

The week ahead...

Saturday 07 July Vigil Mass 14 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Malcolm & Harry Stoker and pro populo
Sunday 08 July 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 09 July Monday of Ordinary Time 14	NO MASS	
Tuesday 10 July Tuesday of Ordinary Time 14	6:30pm	Mass: Teresa Coad
Wednesday 11 July <i>St Benedict, Abbot</i>	9:30am	Mass: McGough & Duffy families
Thursday 12 July Thursday of Ordinary Time 14	9:30am	Mass: Moran family
Friday 13 July Friday of Ordinary Time 14	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 14 July Vigil Mass for 15 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Ray, Bridie & Bernadette Winnard and pro populo



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 08 July, 2018

"A prophet is only despised in his own country..."

OVER THE last couple of weekends we have journeyed with Jesus in Mark's Gospel and witnessed him calming the stormy seas which threatened to drown the disciples, healing a woman of a long-term haemorrhage and raising a twelve-year old girl from the dead. In all these instances Jesus has focused on faith, or the lack of it. With regard to his disciples in the boat on the Sea of Galilee, those one would expect to have strong faith, Jesus berates them with the words "How is it that you have no faith?" Just prior to raising the young girl from the dead, her father is implored by Jesus to not be afraid and to "only have faith." The father of the girl is a synagogue official and so expected to be hostile to Jesus and all he stands for. The haemorrhaging woman is told by Jesus, "...your faith has restored you to health." There is no evidence that the woman has ever been a disciple of Jesus prior to this life-changing moment. Interestingly, it is those we would expect to have little faith that display it most.

This weekend we witness Jesus returning to his home town of Nazareth, about a day's walk south west of the Sea of Galilee. His reception is not a friendly one. Indeed, those who hear him speak and see his miracles cannot believe this person they knew as a youth is the same one before them now. After establishing that this is indeed Jesus, son of Mary, "they would not accept him." Jesus responds to their rejection with the famous phrase that forms the title of this column and with amazement that their faith was so lacking.

I think that sometimes the most difficult people to evangelise are those closest to us, family and friends, especially if we have had a significant experience with God that has considerably deepened our faith beyond those with whom we have regular close contact. Understandably, we do not want to risk those strong bonds of love we have with family and friends and so do our best to perhaps minimise any manifestation of our conversion so that we can still be the "same old X" to our loved ones. With others however, we may act differently, bringing others to a deeper appreciation of the faith by letting the Spirit do its work in us rather than smothering it.

Conversely, we must be careful not to dismiss others who have had such a deep spiritual experience, as did those natives of Nazareth who dismissed Jesus as a mere carpenter's son unworthy to be a vehicle of God's grace in the form of miracles and Godly teaching. Could it just be that the person we find most annoying, or too quiet, or too argumentative, or too outspoken, or too outrageous or too eccentric is, like Jesus at Nazareth, a vehicle for God's grace?

We cannot always assume that this is the case, but we ignore the possibility at our peril.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,
Fr Robert



Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

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

MINISTRIES
Saturday 14 July
Eucharistic Ministers
Pauline & Ambrose Burnside
Harry Curran
Readers
Angela Harmston
Maria Griffiths
Children's Liturgy
Anne Davies
Angela Harmston
Welcomers
Paul & Anne Kelly
Music
Greg Mearman & Choir

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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....



Malcolm & Harry STOKER
Joan WATSON
Betty WELSH
Pat OPENSHAW
Sheila WILKINSON

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

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



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION
Gift Aid: £218 Loose Plate: £232
TOTAL: £450
Mass Attendance: 140
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What's going on...?

Sea Sunday Retiring Collection: The next retiring collection will take place **this weekend** for the **Apostleship of the Sea**. There is some promotional material and gift aid envelopes available for this weekend's collection at the rear of the church. Funds raised from this collection support the work of the various chaplains who minister to those who work on ships who are often away from home for extended periods and who are often victims of mistreatment. The **Peter's Pence** collection last weekend raised **£209.10**. Thank you for your generosity.

St Cuthbert's Hospice Raffle: St Cuthbert's Hospice is holding a raffle with some terrific prizes by way of celebrating thirty years of operation. First prize is **£1000**. Tickets are **£1.00** each and are available at the rear of the church. Please place your money in the plastic container. Raffle drawn on **27 July**.

SCHOOL NEWS

Statement to Live By

This week's statement was 'I understand the importance of peace'. We talked about the importance of spreading the gift of peace by our words and actions.

Community Project

You may be aware that the local cemetery was vandalised recently, and the grounds and gravestones suffered a substantial amount of damage. Local businesses, relatives of those affected, and the Parish Council, are currently carrying out repair work. They requested the assistance children in the local area, to help plant the flowerbeds. A group of pupils from our school, joined other local schools, to help the community carry this work. Many thanks to the children who took part and to the adults who supported them.

