

## The week ahead...

<b>Saturday 29 October</b> Saturday of Ordinary Time 30	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Sally Thompson and <i>pro populo</i></b>
<b>Sunday 30 October</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		
<b>Monday 31 October</b> Monday of Ordinary Time 31	7:00pm (All Saints' Vigil)	Mass: <b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Tuesday 01 November</b> <i>All Saints' Day (Holyday of Obligation)</i>	11:00am 6:30pm (All Saints')	Funeral: <b>Marie Wilson</b> Mass: <b>George Harland &amp; Patrick Hearne</b>
<b>Wednesday 02 November</b> <i>Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed</i>	9:30am 7:00pm	Mass: <b>Sally Thompson</b> Mass: <b>Faithful Departed</b>
<b>Thursday 03 November</b> Thursday of Ordinary Time 31	9:30am	Mass: <b>Bryan Cheesey</b>
<b>Friday 04 November</b> <i>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>	7:00am	Mass: <b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Saturday 05 November</b> Saturday of Ordinary Time 31	5:00pm	Mass: <b>James Kelly and <i>pro populo</i></b>

### Ministries for this week Saturday 29 October

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Helen Musham, Jane Smith  
Wilf Lavery

**Readers**  
Claire Lavery  
Pat Middleton

**Children's Liturgy**  
Jane Smith  
Helen Musham

**Welcomers**  
Angela Harmston  
Christine Tracey

### Ministries for next week Saturday 05 November

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Pauline & Ambrose Burnside  
Judith Bulmer

**Readers**  
Maria Griffiths  
Angela Harmston

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

**Welcomers**  
Janet Harrigan  
Halina Holman

**APPEALS:** Thank you for your generosity last weekend for the **Catholic Mission appeal**. We raised £299. Well done! Contributions can still be made online through [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk). Our next appeal will take place next Saturday, 05 November, for the **Clergy Training Fund**.

**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.

### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £243 Loose Plate: £219

**Total: £462**

**Mass Attendance: 147**

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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](mailto: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.*



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## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**30 October, 2016**

### "Today salvation has come to this house."

THE STORY OF THE MEETING between Jesus and Zacchaeus is one of my favourite pieces of scripture. It attracts me because it is a succinct account of a conversion, full of colour and movement and even some humour. Who could help but laugh at the thought of this dignified but short man trying to scramble up a tree like a child, eager to lay his eyes on Jesus? Yet behind the humour lies serious intent: Zacchaeus is prepared to suffer the indignity involved in climbing the tree because his mind is for once focused not on himself but on the one who will bring him salvation: Jesus.

Zacchaeus is a senior tax collector. Having encountered a tax collector in last week's gospel it is fair to assume that tax collectors were of particular interest to Jesus. As they were such a despised group in Jewish society at the time of Jesus, the idea of any tax collector acknowledging their sin and having a conversion experience would have had a profound impact on those who heard these scriptures. Tax collectors would have been regarded as amongst the most incorrigible people in society – if anyone was going to be resistant to conversion, tax collectors were prime candidates!

The response of Zacchaeus to his encounter with Jesus is remarkable. He doesn't simply apologise and promise not to be dishonest again, nor does he promise to simply repay what he had misappropriated in his tax-collecting duties. His response is far more generous: "Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount." Zacchaeus' response is all the more remarkable when one notes that he doesn't even hear Jesus say "You are forgiven" or receive any command from Jesus as to how to make restitution. The mere presence of Jesus is enough for Zacchaeus to complete his conversion, a journey that had no doubt begun in him some time earlier. His conversion is evident in the selflessness and generosity that now marks his character.

The response of Zacchaeus is not the only one worth noting. The words of Jesus would have been words Zacchaeus and those in the crowd would never have expected to hear: "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham." As is usually the case with a declaration of Jesus, his words bring joy to some (Zacchaeus) and anger to others (the crowd).

As a wealthy tax collector, Zacchaeus would certainly have put a great deal of store in his wealth and so his choice to make restitution by paying back so much of the wealth he had accumulated is quite remarkable and a sign of the power that can accompany an encounter with Jesus if one is open to conversion. We too are called to be open to conversion on a regular, even daily, basis. If there is something we are clinging to which obstructs an open and loving relationship with Jesus, then let us pray for the openness to conversion exhibited by Zacchaeus in our Gospel today.

*Blessings and prayers in the week ahead,*

*Fr Robert*



## What's going on...?

**Funeral for Marie Wilson:** Mass for the repose of the soul of Marie Wilson will take place here at St Patrick's, this Tuesday, 01 November, at 11:00am.

**All Saints:** Please see the Mass schedule on the back of the bulletin. Note that there is a Vigil for All Saints on Monday at 7:00pm as well as Mass on Tuesday evening at 6:30pm (the usual Mass time). Please remember that All Saints is a **holyday of obligation**.

