

# The week ahead...

<b>Saturday 11 August</b> Vigil Mass 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Pauline Pepper and pro populo</b>
<b>Sunday 12 August</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Monday 13 August</b> Weekday of Ordinary Time 19	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday 14 August</b> Vigil Mass for the Assumption of BVM	6:30pm	Mass: <b>Mary Charlton</b>
<b>Wednesday 15 August</b> The Assumption of the BVM	9:30am	Mass: <b>John Kennedy and pro populo</b>
<b>Thursday 16 August</b> Weekday of Ordinary Time 19	9:30am 11:45am	Mass: <b>Freda Patterson</b> Funeral Mass: <b>Margaret GAVAGHAN</b>
<b>Friday 17 August</b> Weekday of Ordinary Time 19	7:00am	Mass: <b>John Kennedy</b>
<b>Saturday 18 August</b> Vigil Mass for 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: <b>James &amp; Helena Harrison, Lena Cummings and pro populo</b>



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## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 August, 2018

**“...the bread that I shall give is my flesh...”**

AND SO WE continue our little dip into the Gospel of John, moving on from the great sign of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes a couple of weeks ago, to Jesus' great declaration to the crowds last weekend that he is the Bread of Life. This weekend Jesus attempts to explain to the Jewish leaders (who are the ones referred to by John's term 'the Jews') something of his true identity as "the bread that comes down from heaven." The leaders are confused by Jesus' words and cannot see past the man who stands before them who they know through his parents, Joseph and Mary.

And perhaps this is hardly surprising. Jesus' words are indeed cryptic and we can only speculate to what extent we would understand the words of Jesus if we were in the place of the Jewish leaders. I would hope however, that we would be open to seeing something more in Jesus than a mere man, especially if we were witnesses to a sign such as the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Yet, in our day-to-day living we are rarely, if ever, witnesses to dramatic signs. As you have heard me say repeatedly, most of our days comprise quite mundane, habitual and routine activity: get up, wash, dress, eat, go to work or school to undertake routine duties, come home, eat, relax, sleep and rise the next day to repeat the process. Even our leisure time, though a welcome break from work or study, is often made up of some sort of routine.

And it is in this that we are in danger of falling into the same manner of thinking as the Jewish leaders in the Gospel today. They cannot see past the man who stands before them to come to understand that he is indeed one who has "come down from heaven." They know his family and see him in the flesh, in all appearances just like any other Jewish man. What they hear Jesus saying however, is far from ordinary, so much so that they cannot comprehend it and so refuse to believe. The appearance of Jesus and his words are at odds with one another. In a word, the Jewish leaders have become obstinate.

This must not happen with us. If we are people of prayer, who nourish ourselves regularly with prayer, scripture and the Eucharist, we open ourselves to seeing the miraculous and the divine in the ordinariness of daily living. And, when we reflect on Jesus' words as the one who is the "Bread of Life" we can see that Jesus chose the ordinary, bread, as a means of achieving intimacy with us as we celebrate the Eucharist together. Though the appearance of the Eucharist is that of ordinary bread, we know as a matter of faith, that this indeed is the flesh of Christ, come to us. The ordinary has become extraordinary – it has become divine.

And such can be those ordinary moments of daily living when seen through the prism of a prayerful life which is nourished with the Bread that will lead us to eternal life.

*Wishing you a blessed week ahead,*  
Fr Robert



### Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

**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

**MINISTRIES**  
**Saturday 18 August**

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Ambrose & Pauline Burnside  
Harry Curran

**Readers**  
Pat Middleton  
Angela Harmston

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

**Welcomers**  
Angela Harmston  
Christine Tracey

**Music**  
Bill Wilkinson & Choir

**19<sup>th</sup> 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....**

Pauline PEPPER  
Margaret GAVAGHAN (Rec. Dec.)  
Mary CHARLTON (Rec. Dec.)  
John ALLEN  
Angela HART  
Joseph CONDRON

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

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

**£ LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION**

**Gift Aid: £219    Loose Plate: £207**

**TOTAL: £426**

**Mass Attendance: 127**

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# What's going on...?

**RIP Margaret GAVAGHAN:** We offer our condolences to the family of Margaret GAVAGHAN of Brandon, who died on 03 August. Please pray for the repose of her soul. The funeral Mass for Margaret will take place here at St Patrick's this **Thursday, 16 August, at 11:45am**, followed by cremation at Durham Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

**Feast of the Assumption:** A reminder that this is a **holyday of obligation** for Catholics. It is fortunate that it falls on a Wednesday this year for it 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.