Reception Sports' Festival

On Friday, our youngest pupils, in Reception Class, travelled to Sherburn Village Primary School, to take part in a Sports' Festival, organised by the School Sports Partnership.

Cycling Proficiency Training

On Friday, our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the first of a series of sessions aimed at developing their proficiency in cycling and becoming more aware of the rules of the road.

Pupil News

Sports' Day

"All the pupils enjoyed Sports' Day. The races were sprinting, egg and spoon, obstacle race and the relay. The red team won, but, really, we are all winners." *Ella Snowden*

"It was fun! We did lots of sport!" *Victoria K.*

"We didn't need to sit and wait, because there were lots of sports to do." *Harris*

"It was okay, but it would have been better if there had been more races for Year 6. I was in the lead for the egg and spoon race, until the egg fell off!" *Maddy*

Dairy Dates

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!

Missio/APF Mill Hill Missionaries: The Quarterly Collection raised **£775.89**. Grateful thanks to all those who so generously contributed and to the collectors who gave up their free time to help raise this amount. If you wish to discover how your support is used go to missio.org.uk. You can be a missionary through praying for those who work in the most difficult areas of the world.

Gathering after Mass: As this is the first Saturday of the month, we will be gathering after the Vigil Mass for fellowship with drinks and nibbles. If the beautiful summer weather continues, we will gather in the garden behind the church; if not, we will gather in the school hall.

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!

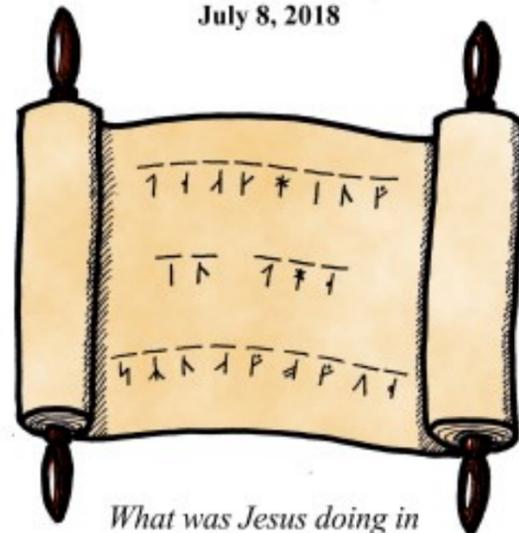
Ushaw Prayer Group: Following the recent Mini-Retreat at Ushaw College, a prayer group has now been set up. The Ushaw Prayer Group plans to meet every fortnight, on a Friday afternoon. Following the 12:30pm Mass, there will be time for a light lunch, after which we will gather for a period of quiet prayer.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

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting: 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, 18 July at 7:00pm** in the **presbytery**. Please note the change of date due to the possibility of a certain football game being played at the exact date and time of the previously scheduled meeting!

Diocesan YouTube Channel: Did you know the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has a YouTube channel? Search for it and subscribe for no cost. This channel will also link you to "The Pope Video" which has some short videos (1 - 1½ minutes) from Pope Francis on different topics of importance.

The Kids' Bulletin

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What was Jesus doing in today's Gospel reading?
Use the secret code to find out!

A C E G H I N O S T U Y
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St Augustine Zhao Rong & his Companions - 09 July

Augustine Zhao Rong (b.1746) was one of the Chinese soldiers who escorted Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse to his execution. Moved by the Bishop's patience, Augustine asked to be baptised, and in due course was sent to the seminary and ordained a priest. He was arrested and savagely tortured. He died in 1815.

With him are celebrated 119 of his companions in martyrdom in China between 1648 and 1930 (including Bishop Dufresse).

Official persecution of Christians by the Emperors ceased in 1842, but violent anti-religious sentiments persisted, and in the Boxer Rebellion of 1900, Christians were particularly attacked and many thousands were killed.



(Information taken from Universalis)

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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 Nazareth, in the region of Galilee, was the home town of Jesus as well as his mother, Mary?

We hear in Luke's Gospel that the angel Gabriel was sent to Mary "to a town in Galilee called Nazareth." (Lk 1:26) Mary's home town is not mentioned in Matthew's account of the birth of Jesus, however. In Matthew's Gospel, the arrival of the holy family at Nazareth is to fulfil a prophecy ("He will be called a Nazarene"). In Luke's Gospel, following the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, "they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth."



"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"We must be displeased with ourselves when we sin, because sin displeases God. And as we are not without sin, let us at least be like God in this respect, that what we are displeased with is what displeases him. You are to a certain extent united with the will of God, because you are displeased with what is hateful to him who made you."

St Augustine of Hippo (354-430)
Bishop 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....

