

The week ahead...

Saturday 04 August Vigil Mass 18 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: McGough & Duffy families and pro populo
Sunday 05 August 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 06 August <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday 07 August Weekday of Ordinary Time 18	6:30pm	Mass: Arthur Crooks Anne Keenan
Wednesday 08 August <i>St Dominic, Priest</i>	9:30am	Mass: Mary Charlton
Thursday 09 August <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe</i>	9:30am	Mass: John Kennedy
Friday 10 August <i>St Laurence, Deacon, Martyr</i>	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 11 August Vigil Mass for 19 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Pauline Pepper and pro populo



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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 05 August, 2018

"I am the bread of life."

LAST WEEKEND saw us shift from Mark's Gospel to the Gospel of John and the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This move into John's Gospel will last for another three Sundays. We return to Mark's Gospel on the first weekend in September. We take up the action this week on the day following the sign of the loaves and fishes. In the meantime, the disciples have crossed the lake to the town of Capernaum. Jesus also makes his way across the lake but does so in a different manner to that of his disciples – he walks!

Of course, more could be said on the significance of Jesus walking across the lake but our Gospel this weekend is centred on what happens the next day at Capernaum. The crowds that had been the beneficiaries of the 'sign' of the loaves and fishes the previous day seek out Jesus and cross over to Capernaum and start looking for him. They knew that he had not boarded the boat with the disciples. Understandably, when they find him they ask when he had made his way there. The simplicity of this question sets the tone for the remainder of the encounter between Jesus and the crowds. They are concerned with Jesus only at a very basic level. Of course, Jesus is aware of this and tells them so in no uncertain terms ("...you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.") In other words, the crowds were amazed at the manner in which Jesus had satisfied their physical hunger by filling their bellies, but failed to see what lay behind this sign, bread that can never fail to satisfy – Jesus himself.

Jesus makes a profound declaration at the end of today's Gospel. After all the talk about bread and manna and the request by the crowds that Jesus give them the bread from heaven, Jesus finally declares: "I am the bread of life." This is the first of the seven famous "I AM" statements by Jesus found only in the Gospel of John. Of course, "I AM" is the name of God given to Moses at the famous burning bush when God calls Moses to lead his people from slavery in Egypt. In the repeated use of "I AM" Jesus is identifying himself as God.

As people who acknowledge as a matter of faith that Jesus is our Lord and God, the true bread from heaven, we might ask ourselves to what extent we take a similar approach to the crowds. How often are we ready to accept a bare minimum from Jesus, thinking perhaps that we are not worthy of more, or thinking this is all we need? How often are we timid in asking God for things in prayer, afraid of appearing greedy, when God wants to give us so much! After all, Jesus tells us at the end of the Gospel today that those who come to him will never hunger or thirst. Naturally, we need to ask for things that are good for us (as opposed to an abundance of material wealth, etc) but in receiving these things we will know true happiness and contentment.

And if we are not sure what we should be asking for, the best solution is to approach in prayerful humility the Bread of Life himself – Jesus.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,
 Fr Robert



Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

MINISTRIES
Saturday 04 August

Eucharistic Ministers
 John & Irene Carey
 Kevin Boyle

Readers
 Margaret Purdom
 Claire Lavery

Children's Liturgy
 (In recess until school returns in September)

Welcomers
 Halina Holman
 Janet Harrigan

Music
 Bill Wilkinson & Choir

MINISTRIES
Saturday 11 August

Eucharistic Ministers
 Jane Smith, Helen Musham
 Wilf Lavery

Readers
 Greg Mearman
 Brendan Payne

Children's Liturgy
 (In recess until school returns in September)

Welcomers
 Paul & Anne Kelly

Music
 Greg Mearman & Choir

18th 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....

McGOUGH & DUFFY families
 Mary CHARLTON (Rec. Dec.)
 Ann KEENAN
 Veronica HUTTON

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

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



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £238 **Loose Plate:** £191

TOTAL: £429

Mass Attendance: 129

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What's going on...?

Gathering after Mass this week: As always on the first weekend Mass of the month, we will be gathering after Mass this evening for fellowship over some drinks and nibbles. All going well with the weather, we'll gather on the lawn behind the church, otherwise in the school hall. Everyone is welcome!

Feast of the Assumption: This feast day is not too far away. A reminder that this is a **holyday of obligation** for Catholics. It is fortunate that it falls on a Wednesday this year. This means that our usual **Tuesday evening Mass at 6:30** will be a Vigil Mass for this feast and the usual **Wednesday 9:30am Mass** will be the Mass on the day itself. If you cannot make either of these Masses, St Cuthbert's in Durham have a Mass on Wednesday at 12:15pm and 7:00pm. St Joseph's in Gilesgate also have a Mass on Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Cleaning Day: The parish is planning a major cleaning day for the church, sacristy, vestry and the ground floor of the presbytery on **Saturday, 01 September from 10:00am - 2:00pm**. There will be jobs which can be undertaken for everyone regardless of age, mobility etc. A light lunch will be part of the day. This will be a day which not only gives us a cleaner parish but also will help foster greater unity in the parish! **A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church.** Please note that you don't have to be here for the full four hours. If you can only spare an hour or so, that's fine!