**Hymn Request Forms:** As mentioned at Mass last weekend, you can now nominate a favourite hymn for the choir to lead us in at Mass. Forms are available at the rear of the church.

**Gathering after Mass:** Thank you to those who assisted to make last weekend's gathering after Mass another success. If you don't normally come to these gatherings, who not consider coming along in September? Let's hope the weather is just as beautiful then!

**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](http://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.

**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.

**Vacancies:** Please see the noticeboards for various job vacancies that are currently open around the diocese. There is currently a position open for a Property Review Co-ordinator.

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

### SS Pontian & Hippolytus - 13 August

Pontian was ordained Bishop of Rome in the year 231, and in the year 235 was exiled by the Emperor Maximinus to Sardinia, together with the priest Hippolytus. Here he abdicated the papacy. After his death in Sardinia his body was buried in the cemetery of Callistus, while the body of Hippolytus was taken to the cemetery on the Via Tiburtina. Both of these martyrs have been venerated by the Church of Rome from the beginning of the fourth century.



*(Information taken from The Divine Office, Vol. 3)*

### ~ 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*

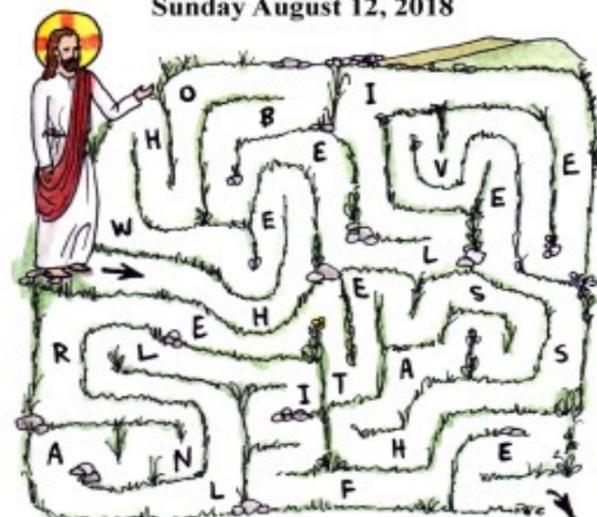
The next monthly **Bible Study** will be held at **St Andrew's Methodist Church, Brandon, on Monday, 13 August, 3:30-4:45pm**. We will be looking at the Sunday readings for the month ahead. All are welcome to join us!

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!



## The Kids' Bulletin

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday August 12, 2018



Jesus told the people that He was the Bread of Life. The people were confused and wondered what He was talking about. So He explained again, and told them this:

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*(Use all the letters that you pass in the maze to fill in the blanks and find out what Jesus said) John 6:41-51*

## Psalm 34 Cross-Word



ANSWERED TO ASHAMED FOR SAINTS WHO EXALT NAME LORD LOOK WANT FEAR GOOD MAN THOSE SEE REFUGE NO TROUBLES

My soul makes its boast in the \_\_\_\_\_ (3D); let the afflicted hear and be glad.  
O magnify the LORD with me, and let us \_\_\_\_\_ (9A) his \_\_\_\_\_ (1A) together!  
I sought the LORD, and he \_\_\_\_\_ (4A) me, and delivered me from all my fears.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3A) \_\_\_\_\_ (13D) him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be \_\_\_\_\_ (4D).  
This poor \_\_\_\_\_ (2D) cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his \_\_\_\_\_ (13A).  
The angel of the LORD encamps around \_\_\_\_\_ (10D) \_\_\_\_\_ (14A) fear him, and delivers them.  
O taste and \_\_\_\_\_ (8D) that the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_ (12D)!  
Happy is the man who takes \_\_\_\_\_ (11A) in him!  
O \_\_\_\_\_ (6D) the LORD, you his \_\_\_\_\_ (7A),  
O \_\_\_\_\_ (6A) those who fear him have \_\_\_\_\_ (1D) \_\_\_\_\_ (5D)!

A=Across D=Down

## DID YOU KNOW...?

**...that chapter six of John's Gospel, which we are currently hearing in our Sunday Masses, is one of the longest chapters in the Gospels?**

If you look through the Gospels and examine the numbers of verses in each chapter, you will find that John 6 has 71 verses, the same number as Luke 22. These chapters have fewer verses however than Luke 1 and Matthew 26, which have 80 verses and 75 verses respectively. Mark 14 has 72 verses. As a matter of interest, the chapter with the least number of verses is Matthew 3 with just 17 verses. We need to bear in mind that the scriptures were not originally composed with chapters and verses. These were added at a much later date.



## "QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"...the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that 'the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person,' and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide."

Extract from revised version of paragraph 2267 of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, issued on 02 August, 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....

