

The week ahead...

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| Saturday 08 October Saturday of Ordinary Time 27 | 5:00pm | Mass: Lily Robson & Tony Caiger and <i>pro populo</i> |
| Sunday 09 October 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | | |
| Monday 10 October <i>St Paulinus of York, Bishop</i> | | |
| Tuesday 11 October Tuesday of Ordinary Time 28 | 6:30pm | Mass: Sally Thompson |
| Wednesday 12 October <i>St Wilfrid, Bishop</i> | 9:30am | Mass: A sick person ("P") |
| Thursday 13 October Thursday of Ordinary Time 28 | 9:30am | Mass: Fr Brian McNamara |
| Friday 14 October Friday of Ordinary Time 28 | 7:00am | Mass: Private Intention |
| Saturday 15 October <i>St Teresa of Avila, Virgin, Doctor</i> | 5:00pm | Mass: Teresa and Walter Drane and <i>pro populo</i> |



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

09 October, 2016

"Were not all ten made clean?"

THIS WEEKEND we find Jesus travelling 'along the border between Samaria and Galilee.' It is here that he encounters ten lepers. It doesn't surprise us to witness Jesus curing the lepers after they acknowledge him as someone of significance ("Master!") and appeal for help ("Take pity on us.") What else would we expect Jesus to do? Jesus orders them to show themselves to the priests and only when they begin to obey this command do they find themselves cured. Jesus speaks in what sounds like harsh tones ("Go and show yourselves to the priests") but nonetheless the result is healing and a new lease on life for the ten lepers. As was always the case with someone cured of a serious illness in the time of Jesus the lepers now have to be declared clean by the religious authorities. Only then can they be reintegrated into society.

So off go the ten lepers to be declared clean and once again find life after years of miserable existence and social isolation. Then something unexpected happens: a lone leper returns and throws himself at the feet of Jesus, thanking him for his healing. At this point we hear the words which convey the true meaning of this incident, five words which would have shocked Jewish listeners to this gospel passage in the early days: "The man was a Samaritan."

Jesus doesn't hesitate to emphasize this point quite heavily. He asks a couple of clearly rhetorical questions ("Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they?") and continues by highlighting the Samaritan's alien status ("It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.") Jesus concludes by uttering yet another five-word sentence which would have impacted Jewish readers in much the same way as the previous one: "Your faith has saved you." The idea that a Samaritan could experience salvation was anathema to the prevailing understanding that only the Jews, God's chosen people, were entitled to this.

And so here is a message for us to take with us throughout the week. In the gospel it is the Samaritan outsider, the one who, by virtue of merely being a Samaritan, experienced prejudice even if he didn't have leprosy, who recognises most readily the work of God in his life and responds with gratitude. How ready are we to acknowledge that God can work through others that are considered outsiders? Or are we all too willing to have others pander to our prejudices that deny the possibility that such people may be vehicles of God's grace for us? For example, people such as those of different, or perhaps, no religion, people who regularly experience prejudice because of their sexuality, disability, political viewpoints, an illness, race, and so on. Jesus makes it clear that God's grace is universal for those open to receiving it. May we never be so certain of our own salvation that we risk losing it because of the uncharitable and unjust manner we treat others who we mistakenly believe have little or no possibility of sharing in God's grace.



Blessings and prayers in the week ahead,

Fr Robert

Ministries for this week Saturday 08 October

Eucharistic Ministers:
Angela & Gordon Tosley
Angela Harmston

Readers:
Judith Bulmer
Marie Pailey

Children's Liturgy:
Maria Griffiths
Carol Bainbridge

Welcomers:
Mary Kitching
Pat Middleton

Ministries for next week Saturday 15 October

Eucharistic Ministers:
Andrew Aberdeen
Malcolm & Teresa Wass

Readers:
Angela Tosley
Ann Canavan

Children's Liturgy:
Maria Griffiths
Carol Bainbridge

Welcomers:
Janet Harrigan
Pat Middleton

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £285 Loose Plate: £227

Total: £512

Mass Attendance: 161

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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.

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

Michael Foody, Pat Curran, 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, Obwyn Morris and Tom Tracey.

A note on appeals: As mentioned at Mass last weekend, our next special appeal takes place this today for CAFOD, as part of **Family Fast Day** on Friday. Envelopes are still available. Donations will assist CAFOD in its important work to assist the needy in underdeveloped parts of the world.

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...?

Forward Together in Hope (FTiH): The Parish Council discussed FTiH at our recent meeting. It was agreed that the best way to move forward with this is to have a meeting, open to everyone, here in the presbytery on **Wednesday, 19 October** at **7:00pm**. This is the day before the larger deanery meeting takes place at St Robert of Newminster Church, Washington, on **Thursday, 20 October** from **7:00pm - 9:00pm**. Please let Fr Robert know if you will be attending either of these meetings so that I can register you, especially for the Washington meeting. More details to come.

Advent and Christmas Liturgy Meeting: It won't be too long before these seasons are upon us. There will be a meeting this **Tuesday, 11 October** at **7:00pm** (after Mass) in the presbytery for all those who might be interested in any ideas they might have for the liturgies over the Advent and Christmas period.

Pope Francis' Mission Statement for October: That by participating in the sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become ever more aware of their mission to evangelise. "How greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference."

Churches Together in DH7: Monthly Bible meeting examining the Sunday readings. This month's meeting is on Monday 10 October, 3:30pm – 4:45pm. The venue is St Andrew's Church, Carr Avenue, Brandon.

