

The week ahead...

Saturday 30 June Vigil Mass 13 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Winnie Mortimer and pro populo
Sunday 01 July 13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 02 July Monday of Ordinary Time 13	NO MASS	
Tuesday 03 July <i>St Thomas, Apostle</i>	6:30pm	Mass: Moran family
Wednesday 04 July Wednesday of Ordinary Time 13	9:30am	Mass: Winnie Mortimer
Thursday 05 July Thursday of Ordinary Time 13	9:30am	Mass: Jenny Viles
Friday 06 July Friday of Ordinary Time 13	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 07 July Vigil Mass for 14 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Malcolm & Harry Stoker and pro populo



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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 01 July, 2018

“Do not be afraid; only have faith.”

LAST WEEK we celebrated the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist but normally we would have celebrated the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In this Gospel we hear of Jesus and his disciples crossing the Sea of Galilee and encountering a storm which threatens to sink the boats in which they were sailing. Jesus calms the storm and the disciples for their lack of faith. On reaching the other side, the country of the Gerasenes in the hostile region known as the Decapolis (ten cities), Jesus then heals a man possessed by demons. He then returns to the western side of the lake. It is here that we pick up the story this weekend.

The Gospel we hear at Mass this weekend is the shorter version of the two options we are given. We hear the story of Jesus raising from the dead the twelve-year old daughter of the synagogue official Jairus, who pleads with Jesus to heal her before she dies. Jesus reassures Jairus after the girl's death by telling him, “Do not be afraid; only have faith.” The longer version of the gospel has another healing miracle sandwiched between two halves of the story of Jairus' daughter, a structure typical of Mark. This healing miracle relates to a woman who has experienced haemorrhaging for twelve years and knows, as a matter of faith, that if she can touch even the clothes of Jesus, she will be healed. Both these stories, whilst ostensibly about healing the sick, are meant to contrast for us the lack of faith of the apostles, those closest to Jesus, with the faith of the synagogue official, who would have been hostile to Jesus, and a woman who had merely “heard about Jesus”.

One interesting aspect of these two stories which we cannot overlook is how human touch is a central element to both these healings. Jesus takes the hand of the twelve-year old daughter of Jairus (a definite taboo since she was old enough to be betrothed), and the haemorrhaging woman touches Jesus, which would make him ritually unclean. Despite the breaking of social taboos, new life comes into existence. Scandalous though these actions were, the kingdom of God will not, and cannot, be stopped by human regulation and prejudice. Where desperation and love dwell, there is the potential for God's kingdom to be made manifest – it requires courage to bring it about, courage which is evident in Jairus, the haemorrhaging woman and in Jesus himself.

If our faith is strong enough we too will have the courage to be bold in our decisions and actions as were Jairus and the woman in this weekend's gospel. Faith is not meant to be timid and cautious, driving us to vacillation and uncertainty. Numerous examples exist throughout the scriptures of bold and decisive women and men of faith. Certainly, some of these characters were desperate but despair is not the only source of a courageous faith. One example would be that of Jesus' ancestor David as he faced the giant from Gath.

Let us pray that a strong and bold faith is the norm for the day-to-day living of our discipleship.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,
Fr Robert



Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

MINISTRIES

Saturday 30 June

Eucharistic Ministers
John & Irene Carey
Kevin Boyle

Readers

Brendan Payne
Greg Mearman

Children's Liturgy

Maria Griffiths
Helen Riddles

Welcomers

Pat Middleton
Mary Kitching

Music

Greg Mearman & Choir

MINISTRIES

Saturday 07 July

Eucharistic Ministers
Helen Musham, Jane Smith
Wilf Lavery

Readers

Rowan Payne
Pat Middleton

Children's Liturgy

Maria Griffiths
Michelle Dennis

Welcomers

Halina Holman
Janet Harrigan

Music

Greg Mearman & Choir

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Should you have any items for the bulletin or wish to have it emailed to you, please contact the parish via phone or email. Contact details are on the front of the bulletin. Items for publication need to be submitted by **12:00noon on Thursday**.

We pray for our beloved deceased, including....

Winnie MORTIMER (Rec. Dec.)

Winifred MULHALL

Jenny VILES

Teresa COAD



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish....

*Vera Lumsden, John Kennedy,
Pat Harrison, Sylvia Kelly,
Mary Spears, Rose Crick,
Doreen Carroll, Jack Tobin,
Tom Taylorson and
Margaret Pouton*



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £259 Loose Plate: £197

TOTAL: £456

Mass Attendance: 150

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What's going on...?

