

# The week ahead...

<b>Saturday 22 September</b> Vigil Mass 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Michael Habyan and pro populo</b>
<b>Sunday 23 September</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Monday 24 September</b> <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday 25 September</b> Weekday of Ordinary Time 25	6:30pm	Mass: <b>John Kennedy</b>
<b>Wednesday 26 September</b> Weekday of Ordinary Time 25	9:30am	Mass: <b>Carey &amp; Wilson families</b>
<b>Thursday 27 September</b> <i>St Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	9:30am	Mass: <b>McGough &amp; Duffy families</b>
<b>Friday 28 September</b> Weekday of Ordinary Time 25	7:00am	Mass: <b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Saturday 29 September</b> Vigil Mass for 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Teresa Coad and pro populo</b>



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## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 September, 2018

### “...last of all and servant of all.”

LET'S FACE IT, service does not get good press in society today. We are constantly being given the message that you've "made it" in the world if you are the one who is being served, not the one doing the serving. Some of the lowest paid jobs are those that involve service. There is a feeling of power that comes with being waited on and having others depend on you for a living. I was fortunate enough to be in the United States earlier this year and remember being taken aback by the very attentive service I received whenever I sat down for a meal in a restaurant or café and coming to the realisation that this level of service was an indication of how dependent those serving me were on the gratuities I would leave at the completion of my meal. I was in a position of power for I was being served.

Jesus spends some time in the Gospel this weekend speaking of service to his disciples. We hear that they had been arguing among themselves about which of them was the greatest. No doubt this was to enable one of them to establish a leadership position to enable him to lord it over the other eleven. Jesus, demonstrating extraordinary patience, sits the disciples down and utters words which turn the conventional wisdom outlined above on its head: "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all."

It is clear that the definition of "first" is crucial to our understanding of this passage. Jesus is rebuking the disciples for looking at "first" in a worldly sense, putting oneself above others and enjoying the benefits that accrue from occupying a position of power and influence. Jesus wants the disciples to understand "first" from a heavenly perspective: they will certainly be "first" in the only way that matters – make it into heaven – if they put others before themselves here on earth. The simple message: put others before yourself, not yourself before others.

Of course, Jesus does not only make his views known by speaking to his disciples. Every moment of Jesus's ministry, evident throughout the Gospels, was an example of loving service. From healing the sick and raising the dead through to associating with the poor, lonely and outcast, Jesus demonstrated this most important facet of faith in God. Jesus had no qualms about serving others and insisted that service is the essence of the life of a person of God, as embodied in him.

Of course, for every person serving there is at least another being served. There is nothing wrong with being on the receiving end of legitimate service. Jesus simply reminds us to keep things in perspective. If we are only ever seeking to be served and failing to seek ways we can serve others, especially the less fortunate, we are then betraying an attitude of self-centredness and certainly not being true to our proclaimed Christian faith.

Let us seek to serve each other, even those we find most difficult to relate to (perhaps especially such people for it is then we see another side of them!) for by so doing we are living out the commandment of Jesus to love – there is no other way!

*Wishing you a blessed week ahead,*  
 Fr Robert



### Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

**MINISTRIES**  
**Saturday 22 September**

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

**Readers**  
 Rowan Payne  
 Greg Mearman

**Children's Liturgy**  
 Helen Riddles  
 Angela Harmston

**Welcomers**  
 Pat Middleton  
 Mary Kitching

**Music**  
 Greg Mearman & Choir

**MINISTRIES**  
**Saturday 29 September**

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
 Angela & Gordon Tosley  
 Angela Harmston

**Readers**  
 Stella Foody  
 Angela Harmston

**Children's Liturgy**  
 Maria Griffiths  
 Joanne Lidster

**Welcomers**  
 Halina Holman  
 Janet Harrigan

**Music**  
 Greg Mearman & Choir

**25<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....**

Michael HABYAN  
 Brian MAUGHAN  
 Anne-Marie HOWARD  
 Robert KERR  
 Monica WEST

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

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



**£ LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION**

**Gift Aid: £226    Loose Plate: £221**

**TOTAL: £447**

**Mass Attendance: 144**

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# What's going on...?

**Home Mission Sunday Collection:** Thank you for your donations to the Home Mission Sunday collection last weekend. A total of £109.50 was raised.

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

**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!

**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 **05 October**. 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!

**CAFOD Appeal:** Next weekend the CAFOD Fast Day Appeal envelopes will be made available. Our Parish Representative, Tricia Whitfield, will read out her appeal letter on the following weekend when the collection will be taken up.

**Holy Hour:** In response to Bishop Séamus's request, the parish, along with others in our partnership and throughout the Diocese, will hold a holy hour in response to the clerical abuse crisis. They will be held at various times throughout the diocese with ours here at **St Patricks on Tuesday, 02 October, 7:00 - 8:00pm**, following the 6:30pm Mass.

**Church Organ:** You cannot fail to notice the organ that has been temporarily installed at the front of the church. This will be used over the coming few weeks in anticipation (pending approval) of a new digital organ being placed in the choir loft to replace the instrument currently there which, we have been advised, has reached the end of its life and would be uneconomic to restore. Any comments are welcome!

