

The week ahead...

Saturday 18 June Saturday of Ordinary Time 11	5:00pm	Mass: Kathleen & Ian Defty and pro populo
Sunday 19 June 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Monday 20 June Monday of Ordinary Time 12		
Tuesday 21 June <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</i>		
Wednesday 22 June <i>Sts John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs</i>	9:30am	Mass: Harry Coad
Thursday 23 June Thursday of Ordinary Time 12	9:30am	Mass: Walter Staff
Friday 24 June <i>Birthday of John the Baptist</i>	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 25 June Saturday of Ordinary Time 12	5:00pm	Mass: Anne Keenan and pro populo



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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 June, 2016

Day For Life

THIS WEEKEND the Church celebrates the annual **Day For Life**, dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life should be protected and nurtured from conception to natural death. Reprinted below is a reflection from the website for the Day For Life (www.dayforlife.org). As mentioned last weekend, a collection will be taken up at Mass to assist the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church. Please be as generous as you can.

Paula has profound intellectual and multiple disabilities and she spends much of her time rocking gently, smiling and looking around her. She cannot talk but she clearly loves to sit outside in her wheelchair, in spontaneous appreciation, listening to the birds, feeling the warmth of the sun and the cool of the wind, taking in the scent of the flowers. Just watching the world go by. Above all, she loves people to come and sit with her. As Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche says, people like Paula live by the heart.

Paula reminds us all, especially very busy people, to stop and see that God has given us so many gifts, and often the most wondrous gifts are the simple ones that we take for granted. It is also easy to overlook or ignore or indeed think less of people who rely on the heart, who do not seem to be 'like us' because of disability, age, vulnerability or frailty.

In Luke's Gospel, the disciples come to a crucial turning point as Jesus asks them, "who do you say I am?". Peter's reply, you are "the Christ" is inspired and spontaneous. It is from the heart. People like Paula ask simply by their presence, "who do you say I am?". The response is also inspired: each human being, whatever his or her capacities, is wonderfully made in the image of God and as St Paul tells the Galatians, all the baptised are one in Christ. There is no 'us' and 'them'.

In his encyclical on ecology, Laudato 'si, Pope Francis points out that we are deeply connected to the world around us. However, he adds that "a sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings." The Pope says that "we have only one heart" because ecology is also human ecology. An attitude of the heart allows us to see the world around us with wonder and as grace filled, so that all creation is alive to the glory of God. And the heart reminds us that every human being is a Christ for the other.

Written by Pia Matthews (taken from www.dayforlife.org)

A prayer to deepen our wonder at the gift of life from *Laudato si'*:

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
Amen

Blessings and prayers in the week ahead,

Fr Robert



Ministries for this week Saturday 18 June

Eucharistic Ministers:
Judith Bulmer, Pauline &
Ambrose Burnside

Readers:
Maria Griffiths
Angela Harmston

Children's Liturgy:
Carol Bainbridge
Michelle Dennis

Welcomers:
Halina Holman
Pat Middleton

Ministries for next week Saturday 25 June

Eucharistic Ministers:
Gordon & Angela Tosley
Angela Harmston

Readers:
Marie Pailey
Judith Bulmer

Children's Liturgy:
Jane Smith
Helen Musham

Welcomers:
Angela Harmston
Christine Tracey

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £246 Loose Plate: £183

Total: £429

Mass Attendance: 158

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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....

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, Ohwyn Morris, Sally Thompson and Tom Tracey.

Thank you... for your generosity in supporting Catholic Mission and Sr Daphne Norden's visit. We raised £405.05 for the missions. This weekend the Church is asking for your support for **Day for Life**, information for which was distributed last weekend.

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...?

Welcome back, Fr Brian! As I will be away this weekend, Fr Brian has kindly agreed to return to celebrate the 5:00pm Mass. I know you will make him welcome!

Day for Life: This weekend we will take up a second collection, which is mandatory for parishes to support. The **Day For Life**, 'focuses on the wonder of the gift of human life and the gift of our common home which is God's creation.' Visit the website www.dayforlife.org for more information. You will have received an information card as a bulletin insert last weekend.

Finance Report: The latest finance report for the parish, kindly prepare by Harry Curran, is available for viewing on the noticeboard near the entrance to the church. If you would like a copy, please email the parish or see Harry or Fr Robert.

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 this Saturday.

