

The week ahead...

Saturday 22 October Saturday of Ordinary Time 29	5:00pm	Mass: James and Mary Reynolds and <i>pro populo</i>
Sunday 23 October 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Monday 24 October Monday of Ordinary Time 30		
Tuesday 25 October Tuesday of Ordinary Time 30	6:30pm	Mass: Bryan Cheesey
Wednesday 26 October <i>Ss Chad & Cedd, Bishops, Missionaries</i>	9:30am	Mass: Eileen Allison
Thursday 27 October Thursday of Ordinary Time 30	9:30am	Mass: Jack Wilkinson
Friday 28 October <i>Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles</i>	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 29 October Saturday of Ordinary Time 30	5:00pm	Mass: Sally Thompson and <i>pro populo</i>



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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 October, 2016

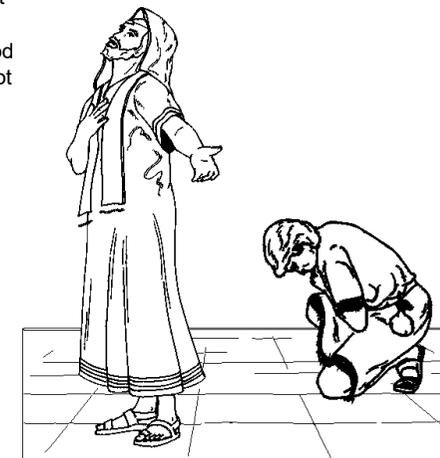
“God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”

ONCE AGAIN we have before us a parable that is unique to Luke's Gospel, the parable traditionally known as that of “The Pharisee and the Publican” or “The Pharisee and the Tax Collector”, the latter probably being a little more meaningful to modern British ears in light of our understanding of the word “publican”!

Tax collectors get repeated mentions in the Gospels and Jesus seems to have a lot to do with them. Indeed, one of his apostles, Matthew (Levi) was a tax collector. Tax collectors are never popular, of course, but even less so in the time of Jesus when Jewish tax collectors were working as agents for the Roman occupiers and raking in significant commissions. (Incidentally, next weekend we hear Luke's story of Zacchaeus, also a tax collector, who climbed a tree to get a glimpse of Jesus and was transformed once he encountered Jesus personally.) Not only were tax collectors unpopular because they collected money from the people on behalf of the Roman occupiers but they were also regarded as traitors. If any group needed God's mercy and love in the time of Jesus, it was tax collectors!

And we see this mercy and love lavished upon the tax collector in this parable. His attitude is juxtaposed with that of the righteous Pharisee who repeatedly mentions his goodness to God, mentioning himself six times in the space of about forty words. The tax collector on the other hand acknowledges in just seven words, (which form the title of this column), his lack of goodness and his need and desire for God's mercy. The Pharisee is no hypocrite: he belonged to a group whose name means “separated ones” who existed to be examples of Godly living for others. No doubt he was telling the truth in his claims of righteous living (‘I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get’) but because of his selfish attitude he leaves the temple not at rights with God – he basically says that he has no need of God. The Pharisee too, puts down the tax collector and others in his words to God, essentially using his time of prayer to do anything but pray: he uses this time for self-aggrandisement. The tax collector, on the other hand, is justified before God because he acknowledges his need for God. God, not he himself, is the centre of his life and this is made clear by his conviction that he is a sinner and that he needs God's mercy. Contrary to the Pharisee, his uses his prayer time in humility before his Creator.

Let us have the attitude of the tax collector and not that of the righteous Pharisee by each day acknowledging our need for God and, as we reach the end of the Jubilee of Mercy, our need for God's mercy.



Blessings and prayers in the week ahead,

Fr Robert

Ministries for this week Saturday 22 October

Eucharistic Ministers
Irene & John Carey
Judith Bulmer

Readers
Claire Lavery
Margaret Purdom

Children's Liturgy
Anne Davies
Angela Harmston

Welcomers
Halina Holman
Pat Middleton

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Eucharistic Ministers
Helen Musham, Jane Smith
Wilf Lavery

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LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £267 Loose Plate: £237

Total: £504

Mass Attendance: 192

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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, Dorothy Dowdle, Jean O'Donoghue, Margaret Pouton, Betty Allison, Michael Kane, Pat Harrison, Olwyn Morris and Tom Tracey.

A note on appeals: Our next special appeal takes place this weekend for **Catholic Mission**. Check out material on the website at missio.org.uk to find out more. Missio are hoping to raise an average of £250 for each parish across the country. Let us see if we can at least meet this target!

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...?

All Souls' Day: Wednesday 02 November. Please that there will be **two Masses** celebrated on this important day: one at the usual 9:30am and another at 7:00pm. Please encourage friends and family to come along to a Mass especially if there has been a loss in the family sometime over the past year or so. All are welcome.

Forward Together in Hope (FTIH): A few parishioners attended the meeting held at St Robert of Newminster, Washington, on Thursday evening, which gave us an idea of where the FTIH process is across the diocese and the work that now needs to happen over the next few weeks. A team of parishioners here at St Patrick's will be meeting this **Wednesday, 26 October, 7:00pm**, in the presbytery to think about what parishes we might partner with to share resources and so on. Please consider coming along to the meeting to share any ideas you might have! The parish needs to submit some important paperwork by 27 November which will help Bishop Séamus and his team finalise parish partnerships that will come into effect across the diocese early in 2017.