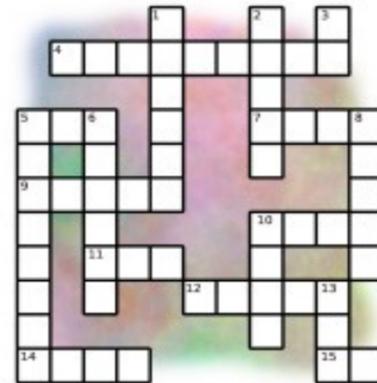
**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):** A reminder that the PPC will meet this **Wednesday, 26 September from 7:00pm in the presbytery**. There is still an opportunity to put your name down if you wish to come. The minutes of the last meeting and a draft agenda are posted on the noticeboard near the doors of the church.

**Mass Schedule:** It is great to be back with you again after my two weeks' break. The regular Mass schedule now returns.

**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

Psalm  
54  
Cross-  
Word



Unscramble the words in today's Psalm to fit them into the puzzle.  
a=Across d=Down

O God, by your name (ESAV 14a) me, and by your (THGMI 2d) (FENDED 6d) my cause.

O God, (ERHA 7a) my (YREPRA 1d); hearken (OT 15a) the (DROWS 12a) of my mouth.

For the haughty have (NERIS 8d) up against (EM 3d), the ruthless seek my (FLEI 10a); they (TES 13d) (NTO 11a) God before their eyes.

Behold, (DGO 5a) is my helper; the (DOLR 10d) sustains my life.

Freely will I (EFFOR 9a) you (FICESACIR 4a); I will praise your name, O Lord, for its (NSSEGDOO 5d).



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Statement to Live By

This week's statement was, 'I can say one good thing about myself'. We shared St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (12:4-10) and talked about how happy and productive our school is, when everyone makes good use of the unique gifts and talents that they have been given. We linked our worship to our school motto, 'Use well the gifts that God has given you'.

### Football Team

Last week, our football team took part in their first matches of the season, playing for the Leadgate Trophy, at Meadowfield Sports Centre. St. Patrick's came first in their group, winning one game 2-0 and drawing 1-1 in the second match. They went on to play well in the semi-finals, but conceded a goal in the final moments of their match, with a final score of 0-1. Tonight, they play two league fixtures, one against St. Oswald's and the other against Esh C of E. We wish them luck!

### Reception Liturgy and MacMillan Cakes Sale

A 'Welcome Liturgy', led by Reception, will take place at 2:30 pm on Friday 28 September, in the school hall. This will be followed by refreshments and a cake sale, with the proceeds being donated to MacMillan, the cancer charity. Everyone is welcome to attend this celebration.

### Masses and Liturgies

Additional celebrations, planned for the first half term, are as follows:

**Thursday 04.10.18 @ 9:30am - Mass (Class 2) - in church**

**Thursday 04.10.18 @ 2:45pm - Liturgy (Class 4) - in school chapel**

**Friday 05.10.18 @ 2:45pm - Mass (Class 1) - in school chapel**

**Wednesday 10.10.18 @ 2:45pm - Liturgy (Class 3) - in school chapel**

**Wednesday 17.10.18 @ 2:45pm - Liturgy (Class 2) - in school chapel**

**Thursday 18.10.18 @ 9:30am - Mass (Class 1) - in church**

Everyone welcome!



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### Our Lady of Walsingham - 24 September

The shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham in Norfolk was one of the great pilgrimage centres of medieval times. The lady of the manor of Walsingham, Richeldis de Faverches, had a vision in which the Virgin Mary instructed her to build in her village an exact replica of the house in Nazareth where the Annunciation had taken place. According to tradition this vision occurred in 1061, although the most likely date for the construction of the shrine is a hundred years later.

The original shrine was destroyed at the Reformation, but in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, pilgrimage to Walsingham was revived not only by Catholics but also for Anglicans.

(Information taken from *Universalis*)



### ~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

#### 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."*



### ~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

#### Prayer Group & Bible Study

**Bible Study Group** will have its final session on Friday 28 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.

**Prayer Group** meets Tuesday 16 October at St John's, Meadowfield, 9:30am - 10:15am.

**Gospel Study** meets Monday 08 October at St Andrew's, Brandon, 3:30pm - 4:45pm. Refreshments!

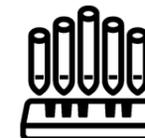


### DID YOU KNOW...?

**...that a digital organ, along the lines of the one we might be installing here at St Patrick's, has been installed in St Peter's Basilica, Rome?**

The organ was installed in 2017 and is used alongside the traditional pipe organ which remains in place. It made its debut on Christmas Eve last year. The organ was donated by the Allen Organ Company of the United States.

According to the Director of the Pontifical Sistine Chapel Choir, the organ was installed because "new demands require new solutions."



### "QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

*"When you cease to doubt and you are unable to feel the ambiguity and the mystery that is God, when you have to have all the answers and be sure of them, you have at that moment made yourself God, and you call it religion!"*

**Sr Joan Chittister** (b.1936)

Benedictine nun, theologian and author



**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...

