

## The week ahead...

<b>Saturday 23 April</b>	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Michael, Catherine and John Evans and pro populo</b>
<b>Sunday 24 April</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>		
<b>Monday 25 April</b> <i>St Mark, Evangelist</i>		
<b>Tuesday 26 April</b> Weekday of Eastertide		
<b>Wednesday 27 April</b> Weekday of Eastertide	9:30am	Mass: <b>Walter Staff</b>
<b>Thursday 28 April</b> Weekday of Eastertide	9:30am	Mass: <b>Jimmy Foxcroft</b>
<b>Friday 29 April</b> <i>St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor</i>	7:00am	Mass: <b>Margaret and Peter Rochford</b>
<b>Saturday 30 April</b> Weekday of Eastertide	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Alice Egglestone RIP and pro populo</b>



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### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### 24 April, 2016

#### *Amoris Laetitia* - The Joy of Love

ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY, Pope Francis released his long-awaited and highly anticipated exhortation titled "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love") which came about as the result of the two synods held over the past couple of years (hence the document is not an encyclical but what is known as a "post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation"). It is a long document (about 60,000 words!) but if you wish to read *Amoris Laetitia* it can be downloaded free of charge from the Vatican website ([w2.vatican.va](http://w2.vatican.va)).

Here are a few quotes from the document which will give you a taste of what it contains. These were taken from The Jesuit Post website ([www.thejesuitpost.org](http://www.thejesuitpost.org)).

"I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfil their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way. The Synod's reflections show us that there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems." [57]

"The life of every family is marked by all kinds of crises, yet these are also part of its dramatic beauty. Couples should be helped to realize that surmounting a crisis need not weaken their relationship; instead, it can improve, settle and mature the wine of their union." [232]

"Few human joys are as deep and thrilling as those experienced by two people who love one another and have achieved something as the result of a great, shared effort." [130]

"I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a Mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, 'always does what good she can, even if in the process, her shoes get soiled by the mud of the street'." [308]

"I think, for example, of the speed with which people move from one affective relationship to another. They believe, along the lines of social networks, that love can be connected or disconnected at a whim of the consumer, and the relationship quickly 'blocked'... We treat affective relationships the way we treat material objects and the environment: everything is disposable; everyone uses and throws away, takes and breaks, exploits and squeezes to the last drop. Then, goodbye." [39]

"Here let me say a word to fiancés. Have the courage to be different. Don't let yourselves get swallowed up by a society of consumption and empty appearances. What is important is the love you share, strengthened and sanctified by grace. You are capable of opting for a more modest and simple celebration in which love takes precedence over everything else." [212]

"Just as a good wine begins to 'breathe' with time, so too the daily experience of fidelity gives married life richness and 'body'." [231]

*Blessings and prayers throughout the Easter season,*

*Fr Robert*



#### Ministries for this week Saturday 23 April

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Malcolm & Teresa Wass  
and Andrew Aberdeen

**Readers:**  
Angela Harmston and  
Greg Mearman

**Children's Liturgy:**  
Maria Griffiths and  
Michelle Dennis

**Welcomers:**  
Angela Harmston and  
Christine Tracey

#### Ministries for next week Saturday 30 April

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Pat Harrison, John &  
Irene Carey

**Readers:**  
St Patrick's School and  
Greg Mearman

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

**Welcomers:**  
Sally Thompson and  
Janet Harrigan

#### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

**Gift Aid: £225 Loose Plate: £182**

**Total: £407**

**Mass Attendance: 141**

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Items for the newsletter? Please contact Judith Bulmer on 0191 378 3544 or 07980 481 858 or send an email her at [judithbulmer@rocketmail.com](mailto:judithbulmer@rocketmail.com).

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

*Tom Taylorson, Sylvia Kelly, Marie Carey, Mary Spears, Rose Crick, Maureen McCrann, Teresa Parkin, Doreen Carroll, Marie Wilson, Jack Wilkinson, Dorothy Dowdle, Jean O'Donoghue, Sheila Collinson, Margaret Pouton, Betty Allison and Michael Kaine.*



*Love one another as I have loved you.*

**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

## What's going on...?

**Churches Together DH7:** Some upcoming events:

- ◆ **Pentecost Praise**, Sunday 15 May, 6:00pm at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Esh Winning.
- ◆ **Family Fun Day**, 04 June. Organised by the Vineyard Church. Volunteers needed. Call Tina on 07952 340 991.
- ◆ **Quiet Day**, Saturday 30 July at Minsteracres.

Further information on all these events from Ann Canavan, Stella Foody or Teresa Wass.

**Farewell:** This weekend we farewell two parishioners who contribute much to our worship here at St Patrick's: Katie, who is in the choir, and son Cameron, who faithfully assists at the altar each Saturday evening. Thank you both for your service to our parish community. We wish you an abundance of God's blessings in the future and will continue to hold you in our prayers.

