

The week ahead...

Saturday 09 June Vigil Mass for 10 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: James & Mary Reynolds and pro populo
Sunday 10 June 10 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 11 June <i>St Barnabas, Apostle</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday 12 June Tuesday of Ordinary Time 10	6:30pm	Mass: Kathleen & Ian Defty
Wednesday 13 June <i>St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor</i>	9:30am	Mass: Harold & Walter Tonge
Thursday 14 June Thursday of Ordinary Time 10	9:30am	Mass: Moran family
Friday 15 June Friday of Ordinary Time 10	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 16 June Vigil Mass for 11 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Teresa Coad and pro populo

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 June, 2018

“Who are my mother and my brothers?”

We have an interesting, but by no means unfamiliar, structure to this weekend's Gospel reading as we return to Sundays in Ordinary Time. In our Gospel passage this weekend we have one incident, that of a dialogue between Jesus and some scribes from Jerusalem, sandwiched between two halves of a narrative concerning Jesus and his disciples and their discussion about his relatives wanting to see him, specifically his mother, brothers and sisters. Jesus concludes the conversation with a very profound observation: “Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.”

As one would expect, the two incidents in the Gospel are by no means unrelated, though a cursory reading might suggest otherwise. The thematic thread which connects the two stories is unity. Jesus makes this abundantly clear in his interaction with the scribes when he speaks of the transience of a kingdom divided against itself, unity being essential for its survival. He reinforces the theme of unity when he speaks of his “brother and sister and mother” being those who do the will of God, for those who seek to do the will of God are bound by a common, noble purpose.

From a Christian perspective, we need to understand that fomenting division is in direct opposition to the mission of the Christian. Too often we see in secular society people wanting to exercise power and influence by creating divisions in society, setting one group against another for this nefarious purpose. Yet we must not think that the Church is immune from this temptation. Too often we witness people in the Church deride others for their particular understanding of what it means to live as a Christian disciple, even when that understanding stems from a genuine, prayerful motive.

But whether we witness division in the Church or outside the Church, it is our task to do something about it. As Christians we are called to be a people of reconciliation, if for no other reason than we acknowledge that the death and Resurrection of Jesus brought about the possibility of our reconciliation with God. We are to be bridge builders, people who seek to bring healing wherever rifts are evident, who are not reluctant to tear down walls that divide and bring harmony where discord dwells. This is what we witness Jesus doing throughout the Gospels.

Needless to say, Jesus, by his very nature was a divisive figure, but the division he created was not something desired on his part but rather a natural result of his message, one which appealed to many but also created consternation in others, most especially the powerful and wealthy.

Our call, then, is to be peacemakers who seek to both be unified among ourselves as a Christian people and create and foster unity wherever it is lacking. In doing this we are most certainly doing the will of God and we then have every right to number ourselves among those Jesus called his “mother and brothers and sisters.”

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Robert



Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

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
Greg Mearman and Choir

MINISTRIES

Saturday 16 June

Eucharistic Ministers
Angela & Gordon Tosley
Angela Harmston

Readers
Ann Canavan
Margaret Purdom

Children's Liturgy
Anne Davies
Joanne Lidster

Welcomers
Paul & Anne Kelly

Music
TBA

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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....

James & Mary REYNOLDS
Winnie MORTIMER (Rec. Dec.)
Martha OLIVER
Catherine THOMAS



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

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



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £219 Loose Plate: £278

TOTAL: £497

Mass Attendance: 227

DIocese of Hexham and Newcastle
CHARITY NUMBER 1143450



What's going on...?

First Communion: Thank you once again for your welcome to the families of the children who received their First Communion last weekend. Thank you again to Mrs Burside, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Jackamn for their preparation of the candidates and thank you to those who helped with the celebration after the ceremony, especially Mrs Bainbridge. Please keep these six children in your prayers, especially as we send them forth this weekend to go out and spread God's love in their daily living, something we are all called to do.

Upcoming Retiring Collections: The next retiring collection will be taken up **this weekend** for the **Lay Training Fund** to support the formation of laypeople in the diocese for the Church's mission. Next weekend, **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.

RIP Winnie MORTIMER: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Winnie who died in Yorkshire early in the morning of Tuesday, 05 June. Winnie, along with her late husband Bernard, had a long association with St Patrick's School. Winnie's funeral will take place in Yorkshire. Please pray for her family at this difficult time.

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**.

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.

"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.

Partnership Matters: The June/July edition of the bi-monthly *Partnership Matters* news update is now available on the front page of the diocesan website (www.rcdhn.org.uk) and on the parish noticeboard. It includes activities and ideas shared from across the partnerships.

