

What's going on...?

Fr Brian Murphy: I want to thank Fr Brian on your behalf for his kindness in filling in for me during my absence on annual leave. I will return to Durham later this week and will celebrate next Saturday evening's Vigil Mass. Mass times will return to their usual schedule the following week.

Home Mission Sunday Collection: As you are aware, it has been a while since we have taken up a special collection because of the summer break. We have a retiring collection **this evening** for **Home Mission Sunday**. This collection supports the work of evangelisation throughout the dioceses of England and Wales. Please be as generous as you can.

Education Sunday Collection: We will have a retiring collection **next weekend** for **Education Sunday**. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Education Office. As always, your generosity is appreciated.

Letter from the Pope: As you will be aware, last weekend the Bishop's response to Pope Francis's letter on the Church's response to sexual abuse was read at Mass. The Pope's letter is being made available to all parishioners this weekend. It is also available on the internet should you wish to access it this way.

Hymn Request Forms: Don't forget that 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.

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!

Apostleship of the Sea: Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on **Wednesday 19 September** at 12:00noon in St Bede's Church, 10 Westoe Rd, South Shields NE33 4LZ. Bishop Séamus Cunningham will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Ushaw Prayer Group: The contemplative prayer group at Ushaw will resume its meetings on the first and third Fridays of the month, the next being on **21 September**. Meetings, lasting about an hour, will start at 1:45pm, following Mass at 12:30pm and a light lunch in the Refectory. All are welcome!

St Oscar Romero Mass: To mark the occasion of the canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero in Rome in October, Bishop Seamus will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Saturday 13 October at 11:00am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle**. All are welcome to attend. Archbishop Romero was assassinated in 1980 while offering Mass in San Salvador. He embraced a simple lifestyle; he was a popular preacher and responded with real compassion to the plight of the poor.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Council and Heads of School

Following elections, pupils from Year 2 - Year 6 have been voted onto our School Council. The representatives for each year group are below.

- Year 2** - Matthew Finley and Chloe Gandy
- Year 3** - Lilly Oliver and Carys Payne
- Year 4** - Ella Eilles and Christian Makin
- Year 5** - Michael Cummings and Jim Wilson
- Year 6** - Nicole Apicella and Vanessa Pigagaite

Also, after candidates gave individual presentations to their class, Ella Snowden and Christian Verlander were elected as head pupils of the school. Aidan Makin and Ella Watson are deputy head pupils.

We know our head pupils will represent our school well and we look forward to working with our School Council, who will be responsible for sharing the views of all pupils and supporting the continuous improvement of our school.

Football Team

Our football team played in their first match on Thursday, after school. They played for the Leadgate Trophy, at Meadowfield Sports Centre. Results in next week's bulletin!

Liturgy

The first liturgy planned for this term will be:

Friday 28.09.18 @ 2:30pm - Welcome Liturgy (Reception). *This event will take place in school and will be followed by a cake sale and refreshments, in support of Macmillan Cancer Support.*



YOUTH GROUPS!

Youth Groups: Come along to one of our groups at Durham Martyrs Parish to make new friends, share a meal and take some time out. We have three groups, for three different age ranges, the details of which can be found below:

Base Camp - For school years 4 and 5 - Tuesdays 4:30 - 6:30pm

Signpost - For school years 6, 7 and 8 - Thursdays 5:00 - 7:00pm

Frontier - For school years 9 - 13 - Wednesdays 7:00 - 9:00pm

All groups will meet in the Jubilee Room at St Joseph's Church, Mill Lane, Gilesgate, Durham, DH1 2JG. Entry is £1.50 and includes a meal.

The groups are run by Katie Flood, the Youth Ministry Coordinator for Durham Martyrs Parish, along with other volunteers from the parish who are all DBS checked. If your child wishes to attend the groups, please be aware that you will be required to complete consent forms, including photo consent, before you leave your child with us. These can be completed upon your arrival. For more information about the groups please contact Katie Flood at youth.durhammartyrs@rcdhn.org.uk or on 07483 36956.

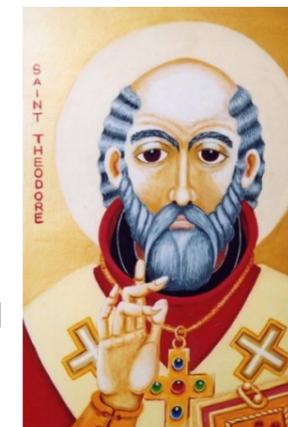


SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Theodore of Tarsus - 19 September

Theodore was born in Tarsus in 601, in modern Turkey. A Greek by birth, he became a monk in Italy. He was not ordained priest until at the age of 65 he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by Pope Vitalian. He arrived in England in 669 and spent the rest of his life reorganising and reforming the life of the Church throughout the country, holding visitations and synods, establishing new dioceses and a great school at Canterbury, and reconciling divisions between the Celtic and Roman ecclesiastical traditions. He died at Canterbury on 19 September 690. He is remembered for his scholarship and for bringing unity and organisation to a divided church.

(Information taken from Universalis)



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Pope Francis' Mission Statement for September

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

"None of us is an island, autonomous and independent from others. We can only build the future by standing together."



DID YOU KNOW...?

...that when Peter told Jesus that some people thought him to be Elijah, this was one of many mentions of this great Old Testament prophet?

Other mentions include the time that John the Baptist is asked if he is Elijah (Jn 1:21); John the Baptist's father Zechariah is told by the archangel before John's birth that he will have the spirit of Elijah (Lk 1:16-17); Herod is told by some people that Jesus is Elijah (Lk 9:7-9); and Elijah also appears with Moses at the Transfiguration (Mt 17:1-13).



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Prayer Group & Bible Study

Prayer Group meets every third week of the month at **St John's Church of England, Meadowfield**, from **9:30am - 10:15am**. Next meeting: **Tuesday, 18 September**. All welcome!

Bible Study Group will meet every **Friday in September, 2:00pm - 3:00pm**, at **St John's Church of England, Meadowfield**. Please bring a Bible with you. **Theme:** Women in the New Testament.



"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Even though the creature loves less than the Creator, for that is his nature, nevertheless if he loves with all his being, he lacks nothing."

St Bernard of Clairvaux
(1090-1153)
Abbot and Doctor of the Church



PLEASE PRAY... for the following intentions throughout Autumn as requested by Bishop Séamus: **Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.** Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer....

