 9 be 10 all
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SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - 08 August

On 15 January 1842, Mary MacKillop was born of Scottish parents in Fitzroy, Melbourne. A plaque in the footpath now marks the place of her birth.

Mary, the eldest of eight children, was well educated by her father who spent some years studying for the priesthood in Rome but through ill health had returned to his native Scotland until 1835 when he migrated to Australia with his parents. Unfortunately, he lacked financial awareness, so the family was often without a home of their own, depending on friends and relatives and frequently separated from one another.

From the age of sixteen, Mary earned her living and supported her family, as a governess, as a clerk, and as a teacher. While acting as a governess to her uncle's children at Penola, regional South Australia, Mary met Fr Julian Tenison Woods who, with a parish of 22,000 square miles, needed help in the religious education of children in the outback. At the time Mary's family depended on her income so she was not free to follow her dream. However, in 1866, greatly inspired and encouraged by Fr Woods, Mary opened the first Saint Joseph's School in a disused stable in Penola.

Young women came to join Mary, and so the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph was begun. In 1867, Mary was asked by Bishop Shiel to come to Adelaide to start a school. From there, the Sisters spread in groups to small outback settlements and large cities around Australia, New Zealand, and now in Peru, Brazil and refugee camps of Uganda and Thailand. Mary and these early sisters, together with other religious orders and lay teachers of the time, had a profound influence on the forming of Catholic education. She also opened orphanages, places to care for the homeless and destitute, and refuges for ex-prisoners and ex-prostitutes who wished to make a fresh start in life.

Mary repeatedly met with opposition from people outside the Church and even from some of those within it. In the most difficult of times she consistently refused to attack those who wrongly accused her and undermined her work, but continued in the way she believed God was calling her and was always ready to forgive those who wronged her.

Throughout her life Mary suffered ill health. She died on 08 August 1909 in the convent in North Sydney where her tomb is now enshrined. Since then the Congregation has grown and now numbers about 900, working mainly in Australia and New Zealand but also scattered singly or in small groups around the world. The "Brown Joeys" may be seen in big city schools, on dusty bush tracks, in modern hospitals, in caravans, working with the "little ones" of God - the homeless, the new migrant, the Aboriginal, the lonely and the unwanted, in direct care and in advocacy.

This great Australian woman inspired great dedication to God's work in the then new colonies. In today's world, she stands as an example of great courage and trust in her living out of God's loving and compassionate care of those in need.



DID YOU KNOW...?

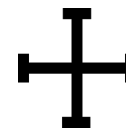
...that St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is Australia's first canonised saint?

Mary MacKillop was beatified (declared blessed) by Pope John Paul II in January 1995 during a ceremony in Sydney, and was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI on 17 October 2010 at St Peter's, Rome. Despite this, the process to have her declared a saint began in the 1920s. Her shrine is to be found in Mount Street, North Sydney. Though the first Australian to be declared a saint, causes for other Australians before the Pope include Sr Mary Glowrey, an Australian doctor who worked in India in the early 20th century.

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Oh, Father, I cannot tell you what a beautiful thing the will of God seems to me... I feel a joy when things go well, for I see His will in this, and an equal joy when they seem to go wrong or against our natural desire, for there again I see His will..."

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
(1842–1909)
From a letter to Monsignor Kirby, 1874



PLEASE PRAY FOR...those who have recently died in our parish and their grieving families, including Sally THOMPSON, Marisa SOLAN and Eileen ALLISON. Please pray too for Hugo SCOTT, baptised here earlier today, and his family. Please pray for Mrs Turnbull, teacher at St Patrick's, and her husband, who last week welcomed the arrival of their new-born daughter, Phoebe, a sister for Imogen.