Peter's Pence Retiring Collection: The next retiring collection will take place **this weekend** for **Peter's Pence**. The funds raised from this worldwide collection support the Pope's philanthropic works throughout the world. There will also be a retiring collection next weekend (**07 July**) for the **Apostleship of the Sea**. There is some promotional material and gift aid envelopes available for next weekend's collection at the rear of the church.

Rosary Group: A reminder that a group of parishioners meet regularly after the 9:30am Mass on Thursday to pray the Rosary. Feel free to join them!

Youth Ministry Invitation: All those concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-workers' meeting at the Emmaus Village on **Sunday 08 July at 3:00pm** (Tea, coffee and cake from 2.15pm). YMT will present a number of opportunities including the national Flame event which happens in March 2019 and this will also be a time to share good practice with people from other parts of the diocese. Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org.

Ushaw Prayer Group: Following the recent Mini-Retreat at Ushaw College, a prayer group has now been set up. The Ushaw Prayer Group plans to meet every fortnight, on a Friday afternoon. Following the 12:30pm Mass, there will be time for a light lunch, after which we will gather for a period of quiet prayer. The next Prayer Group meeting will be on **Friday 06 July**.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting: The next PPC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, 11 July at 7:00pm**. As was mentioned earlier, the PPC wish to invite members of the parish to all PPC meetings and, to this end, you will find the draft agenda for the next meeting on the noticeboard as well as the minutes of the last meeting and a sign-up sheet for the next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, 11 July at 7:00pm** in the **presbytery**.

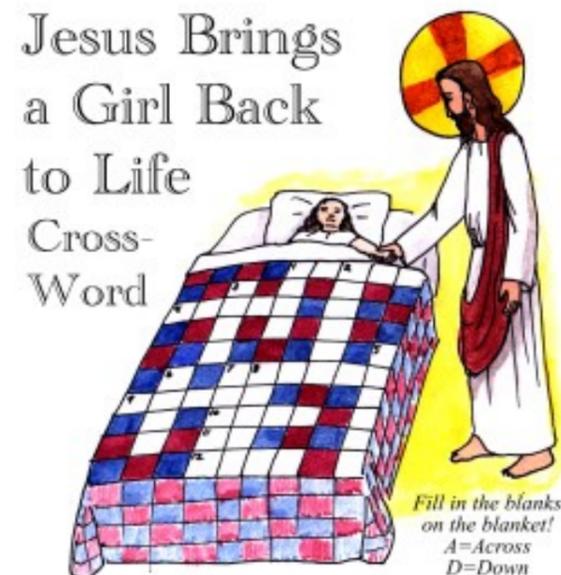
Why the Church Should Change Her Mind on Priesthood, Sex and Gender: You are invited to hear **Terry Wright**, Emeritus Professor of English Literature at Newcastle University and author of twelve books on various aspects of Religion and Literature, speak on this important subject in the Church Hall at **The Holy Name Parish Church**, North Jesmond Avenue, Newcastle NE2 3JX, on **Wednesday 04 July at 7:00pm**.

Noticeboard: As always, there are plenty of events happening both around the partnership and around the diocese which there isn't room here to mention, so please look at the noticeboards regularly to find out about events that may interest you.

DH7 Churches Together "Quiet Day": Advance notice of the Annual DH7 Churches Together "Quiet Day" being held at **Minsteracres** on **Saturday, 04 August, 10:00am - 4:00pm**. The day will be led by Fr Jeroen Hoogland CP. The theme is "Mission". Cost is £20.00 per person for the day. Bring your own lunch, Tea and coffee provided. See the noticeboard for more details.



The Kids' Bulletin



Fill in the blanks on the blanket!
A=Across
D=Down

A man called _____ 7A came and begged _____ 7D to heal his daughter who was very _____ 10A. So Jesus went, but on the way some people came from Jairus' house and said that the girl was _____ 6D. But Jesus went anyway, and said that the _____ 3D wasn't dead, but only _____ 5D. He only took three of His apostles when he went in to see the girl: _____ 9A, _____ 1A, and _____ 1D. He _____ 12A everyone else out of the room, except the girl's father and _____ 2D. Then Jesus took the girl's hand and said, " _____ 8D." She got up and started walking around! God let this happen to show _____ 11A what He can do when we have _____ 4A in Him.