Help Needed: I am needing someone to volunteer to type up our Book of Remembrance again as it is out of date. This is the book placed to the left of the sanctuary in our church. It would be nice to have this done before 02 November, All Souls' Day. Please see Fr Robert if you would be able to undertake this project during the week. Thank you!

Churches Together in DH7 Craft Fair, Monday 24 October: 10:00am – 4:00pm: St Andrews Methodist Church, Brandon, are hosting the fair for all of the churches in our area. Each church has a stall available for them to display their crafts. St Patrick's have one of the tables in the craft fair and the proceeds we take from the items our parishioners have so beautifully made will go to the Catholic Care Home. PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT all of the Churches Together in this local event. ENTRY IS FREE and there are refreshments available. All welcome!

Churches Together in DH7: Prayer group meets in St Patrick's Presbytery on the third Tuesday of each month from 9:30am to 10:15am. Next meeting is 15 November. All welcome!

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.

Day of Formation for Laity: "Transformative Encounters with Jesus: Becoming a Missionary in a Year of Mercy". Led by Rev Eamonn Mulcahy. Saturday, 29 October at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead. From 10:30am—4:00pm. Need to book. See flyer on noticeboard for more details.

Vacancy: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a full-time Safeguarding Co-ordinator. For further information and an application pack please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk. The closing date for applications is 11 November.

Celebrate North East: Catholic Charismatic Weekend Conference, 5-6 November 2016. Being held at St Joseph's Academy NE31 2ET. See flyer on noticeboard for more details or go to www.celebrateconference.org.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Harvest Assembly

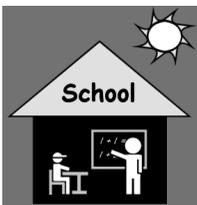
Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest celebration on Friday in support of CAFOD. The child sang well and entertained everyone with a performance of 'The Enormous Turnip'.

Mission Together

Following an assembly earlier in the week, tonight our children will bring forward gifts for Mission Together, the Pope's official children's charity for overseas mission.

End of Term

School closes on Friday 21st October and re-opens on Monday 31st October.



Be humble.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story about two men praying in the temple. One of them, a Pharisee, always looked like he loved God, but on the inside he really only loved himself. The other man was a tax collector. The people in those days hated tax collectors because they took too much money and worked for their enemies.

When the Pharisee was praying he was really just telling God how much better he was than other people. Do you think that God was pleased with his prayer?



The tax collector, on the other hand, was standing far off and prayed to God with his head bowed down, asking God to have mercy on him. He knew that he was a sinner and that he needed God's help. Do you think that God was pleased with the tax collector's prayer?



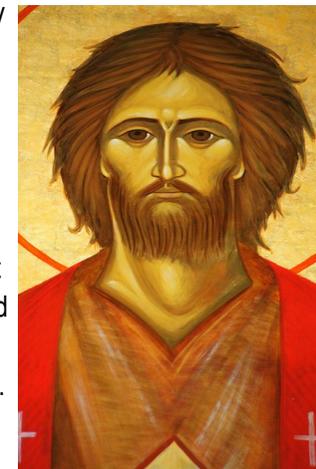
When we pray, we have to remember that we need God's mercy. We couldn't do anything without God, and we offend Him every time we sin. We should always be humble and remember that we need God.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Saints Chad and Cedd - 26 October

Chad was educated at Lindisfarne under Aidan. He was one of four brothers, including Cedd, who were all active in the Anglo-Saxon church. The other two brothers were named Cynibil and Caelin. It is likely that the family had links with the nobility of Northumbria. Chad travelled to Ireland before being ordained as a priest. He became abbot of Lastingham and was chosen to be bishop of Northumbria, but St Wilfrid contested his appointment, and Chad obediently withdrew. He was then sent as bishop to Mercia, where he founded the see of Lichfield. His ministry there was very short (he died at Lichfield on 02 March 672), but he was immediately revered as a saint because of the holiness of his life, his outstanding humility, and his dedication to the preaching of the Gospel.

Like his brother Chad, Cedd was educated at Lindisfarne under Aidan. He founded many monasteries and was sent as a bishop to evangelize the East Saxons. He established his see at Bradwell in Essex. He died at his monastery at Lastingham in Yorkshire on 26 October 664, of the plague.



Information taken from [Universalis](#) and [Wikipedia](#)

DID YOU KNOW...?

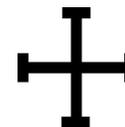
...that Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission since 1922, works in 157 countries?

According to Missio, "*We bring the hope of the Gospel where there is turmoil, poverty and uncertainty in the world, and where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio empowers local people to form and sustain communities of faith and we train and nurture future leaders so that the vital work of the Church in the world can take place.*"

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

'Faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love, a love which precedes us and upon which we can lean for security and for building our lives. Transformed by this love, we gain fresh vision, new eyes to see; we realize that it contains a great promise of fulfilment, and that a vision of the future opens up before us. Faith, received from God as a supernatural gift, becomes a light for our way, guiding our journey through time.'

Pope Francis
Lumen Fidei (2013), n.4



PRAY FOR... the work of Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, on World Mission Sunday this weekend. "*Missio exists because 40% of the worldwide Catholic Church is too poor to support itself. Missio trains priests, builds churches, combats disease, poverty and exploitation in 157 countries.*"