

The week ahead...

Saturday 02 June Vigil Mass for Corpus Christi	5:00pm	Mass: Kathleen Caisley and pro populo
Sunday 03 June Corpus Christi	NO MASS	
Monday 04 June Monday of Ordinary Time 9	NO MASS	
Tuesday 05 June <i>St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr</i>	6:30pm	Mass: Teresa Coad
Wednesday 06 June Wednesday of Ordinary Time 9	9:30am	Mass: Pat Curran
Thursday 07 June <i>St Robert of Newminster, Abbot</i>	NO MASS	
Friday 08 June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	NO MASS	
Saturday 09 June Vigil Mass for 10 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: James & Mary Reynolds and pro populo



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Body and Blood of Christ

03 June, 2018

"Dear Girls and Boys..."

"It is wonderful to see you here at my church in Langley Moor along with your family and friends who love you so much. I know that they have helped bring you to this very important day of your First Communion. I hope that what you receive today you will receive on many more occasions in the future.

"Your faith journey began with your baptism – which you probably don't remember! When you had the waters of baptism poured over you, the priest said your Christian names and then said "I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." At that moment you became a part of my body, the Church. Your parents and godparents promised to do everything they could to help you know me as a friend, and as your God. The Holy Spirit came down upon you and has given you strength to be like me: loving, caring, kind, helpful and someone who likes to share with others and not fight or squabble or hold grudges against other people.

"I know it is not always easy living like me. Sometimes you have made bad choices and you will do so again, even after today. You know that you can always come to me in the sacrament of Reconciliation, tell me what you have done (though I already know!), say that you are truly sorry, promise to try not to sin again, and be forgiven. It is just as though I have forgotten your sin and you are once again as innocent as you were when you were baptised! Isn't that wonderful? You have already celebrated Reconciliation a couple of times and I hope that you will continue to do so whenever the need arises.

"And now here you are, receiving my Body and Blood for the first time! Even though you have done a lot of preparation for this day, I don't believe you know what a precious gift you are receiving today. I'm sure that even a lot of the adults here at church don't know this either – perhaps even Fr Robert can't comprehend this gift fully! It is beyond anyone to really understand the sacrifice I made on the cross so that everyone who believes in me, eats my Body and drinks my Blood, may spend eternity with God. Just as you need food every day to have a healthy body so that you can do what you need to do, so too you need my Body and Blood to nourish you spiritually so that you can love others the way I do. You can't "do things" to get into heaven but the more you live and love like me the happier you will be and you will get a glimpse of heaven while you are here on earth.

"I hope that in the years ahead you will come to know more and more how much I love you. One way to understand this is to know that I love you as though you were the only person on earth to love. My love is greater than you can possibly imagine and I hope you will start to see that this evening when you receive my Body and Blood for the first time.

"Know that I am always watching over you, not to judge you, but because I love you."

Your loving friend and your God,

Jesus



Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

MINISTRIES

Saturday 02 June

Eucharistic Ministers

Helen Musham, Jane Smith
Wilf Lavery

Readers

Maria Griffiths
Angela Harmston

Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy this week due to First Holy Communion

Welcomers

Pat Middleton
Mary Kitching

Music

Greg Mearman and Choir

MINISTRIES

Saturday 09 June

Eucharistic Ministers

Pauline & Ambrose Burnside
Judith Bulmer

Readers

Marie Paily
Judith Bulmer

Children's Liturgy

Maria Griffiths
Michelle Dennis

Welcomers

Halina Holman
Janet Harrigan

Music

TBA

The feast of Corpus Christi

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 need to be submitted by 12:00noon on Thursday.

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

Kathleen CAISLEY
Teresa MULHALL (Rec. Dec.)
Pat CURRAN
Pauline CAMPBELL
Jane DOWSON
Sharon CUMMINGS



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

Rose Crick, Doreen Carroll,
Margaret Pouton, Tom Taylorson,
Jack Tobin, Pat Harrison
Sylvia Kelly
and Mary Spears



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £199 Loose Plate: £196

TOTAL: £395

Mass Attendance: 140

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What's going on...?

First Communion: This weekend, on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we will welcome to the parish our six young candidates for their first Eucharist along with their families and friends. Please make them welcome and continue to pray for them in the weeks and months ahead. A huge thank you to Mrs Burnside and Mrs Griffiths for all their hard work in preparing the children for this day and thank you too to those who have helped prepare for the gathering in the school hall after the Mass. Please join us!

Sick & Retired Priests Collection: Thank you for your contributions last weekend to the Northern Brethren Fund which cares for the needs of sick and retired priests. A total of **£255.75** was raised which will be sent off this week.

Upcoming Retiring Collections: The next retiring collection will be taken up **next weekend** for the **Lay Training Fund** to support the formation of laypeople in the diocese for the Church's mission. The weekend after that, **17 June**, a collection will be taken up for the **Day For Life**. As always, much gratitude for your generous support for these important collections in our diocese.

Changes to Mass times: Please note that there will be a couple of changes to the weekday Mass schedule this coming week as I will be in London with our Year 6 children and some other supervising teachers and helpers. No Masses or services on Thursday and Friday.

Ministers of Communion: As this Sunday is Corpus Christi Sunday, all Ministers of Communion will renew their commitment to their ministry. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication to this very important ministry.