SCHOOL NEWS

Mass in Chapel

Thank you to all those who came along to celebrate Mass in the school chapel on Wednesday afternoon. Your presence really made the celebration even more special.

Botanic Gardens

Pupils in our Reception Class visited the beautiful grounds of the Botanic Gardens in Durham, last week. They looked at the features of the various plants, including the 'rainforest' plants in the greenhouse, decided which plant would be best for Jack (from Jack and the Beanstalk) to climb, had a picnic lunch, and all planted a runner bean, which they took home.

School Field

While investigations failed to determine the reasons for the large hole that we reported had appeared in the school field recently; we are happy to say that it has now been filled, just in time for our annual Sports' Day.

Dairy Dates

Wednesday, 04 July @ 1:30pm - Sports' Afternoon - on the school field

Thursday, 05 July @ 9:30am - Classes 1 and 2 (Years 3, 4, 5, & 6) will attend Mass in church

Tuesday, 10 July @ 10:00am - Year 6 will attend a Leavers' Mass at St. Godric's Church in Durham, with pupils from other schools in the St. Leonard's cluster

Tuesday, 10 July @ 2:45pm - Infant Liturgy (Reception, Years 1 & 2) - in the school chapel

Wednesday, 11 July @ 2:30pm - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - in the school hall

Thursday, 12 July @ 9:30am - Infants (Reception, Years 1 & 2) will attend Mass in church

Thursday, 19 July @ 9:30am - Whole school will attend Mass, for the close of the school year, in church



Everyone is welcome!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

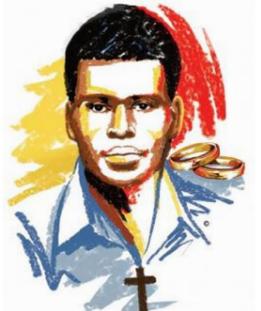
Blessed Peter To Rot - 07 July

Peter To Rot was born in 1912 at Rakunai, a village on the Melanesian island of New Britain, today part of Papua New Guinea. His parents belonged to the region's first generation of Catholics. He was a pious boy and the parish priest thought that he should study for the priesthood, but his father felt that the tradition of Catholicism in the region was too short and none of the people were yet ready for the priesthood, so Peter became a catechist. He married in 1936 and had three children.

When the Japanese occupied the island during WWII, all the missionaries and mission staff were imprisoned in a concentration camp and Peter was the only spiritual guide that Catholics had. He organised prayer services, gave religious instruction, baptized children, preserved the consecrated Hosts and administered them to the sick and dying, and gave help to the poor.

The Japanese banned all Christian worship. Peter was arrested in April or May 1945 and "questioned" by officials. He was sentenced to two months in prison but a Japanese doctor came and injected him with poison, stuffed his ears and nose with cotton wool, and held him down and suffocated him till he died.

(Information taken from *Universalis*)



Blessed Peter To Rot

~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

Pope Francis' Mission Statement for July

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

"When we have reached the lowest point of our misery and weakness, the Risen Christ gives us the strength to rise again."



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Prayer Meetings & Bible Studies

The next prayer meeting will be held here at **St Patrick's Presbytery** on **Tuesday, 17 July**, at **9:30am**. Refreshments will be available before the meeting.

The next monthly Bible study will be held at **St Andrew's Methodist Church, Brandon** on **Monday, 13 August, 3:30-4:45pm**. We will be looking at the Sunday readings for the month ahead.



DID YOU KNOW...?

...that the Gospel of Mark, which we will read from for the rest of the liturgical year, was the first of the four Gospels to be written?

Biblical scholars tell us that Mark's gospel, the shortest, was written around the year 65. Matthew and Luke, both of which use Mark as the basis for their gospels, were written some ten to fifteen years later, whilst John was the final gospel to be written, around the end of the first century. The Gospel of Mark was written for a non-Jewish (Gentile) audience.



"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"When we receive everything as gift, it is easier to share those gifts with those in need: 'Without cost you are to give.' (Matthew 10:8) Gratitude opens the heart, and an open heart leads to open hands. Open hands free us to let go of our excess and to reach out to our brothers and sisters. We can pass on our unused or underused possessions to those whose need is greater.

Mary Elizabeth Sperry

From *Making Room for God: Decluttering and the Spiritual Life* (2018)



PLEASE PRAY...for the following intentions throughout Ordinary Time: **a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers.** Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer....

