

The week ahead...

Saturday 20 October Vigil Mass 29 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Lizzabella and Margaret Jane Morris and <i>pro populo</i>
Sunday 21 October 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 22 October Weekday of Ordinary Time 29	NO MASS	
Tuesday 23 October Weekday of Ordinary Time 29	6:30pm	Mass: Dorothy Dowdle
Wednesday 24 October Weekday of Ordinary Time 29	9:30am	Mass: John Kennedy
Thursday 25 October Weekday of Ordinary Time 29	9:30am	Mass: Private Intention
Friday 26 October <i>SS Chad and Cedd, Bishops</i>	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 27 October Vigil Mass for 30 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Joe Condon and <i>pro populo</i>



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 October, 2018

To serve, not to be served...

THE THREE APOSTLES closest to Jesus were Peter, James and John. It was these three, the inner circle if you will, who were favoured to be with Jesus at some key events in his ministry: the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus and in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before Jesus's crucifixion. Interestingly, we encounter these three exhibiting a distinct display of what we would call self-centredness both last weekend and in this weekend's Gospel passage. It is Peter who last week, on behalf of all the disciples, asks Jesus, "What about us? We have left everything and followed you." This weekend we encounter James and John asking for favoured positions in heaven. Interestingly, in Matthew's account of this incident, it is the mother of the brothers James and John who asks Jesus for this privilege on behalf of her sons though the response of Jesus is the same! (See Matt 20:20-23)

It is clear that despite being Jesus's "inner circle" Peter, James and John have no better understanding of Jesus and his kingdom than the other disciples. For James and John (given the nickname "Sons of Thunder" by Jesus), it seems that they believe they are entitled to a privileged status by virtue of their closeness to Jesus. Rather than simply dismissing their request outright, Jesus tries to lead them to an understanding of the nature of the kingdom of which he has been speaking. It is a kingdom distinct from that of the known world. In God's kingdom, there is an emphasis on sacrifice and service, not on status and nepotism. A person in God's kingdom is called to empty themselves of all that is worldly and a barrier to God and, rather than emphasise what they can *get from* the world and from others, place emphasis on what they can instead *give to* the world and to others – that is, to serve. This step can be painful and wrenching and this is what Jesus meant when he spoke of drinking the cup he is to drink and being baptised as he was to be baptised. James and John replied that they could do this without really understanding its implications.

What about us? To what extent do we understand that the crux of the Christian life is to truly serve others? Surely it is in serving others selflessly, out of unconditional love, that differentiates us from people who are worldly? This is not to say that people who do not share our faith, be they of another faith tradition or none whatsoever, are unable to serve others selflessly. Indeed, I am sure that we all know of people who are not believers yet demonstrate a remarkable capacity to serve selflessly. Such people are a wake-up call to us who declare ourselves to be followers of Christ and are meant to make that manifest each day by our actions. Such people are a reminder to us of our tendency to treat our faith as a cosy nest rather than understand it as a call to step out of our comfort zone through sacrificial, loving service of others.

If there is any comfort to be experienced, it is perhaps the knowledge that even those closest to Jesus during his life on earth failed at times to comprehend what being a follower of Jesus was all about!

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,
Fr Robert



Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

MINISTRIES

Saturday 20 October

Eucharistic Ministers
Helen Musham, Jane Smith
Wilf Lavery

Readers
Margaret Purdom
Claire Lavery

Children's Liturgy
Maria Griffiths
Joanne Lidster

Welcomers
Pat Middleton
Mary Kitching

Music
Greg Mearman & Choir

MINISTRIES

Saturday 27 October

Eucharistic Ministers
Ambrose & Pauline Burnside
Harry Curran

Readers
Greg Mearman
Brendan Payne

Children's Liturgy
Anne Davies
Angela Harmston

Welcomers
Halina Holman
Janet Harrigan

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....



Lizzabella MORRIS
Margaret Jane MORRIS
Teresa PARKIN
John McDONOUGH
Mary WILSON
John FORRESTER

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,
Frances Harland,
Sylvia Kelly and
Mary Spears*



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £232 **Loose Plate:** £214

TOTAL: £446

Mass Attendance: 162

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What's going on...?

Mission Sunday: This weekend, all parishes throughout the world are asked to celebrate and support 'World Mission.' Missio is the Pope's official charity which supports over 1,000 dioceses overseas who are too young or too poor to support themselves. The funds raised by your help cares for the Church and empowers local people and missionary orders to form and sustain communities of faith and maintain their life saving programmes. Please contribute as much as you can and pray for those who work in the difficult areas of the world. Thank you for your help!

The Finchale Partnership: The Partnership Development Group met in September. At the meeting, the PDG discussed a proposal for the amalgamation of parishes in West Durham, and plans for Partnership events over the next few months. The full minutes of the meeting are available on the our partnership webpages currently hosted at <https://www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/the-finchale-partnership/partnership-development-group-information>

Partnership Matters: October/November edition now on noticeboard along with "Sharing Your Ideas". These can be emailed to you.

Christian Initiation: On this Wednesday, 24 October, Donna is to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the 9:30am Mass. Please continue to pray for her. Though Donna has been a part of our community for some time, in receiving the sacraments of initiation she will also be one with us in faith.