Check the Noticeboards! Have you checked the noticeboards recently to see what's happening around the diocese which may be of interest to you? There are upcoming opportunities for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (02 July), for those interested in contemplative prayer (several dates in June and July) and for liturgical lay leaders (27 June).

'Lord, teach me to pray': These sessions will be held at St Andrew's Parish Rooms, 9 Worswick Street, Newcastle, NE1 6UW and are for people wishing to explore and experience contemplative and creative ways to pray. The sessions will be from 10:00am – 11:30am on Tuesdays, 21 June, 05 July and 19 July. Booking and further information from the diocesan Department for Spirituality at spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk or phone (0191) 243 3302.

Fun Day at St Leonard's school: Everyone invited to a 'Fun Day' next Saturday, 25 June, 10:00am-2:00pm. 50p entry.

St Leonard's School: Part-time teacher of French/German wanted. Please see school website for details.

St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle: Will be closed from Tuesday 21 June – Friday 24 June inclusive. This is to enable essential maintenance work to take place which, for reasons of public safety, cannot be undertaken whilst the Cathedral is open.

The Young Carers Association: Would like volunteers to help to knit "dolls". If anyone can help, (the dolls are not too big) please see Carol Bainbridge or Judith Bulmer.

For our younger parishioners....

SCHOOL NEWS

Liturgy

Father Robert led our younger pupils in a liturgy around the theme of 'Forgiveness' in school on Tuesday morning. A number of our families came along to celebrate with us.

Educational Visits/Sporting Events

Years 3 and 4 (Juniors) learnt more about their topic on Anglo Saxons during a visit to Palace Green Library (Durham University) this week. They dressed in some very authentic looking costumes for the occasion.

This same class also took part in a morning of golf, led by the School Sports Partnership on Friday morning.

A group of boys in Years 5 and 6 took part in a cricket match at Brandon. They performed well and came fourth in the group of sixteen.

New Intake

Fourteen children are set to join us in Reception this September. They are making a number of short visits to the Reception Class over these few weeks to help prepare them. Our Year 6 pupils transferring to secondary school are making visits to their new school this half term too.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Alban - 20 June

St Alban was the first martyr of England, his own country. During a persecution of Christians, Alban, though a pagan, hid a priest in his house. The priest made such a great impression on him that Alban received instructions and became a Christian himself.

In the meantime, the governor had been told that the priest was hiding in Alban's house, and he sent his soldiers to capture him. But Alban changed clothes with his guest, and gave himself up in his stead. The judge was furious when he found out that the priest had escaped and he said to Alban, "You shall get the punishment he was to get unless you worship the gods." The Saint answered that he would never worship those false gods again. "To what family do you belong?" demanded the judge.

"That does not concern you," said Alban. "If you want to know my religion, I am a Christian." Angrily the judge commanded him again to sacrifice to the gods at once. "Your sacrifices are offered to devils," answered the Saint. "They cannot help you or answer your requests. The reward for such sacrifices is the everlasting punishment of Hell."

Since he was getting nowhere, the judge had Alban whipped. Then he commanded him to be beheaded. On the way to the place of execution, the soldier who was to kill the Saint was converted himself, and he too, became a martyr.

The date of St Alban's death is unknown but it was probably sometime in the third or fourth century. He was beheaded in the Roman city of Verulamium, modern-day St Albans, north of London in Hertfordshire.



Taken from www.catholic.org

DID YOU KNOW...?

...that every Friday is a traditional day of penance?

Every Friday should be marked by:

Prayer: by participating in the Eucharist, family prayer, visiting a church, reading scripture, praying the rosary or the Way of the Cross;

Self-denial: abstaining from meat, sweets or dessert, giving up entertainment to spend time with family, limiting food and drink in support of the poor;

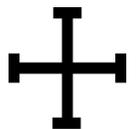
Helping others: giving special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God. Without God people only succeed in bringing out the worst in one another. Lovers who have nothing else to do but love each other soon find there is nothing else. Without a central loyalty life is unfinished."

**Venerable Fulton J Sheen
(1895–1979)**

*Seven Words of Jesus and
Mary: Lessons from Cana and
Calvary (1945)*



THERE IS A really serious shortage of food for people in need. The Food Banks have provided food for 7,000 people and this number is about to rise to 25,000 this year. Please help with any tinned or dry foods - a tin per family would be great! There is a printed list of suitable foods at the back of church. For more information please contact Pat Middleton or Halina Holman or visit www.foodbank.org.uk to find out about the work of the foodbank.