Partnership Dates for June: You will have received an insert in this weekend's bulletin highlighting a couple of events for June and July happening within the parish partnership as well as a pilgrimage to Holy Island scheduled for 01 September.

SCHOOL NEWS

Statement to Live By

This week's statement was, "I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings." We reflected on the rights of the child; the need to treat each other well and importance of not infringing on the rights of others.

First Holy Communicants

Congratulations to Harris, Cassidy, Sara, Imogen, Christina and Jim, who received the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Saturday. Thank you to Father Robert for his support and guidance throughout the programme of preparation, to the catechists for their time and to the children and their families for their commitment.

These children had their final session in the Parish House this afternoon. They thought about, having been nourished by the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the need to go out into the world and share the Good News, through all they say and do.

Chapel Blessing

Thank you to everyone who attended the blessing of our new school chapel. Special thanks to Father Robert for his guidance and advice throughout its development, and for leading us in the service on Wednesday. Thanks to the ladies who provided us with refreshments after the celebration, Jane Moore, Michelle Dennis and Joanne Lidster and to Mr Skillcorn for his help in transforming the room.

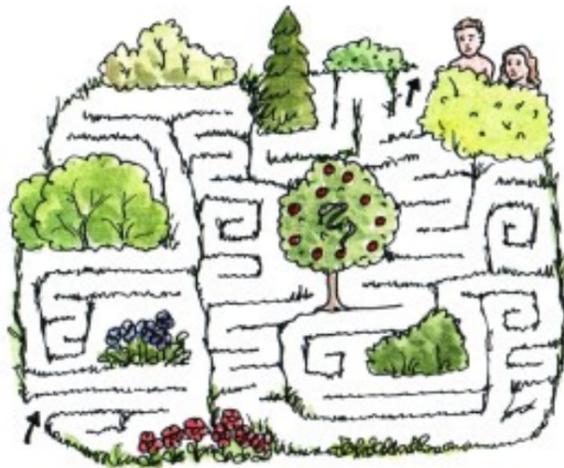
London Trip

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a wonderful trip to London this week. They travelled to the city by train on Thursday morning and returned safely last night. They visited a number of places of interest, including Westminster Cathedral, where Father Robert celebrated Mass for us, Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament and the National Gallery. The children also saw Buckingham Palace, Nelson's Column and Downing Street. Many thanks to the adults who accompanied the children and kept them safe - Carol Bainbridge, Paul Burnside, Father Robert, Mrs Rogers, Miss Stephenson and Matthew Turner. And many thanks to Pauline Pattinson, School Clerk, for the time she spent in carefully organising the trip.



The Kids' Bulletin

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 10, 2018



In today's first reading Adam and Eve tried to hide from God because they had sinned and were ashamed. But God still loved them and He came and talked to them. Can you find them?

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Bl. Peter Snow & Bl. Ralph Grimston - 15 June

Peter Snow (c.1567-1598) was born at or near Ripon and arrived at the English College, Reims in 1589. He was ordained priest two years later in France and left for the English mission. He worked for seven years before being arrested in May 1598, when on his way to York. His companion on this journey was Ralph Grimston of Nidd, a married layman who had previously suffered imprisonment for opening his house to Catholic priests. He was arrested for trying to prevent Peter Snow being taken. Both were shortly afterwards tried. Peter Snow was convicted of treason and was condemned to being hanged, drawn and quartered. Ralph Grimston was convicted of felony and was condemned to death by hanging. Both suffered at York. They were beatified in 1987. Their skulls were placed in the main altar at St Anne's Cathedral, Leeds on 13 November 2006 when this new altar was consecrated.



(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.



DID YOU KNOW...?

...that the colour green which will now dominate our liturgical space has, like the other colours for specific seasons, a deep meaning?

The theological virtue of hope is symbolised by the colour green, just as the burning fire of love is symbolised by red. Green is the colour of growing things, and hope, like them, is always new and fresh. Ordinary Time is the season in which we being neither especially penitent (in purple) nor overwhelmingly joyful (in white).

Taken from *Universalis*

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Let us simply stop and start listening to our own hearts. Then we will touch a lot of pain. We will possibly touch a lot of anger. We will possibly touch a lot of loneliness and anguish. Then we will hear something deeper. We will hear the voice of Jesus; we will hear the voice of God. We will discover that the heart of Christ, in some mysterious way, is hidden in my heart and there, we will hear, "I love you. You are precious to my eyes and I love you."

Jean Vanier (b. 1928)
Canadian Catholic philosopher and theologian
Founder of L'Arche

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....