St Patrick's Social Committee - Social Night: There will be a social night at The Royal British Legion, Meadowfield on **Friday, 14 October, at 7:30pm**. The entertainment will be provided by Marty Scott, there will be a raffle and bingo during the evening. All money raised will be used to fund the Christmas Party for senior citizens in the local community. Tickets priced £2.50 will be on sale tonight and raffle tickets are also on sale. Any donations towards raffle prizes will be most gratefully received.

Churches Together in DH7 Craft Fair, Monday 24 October: 10:00am – 4:00pm: St Andrews Church are hosting the fair for all of the churches in our area. Each church has a stall available for them to display their crafts. If any parishioner would like to donate a craft item please sign the list on the 'Churches Together Section' displayed on the notice board in the Church Porch or see Stella Foody in the narthex after Mass tonight or after Mass on a weekday morning. 'Crafters' will receive more details next week. Many thanks!

Meadowfield and Langley Moor Over 60's outing to York: There are some vacancies for the outing on **Tuesday, 11 October**. The cost of the outing is £8.00. Please contact Shirley Aberdeen on 378 1000 for further information.

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.

Torchlight Procession in the month of the Holy Rosary: Friday, 21 October, 7:00pm at St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor), Westmorland Road, Newcastle, NE4 7QA. All welcome. Call on (0191) 273 1279 if you intend to bring a group.

SCHOOL NEWS

Harvest Fast Day – 7th October

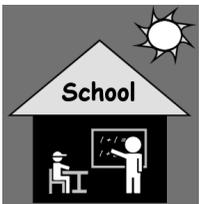
On Friday we raised funds for CAFOD to help the poorest in our world. The morning started with an assembly highlighting the right of every child to nutritious food and our responsibility to help build a brighter future for those in need. The children learnt about current food projects in Bolivia and inspired by the bright colours of the country, wore non-uniform for the day.

MacMillan Coffee

Thank you to those who supported our recent MacMillan Coffee Afternoon. The sale of cakes raised £216.00 for the charity.

Harvest Assembly – Friday 21st October

Please come along to our Harvest Assembly at 9:15am on Friday 21st October. Classes 2 and 3 will present 'The Enormous Turnip' and there will be Harvest Songs and a raffle. Everyone is welcome.



True or False? Jesus Cures the Ten Lepers

How well do you know the story of Jesus and the Lepers?

1. When Jesus was walking to Jerusalem, he met ten lepers. True or false?
2. The lepers came right up to Jesus and touched Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't touch them; all He said was, "Go show yourselves to the priests." True or false?
4. Half of the lepers were healed and half weren't. True or false?
5. All of them came back to thank Jesus. True or false?
6. Only one man came back to thank Jesus, and he was a foreigner. True or false?
7. Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you." True or false?



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Edward the Confessor - 13 October

Edward the Confessor was the son of King Ethelred III and his Norman wife, Emma, daughter of Duke Richard I of Normandy. He was born at Islip, England, and sent to Normandy with his mother in the year 1013 when the Danes under Sweyn and his son Canute invaded England. Canute remained in England and the year after Ethelred's death in 1016, married Emma, who had returned to England, and became King of England. Edward remained in Normandy, was brought up a Norman, and in 1042, on the death of his half-brother, Hardicanute, son of Canute and Emma, and largely through the support of the powerful Earl Godwin, he was acclaimed king of England. In 1044, he married Godwin's daughter Edith.

His reign was a peaceful one characterised by his good rule and remission of odious taxes, but also by the struggle, partly caused by his natural inclination to favour the Normans, between Godwin and his Saxon supporters and the Norman barons, including Robert of Jumieges, whom Edward had brought with him when he returned to England and whom he named Archbishop of Canterbury in 1051. In the same year, Edward banished Godwin, who took refuge in Flanders but returned the following year with a fleet ready to lead a rebellion. Armed revolt was avoided when the two men met and settled their differences; among them was the Archbishop of Canterbury, which was resolved when Edward replaced Robert with Stigand, and Robert returned to Normandy.

Edward's difficulties continued after Godwin's death in 1053 with Godwin's two sons: Harold who had his eye on the throne since Edward was childless, and Tostig, Earl of Northumbria. Tostig was driven from Northumbria by a revolt in 1065 and banished to Europe by Edward, who named Harold his successor. After this Edward became more interested in religious affairs and built St Peter's Abbey at Westminster, the site of the present Abbey, where he is buried. His piety gained him the surname "the Confessor".

He died in London on 05 January, and he was canonised in 1161 by Pope Alexander III.



DID YOU KNOW...?

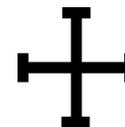
...that our common posture at the various points of the Mass is of importance?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (n. 42) states that 'A common bodily posture, to be observed by all those taking part, is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the Sacred Liturgy, for it expresses the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants and also fosters them.'

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

'Do not anticipate the problems of this life with apprehension, but rather with a perfect hope that God to whom you belong, will free you from them accordingly. He has defended you up to now. Simply hold on tightly to the hand of his divine providence and he will help you in all events.'

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
(1887-1968)



PRAY FOR... the work of CAFOD and other relief agencies who seek to assist those in need in less developed nations. By providing not only direct material relief but also educational assistance, such agencies help those in need to become self-sufficient. We see in such agencies Gospel love in action!