**All Souls:** 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):** Thank you to those parishioners who came to the meeting on Wednesday to discuss possible parishes we might partner with as of next year. Please read the update flyer which was distributed with the bulletin this weekend. Note that there will be a meeting with the Durham parishes as well as a parish meeting in early November. Details are on the flyer.

**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!

**Churches Together Craft Fair:** Thank you to all who made our day a success—contributors, stall holders and sponsors. The winner of the 'Open Lot Gypsy Caravan' was Louise Charleton who chose the name 'Woods' as the owner. We raised £128.20 for 'Catholic Care' and hope to increase this amount from the sale of unsold items after our Vigil Mass next Saturday. Please support our efforts!

**Rock and Roll night:** There will be another Rock and Roll night on Friday 02 December at 7:00pm at The Royal British Legion Club, Meadowfield. Tickets are priced £3.00 and available from Jan Shoulder 07977 567155. All proceeds are for the St John's Church Hall Fund.

**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](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us 0191 243 3301, email [human.resources@diocesehexham.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehexham.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](http://www.celebrateconference.org).

## Does Jesus Want To Forgive Your Sins?

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about a tax collector, Zacchaeus, who was curious about Jesus. Jesus saw that this was a chance for him to turn from his evil ways, so He called him down from his perch in the tree and said He was going to visit him at his house.



Some people were shocked that Jesus went to a sinner's house, but Jesus told them that He had come to save the people who were lost in sin. Zacchaeus was sorry for his sins and promised to pay everyone back for what he had stolen.

Have you ever felt really bad because of something you did? What do you think Jesus would say to you if you were sorry for it? Do you think that there is any sin that Jesus can't forgive? Well there isn't! Jesus came to save us from our sins!



Answer to front: Zacchaeus, hurry and come down. I must stay at your house today.  
Answer to Word-Find: I will praise You O God.

## The Kids' Bulletin

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 30th, 2016

What did Jesus say to the man in the tree?  
Use the code to find out!



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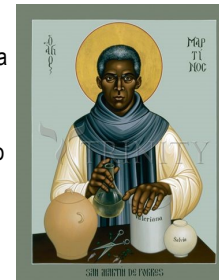
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## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### Saint Martin de Porres - 03 November

Martin was born in 1579 in Lima, Peru, the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a black ex-slave. His mother gave him a Christian education and he became a pharmacist and a nurse. Despite his father's opposition he entered the Dominican Order as a lay brother in 1603 and spent his life working for the sick and the poor. Many people of all ranks would come to him for advice. He had a great devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He died in 1639 and canonised in 1962. He has been named as a patron saint of those of mixed race.

Information taken from [Universalis](http://Universalis) and [Wikipedia](http://Wikipedia)



## ~ Mini Vinnies ~

We have a very active Mini Vinnies group in school who meet and pray together every two weeks. This group then encourages all school pupils to be involved in our projects which are aimed at achieving social justice for all and making the world a fairer place. The Mini Vinnies are the young people's branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Last school year, we made one hundred Christmas cards for the local community Christmas party.

We also collected change to support CAFOD's world gifts buying a diverse range of gifts including a cow which is then able to provide milk, manure, calves and an animal to plough the fields for a family in need.

We launched a regular collection for our local food banks naming Fridays, 'Food Bank Fridays' and asking each child in school to donate to this collection each Friday.

In the summer term, we had an activity day to support a local charity Dorothy's Wells. This charity builds wells to provide clean, sustainable water to villages in Tanzania. The activity day was a great success with activities based on the theme of water. The stocks was a particular favourite! We managed to raise an amazing £357 for this charity and we welcomed Mr Jim O'Connor into school on 30 September to collect this cheque on behalf of his charity.

Please keep the Mini Vinnies in your prayers.

## DID YOU KNOW...?

...that a plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead on the Feast of All Souls' on 02 November?

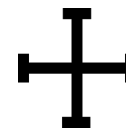
A plenary indulgence is basically defined as a remission of temporal punishment due to sin, the guilt of which has been forgiven. It does not forgive the guilt of sin nor is it a guarantee of salvation. It most certainly does not allow someone to commit sin or a pardon of future sin!

The plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 02 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions.

## "QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God the almighty Father, who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God who suffered for you, in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out for you. Go forth, faithful Christian!

From the Order of Christian Funerals: 'Prayer of Commendation'



**PRAY FOR...** the souls of the faithful departed right throughout this month of November. We pray for all those whose names are inscribed in our Book of Remembrance, for others we have known and loved who have left us, for those who otherwise would have no one to pray for them. We remember in a special way too all those who have died in war, especially the innocent victims of tyranny and those who use religion as a justification for violence.