Finance Report for the Parish: You will find this report on the noticeboard at the back of the church if it is of interest to you.

Fr Ejaz Quarterly Report: If you are interested in reading the latest update on the activities of Fr Ejaz in Pakistan and a financial update, you can find a copy of the report on the parish noticeboard.

Partnership Matters: The August/September edition of the bi-monthly *Partnership Matters* news update is now available on the front page of the diocesan website (www.rcdhn.org.uk). It includes an introduction from our new Chief Operating Officer, Fiona Standfield, and a range of activities and ideas shared from across the diocese. A copy is posted on the church noticeboard too.

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!

Memory Café: The parish of Durham Martyrs hold a café on the **second Tuesday** of every month, from **1:00pm - 3:00pm**, for those affected by dementia and their carers. They meet at St Joseph's Church in Gilesgate. For more information contact the parish secretary on (091) 384 3810. See the noticeboard for more details.

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.

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.

Partnership Development Group (PDG) minutes: Please note that the minutes from the latest PDG meeting in July are now posted on the noticeboard. Some interesting items include the establishment of the new parish of Blessed Edmund Duke in East Durham and the proposal for a new parish in West Durham.

Rosary Rally: This is taking place at **Minsteracres on Saturday, 11 August from 12:00noon - 4:00pm**. This will include a celebration of Eucharist, a rosary procession and benediction.



The Kids' Bulletin

God Provides Bread word puzzle

John 6:24-35

Fill in the missing words.

Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the bottom.

The people came looking for Jesus after the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Jesus said to them, "You are only looking for me because you ⁴ ___ the loaves and were filled. Don't work for food that perishes but for the ⁷ ___ that lasts for eternal ⁸ ___." The people asked, "What can ¹¹ ___ do to do the works of ⁶ ___?" Jesus said to them, "This is the work of God, that you ¹ ___ in the one he sent." So they asked him, "What ⁹ ___ can you show us so that we can believe in you? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, like it is written in the Scriptures, "He gave them bread from Heaven to eat." So ³ ___ said to them, "It was not Moses who gave you bread from Heaven; my ¹⁰ ___ gives you the true bread from Heaven. The bread of God comes down from Heaven and gives life to the ⁵ ___." So the people said to Jesus, "Sir, give us this ² ___ always!"

Jesus said to them, "I am the

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross - 09 August

Edith Stein was born in 1891 into a practising Jewish family in Breslau, Germany, (now Wrocław, Poland). She had a distinguished career as a philosopher and received a doctorate at the University of Freiburg, but her academic career was impeded because she was a woman.

Reading the autobiography of St Teresa of Avila brought about her conversion to Catholicism and she was baptised on 01 January, 1922. She studied Catholic philosophy and became a lecturer but was thrown out of her post in 1933 as a result of the Nazi regime's anti-Semitic legislation.

She entered a Carmelite monastery in Cologne and took the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Her order moved her to the Netherlands to keep her safe from the growing Nazi threat. She wrote a great deal during this time, both on philosophy and on St John of the Cross.

In 1942, after the Dutch Catholic Bishops publicly condemned Nazi racism, the authorities ordered the arrest of all Jewish converts to Christianity. Teresa Benedicta was taken to Auschwitz and killed on 09 August, 1942.

(Information taken from *Universalis*)



~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

Pope Francis' Mission Statement for August

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the reassurances of humanity.

"How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage so essential for each and every society!"



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Bible Study and Prayer Group

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. All are welcome to join us!

The next **Prayer Group** meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 21 August at St John's Church of England, Meadowfield, at 9:30am**. As with the Bible Study, all are welcome!



SCHOOL NEWS

Wedding News

Our newly appointed Deputy Head was married at 1:00pm today, in St Columba's Church, Long Tower. Mrs Patricia Davies, née Deery, travelled back to her birthplace of Londonderry, to marry Mr Luke Davies.

We wish the happy couple well!



DID YOU KNOW...?

...that most of the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John is devoted to a reflection on Jesus as the bread from heaven?

Five Sundays in Year B are devoted to this one chapter from John's Gospel, interrupting our reading of the Gospel of Mark. We heard last week of the miracle (or 'sign') of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes which opens Chapter 6 of John. This Sunday and the next two Sundays are devoted to Jesus' teaching of himself as the bread of life or bread from heaven. The final of these five Sundays tell us of the reaction of those who hear this teaching. May ours be positive!



"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Thank you, God, for the good prospect of heaven, inhabited by those who have died in the flesh but risen in the body as Jesus did before them. Let me remember them with you, those I loved here but see no longer, who now serve and sit with you. Tell them I love them, and, if it be your will, may they be among the first to welcome me into heaven."

John L Bell (b.1949)

The Last Journey: Reflections for the Time of Grieving (SPCK, 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....