Ushaw Flower Festival: Don't miss this wonderful event with over thirty stunning displays in the magnificent setting of Ushaw College, right on our doorstep! It is on from **12-17 June, 11:00am - 5:00pm**. See the poster on the noticeboard.

Diocesan Festival: The sixth Diocesan Festival takes place on **23-24 June** at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. See the noticeboard for more details. There will be inspiring speakers for adults as well as activities for young people and children. The theme is **Encounter**.

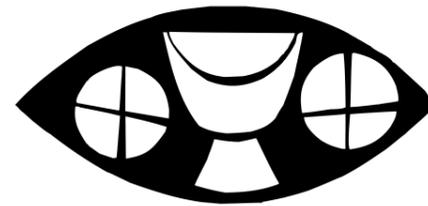
Ushaw College events: There is plenty happening at Ushaw College in the coming weeks! Corpus Christi Procession on **Sunday 03 June at 2:00pm**, along with musical events at **7:30pm on 03, 07, 08 and 09**

June. Go to the website for more detailed information at www.ushaw.org.

Missio (APF/Mill Hill Missionaries): Sponsors will collect quarterly contributions from Red Boxes/Brown Envelopes from the first week of June. Please look at the noticeboard when leaving church to see where our missionaries, lay and religious, having answered Jesus' call "to go into the world and proclaim the Good News to all creation", work. Please pray especially for those who work in the Congo (Basankusu area) and in South Sudan (Juba area). To find out more about the Mill Hill Missionaries visit www.millhillmissionaries.org.uk.

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.

"Pray For Peace": An event for women and children being held at St Mary's Chapel, Jesmond, on **Saturday, 30 June**. This is a joint Christian/Muslim event involving interfaith prayers for peace. See the noticeboard for more details.



Body and Blood of Christ Word-Find

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OBODYPSMIVI
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DDDKMEMORYY
CHALICENGOD

See if you can find all the words written in CAPITALS.

Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks to make a little prayer you can say at Mass!

At the **LAST SUPPER**, after he had **GIVEN** thanks, **JESUS** took **BREAD** and said, "Take and **EAT**. **THIS** is my **BODY**." Then, taking the chalice of **WINE**, he said, "Take this, all of **YOU**, and **DRINK** from it. This is the **CHALICE** of my **BLOOD**, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be **POURED** out for you and for **MANY** for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in **MEMORY** of me."

That was the first **MASS**. When you go to **HOLY COMMUNION**, you really receive the **Body, Blood, SOUL** and **DIVINITY** of **CHRIST**, who is **GOD**!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Norbert - 06 June

Norbert was born in 1080 in Xanten in the Rhineland. He came of a noble family and lived a worldly life at the courts of the Archbishop of Cologne and of the Emperor Henry V.

At the age of 35 he had a narrow escape from death and his life changed. He became a priest and was full of reforming zeal, which so antagonised the clergy of Xanten that they denounced him as a hypocrite. So he sold or gave away all his possessions and made his way to the Pope (then in southern France). The Pope gave him permission to preach wherever he lived, and he travelled through France into Germany preaching. Others joined him, and a community was started which developed into the Premonstratensian Order.

Meanwhile Norbert continued travelling and preaching, until he was consecrated Archbishop of Magdeburg. He threw himself into his new task with his usual enthusiasm, reforming what had been a rather corrupt diocese, antagonising the clergy. He also preached the gospel to the pagans of the district. Several attempts were made to murder him but he died of natural causes in 1134.



(Information taken from Universalis)

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Pope Francis' Mission Statement for June

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

"I encourage everyone to engage in constructive forms of communication that reject prejudice towards others and foster hope and trust today."



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PRAYER GROUP & BIBLE STUDY

Next **Bible Fellowship** meeting will be held at **St Andrew's Methodist Church, Brandon, Monday, 11 June, from 3:30pm - 4:45pm**. Refreshments served beforehand.

Next **Prayer Group** meets at **St Patrick's, Langley Moor (Presbytery), Tuesday, 19 June, from 9:30am**. Refreshments beforehand.



SCHOOL NEWS

Half-term break

School re-opens on Monday 04th June, following the half-term break.

New Deputy Head

We look forward to welcoming Miss Patricia Deery, to the staff of St. Patrick's, as newly appointed Deputy Head of the school. Miss Deery joins us, when school resumes, next week.

First Holy Communicants

Many congratulations to Cassidy, Christina, Harris, Imogen, Jim and Sara, who receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this evening. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Blessing of Chapel

The chapel that we have been decorating and furnishing in school, will be blessed by Father Robert, at 10:15am, on Wednesday 06 June. Refreshments will be served after the blessing and everyone is very welcome!



DID YOU KNOW...?

...that the Passover meal that Jesus celebrated with his disciples was a highly ritualised religious gathering?

Each Passover meal involved the eating of unleavened bread, cooked lamb and the drinking of four cups of wine at specific times in the meal. The story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt from the Book of Exodus also formed part of the meal. The Passover meal also involved the eating of symbolic foods which relate in various ways to the story of the ancient Israelites.



"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"How precious and wonderful is this banquet, which brings us salvation and is full of all delight! What could be more precious? It is not the meat of calves or goats that is offered, as happened under the Old Law; at this meal Christ, the true God, is set before us for us to eat. What could be more wonderful than this sacrament?"

St Thomas Aquinas (1225-174)
Priest and Doctor of the Church



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....