**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. More details on this process to come. Please consider coming along to this meeting - all parishioners welcome!

**St Patrick's website:** If anyone has any information or material that could be included on the parish website please see Carol Bainbridge or email Judith Bulmer. Photographs of previous events would be perfect, for example, the flower festival and centenary celebrations, old historical photographs. Actual photographs will be returned very quickly to their owners.

**First Communion Cards:** New stock now available for sale in the baptistery area.

**May Procession:** Sunday 22 May at 3:00pm. Refreshments served afterwards in St Patrick's school hall.

**Mass for the Sick:** Mass with anointing of the sick scheduled for Saturday 11 June at 11:00am. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Church House. Anyone who can help with lifts for parishioners please see Judith Bulmer.

**Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion:** Two brief Saturday afternoon formation sessions have been scheduled for Readers (14 May) and Communion Ministers (21 May), starting with afternoon tea at 3:00pm and then a one-hour session following through to 4:30pm. New procedures as well as refreshing old skills will be covered. Please sign up at back of church!

## For our younger parishioners....

### Prayer Novena for the re-evangelisation of our nation

In response to the call of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop Sentamu of York, there will be a prayer Novena called Thy Kingdom Come from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost (08 - 15 May) for the re-evangelisation of Britain. We have been invited to take part. There are to be 6 Beacon Cathedrals in England as focal points for prayer. Durham Cathedral is one of these and the final prayer liturgy will be there on Pentecost Sunday 15 May at 7:00pm.

This is a free event, but for planning purposes tickets do need to be booked through the website: <http://thykingdom.co.uk/>.

From 08 to 15 May there will be prayer spaces set apart in the Cathedral for this intention. You might be able to visit during that week or pray in your own church communities. During the Novena a prayer event will be held each day in the Galilee Chapel focusing on the Northern Saints.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Lourdes 2016:** Our pupils would like to thank Lillie for the talk she gave in school about her pilgrimage to Lourdes. Sincere thanks to Mary Rome and all the helpers in the HCPT group for taking Lillie on the trip and for the prayer beads and prayer cards they brought back for our children.

**SATS 2016:** Please keep our Year Six pupils in your prayers as they approach their end of Key Stage 2, externally marked tests. They sit these papers in the week commencing 10 May.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St Peter Chanel - 28 April

The protomartyr of the South Seas, St Peter Chanel was born in 1803 at Clet in the diocese of Belley, France. His intelligence and simple piety brought him to the attention of the local priest, Father Tromprier, who saw to his elementary education. Entering the diocesan seminary, Peter won the affection and the esteem of both students and professors. After his ordination he found himself in a rundown country parish and completely revitalised it in the three year span that he remained there. However, his mind was set on missionary work; so, in 1831, he joined the newly formed Society of Mary (Marists) which concentrated on missionary work at home and abroad. To his dismay, he was appointed to teach at the seminary at Belley and remained there for the next five years, diligently performing his duties.

In 1836, the Society was given the New Hebrides in the Pacific as a field for evangelization, and the jubilant St Peter was appointed Superior of a little band of missionaries sent to proclaim the faith to its inhabitants. On reaching their destination after an arduous ten month journey, the band split up and St Peter went to the Island of Futuna accompanied by a lay brother and an English layman, Thomas Boog. They were at first well received by the pagans and their king Niuliki who had only recently forbidden cannibalism. However, the king's jealousy and fear were aroused when the missionaries learned the language and gained the people's confidence; he realised the adoption of the Christian faith would lead to the abolition of some of the prerogatives he enjoyed as both high priest and sovereign.

Finally, when his own son expressed a desire to be baptised, the king's hatred erupted and he dispatched a group of his warriors to set upon the saintly head of the missionaries. Thus, on 28 April, 1841, three years after his arrival, St Peter was seized and clubbed to death by those he had come to save. His death brought his work to completion - within five months the entire island was converted to Christianity.

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



## DID YOU KNOW...?

...that silence is a crucial part of the Eucharistic celebration?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM 45) marks certain times that silence ought to be observed to ensure the celebration is as meaningful as it can be. These times are:

- ◆ at the act of penitence and again at the invitation to pray;
- ◆ at the conclusion of a reading and the homily;
- ◆ after communion.

Even before Mass begins, silence is encouraged throughout the church for a short period so that everyone can dispose themselves appropriately for what is about to occur.

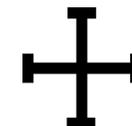
## “QUOTE OF THE WEEK”

“Young love needs to keep dancing towards the future with immense hope.”

“Love needs time and space; everything else is secondary.”

**Pope Francis (b. 1936)**

*Amoris Laetitia*



**Please pray for....Craig MUSHAM and Helen CAMPBELL who are to be married here at St Patrick's next Saturday, 30 April at 12:00. All welcome to join them here at the church on this wonderful occasion of life and love!**