Day of Prayer at Ushaw – A Time of Words, Music and Silence:

Wednesday, 24 October: 10:30am to 4:00pm. Led by Sister Rosarie Spence. £10.00 per person including coffee, tea and biscuits served both on arrival and to conclude the day.

10:30am Coffee/Tea and biscuits
11:00am First Session
1:00pm Lunch
2:00pm Second Session
4:00pm Coffee/Tea and biscuits

Lunch is not provided, but there is a delicious range of great value home-made soups, pastries and cakes available in the refectory. Bookings can be made on-line via Ushaw's website (www.ushaw.org) or call 0191 3345119.

Daylight Saving: Please note that **next weekend** sees the end of daylight saving. Please don't forget to gift yourself that extra hour of sleep on Sunday morning by turning back your clocks one hour before bed next Saturday night!

Permanent Diaconate: The permanent diaconate is well-established in our Diocese now, and the deacons come from all walks of life and live out their ministry in a variety of ways. The Council of Deacons is running a series of information evenings across the diocese, to offer an opportunity to come along and find out more about the diaconate. The Council of Deacons is sure that the Holy Spirit is calling forward men to the diaconate. The information evenings will offer an overview of the four-year formation period, insight from current deacons as to how they live out their ministry, and offer a chance to ask questions. Anyone interested to know more is invited to come along to one of the sessions. Wives of those interested in the diaconate are welcome to attend. The details of the three information evenings are as follows:

- Wednesday 07 November, 7:00pm: St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY.
- Wednesday 21 November, 7:00pm: English Martyrs and Ss Peter and Paul, Redhill Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 9BY.
- Thursday 22 November, 7:00pm: St Michael's, Durham Road, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8NF (in the meeting room)

If you are unable to attend any of these evenings, but are still interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate, please look at the diocesan website: <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/vocdeacon/vocdeaconabout.php>

The Kids' Bulletin

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Isaiah 53 Word- Find



Try to find in the puzzle the words written in CAPITALS in today's first reading.
Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

The Lord was PLEASED
to CRUSH him in INFIRMITY.

If he GIVES his life as an OFFERING for sin,
he shall see his descendents in a long LIFE,
and the will of the Lord will be accomplished
through him.

Because of his AFFLICTION
he shall see the LIGHT in FULLNESS of DAYS;
through his SUFFERING, my SERVANT shall
JUSTIFY many,
and their GUILT he shall bear.

SCHOOL NEWS

Statement to Live By

This week's statement was, 'I understand that rights match responsibility'. We reflected on the parable of the sheep and the goats, from Matthew's Gospel, and heard about our responsibility to help anyone in need. The children came up with some good examples of how they could help at home, at school and in the wider community.

Harvest Assembly

Thank you to all those who supported the Harvest Assembly, that was held in school, on Thursday afternoon. Class hampers were raffled and this raised £132.00 for CAFOD, the organisation that supports those in developing countries.

World Mission Sunday

In order to mark World Mission Sunday, an assembly, prepared by Mission Together (the children's branch of Missio) was shared with all pupils. The children wrote prayers for our brothers and sisters in need and for those who care for them. These prayers will be brought forward during the Offertory Procession, this evening.

Half-Term Holiday

School closed for the half-term break on Thursday afternoon and will re-open on Monday 29 October.



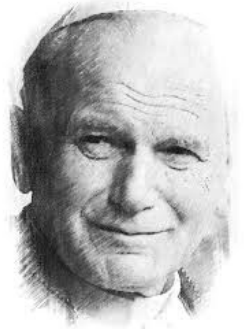
SAINT OF THE WEEK

St John Paul II - 22 October

Karol Józef Wojtyła was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. After his ordination to the priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to his homeland and resumed various pastoral and academic tasks. He became first auxiliary bishop and, in 1964, Archbishop of Kraków and took part in the Second Vatican Council. On 16 October, 1978 he was elected Pope and took the name John Paul II.

His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. Among the many fruits which he has left as a heritage to the Church are above all his rich Magisterium and the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as well as the Code of Canon Law for the Latin Church and for the Eastern Churches. In Rome on 02 April 2005, the eve of the Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy), he departed peacefully to the Lord. He was canonized by Pope Francis on 27 April 2014, the Second Sunday of Easter.

(Information taken from [Universalis](http://www.universalis.it))



~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

Pope Francis' Mission Statement for October

That consecrated Religious men and women may actively seek to be present among the poor, the marginalised and those who have no voice.

"In the name of Jesus we can make known, through our witness, that peace is possible!"



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Prayer Group & Bible Study

Prayer Group meets Tuesday **20 November** at St Patrick's, Langley Moor, 9:30am - 10:15am.

Gospel Study meets Monday **12 November** at St Andrew's Methodist, Brandon, 3:30pm - 4:45pm. Refreshments available before the meeting.

The **Advent Study Group** will commence on Friday, **23 November**, 2pm - 3pm. This group will meet weekly. The York course "Life to the Full" will be used. More news to come!



DID YOU KNOW...?

...that there were seven new saints canonized recently by Pope Francis?

Among these were **Pope Paul VI**, who continued and brought to completion the Second Vatican Council, begun by Pope John XXIII in 1962. Paul VI was also known for the controversy of the encyclical *Humanae Vitae* in 1968. **Archbishop Oscar Romero** of El Salvador was known for speaking out bravely against the bloody military dictatorship in his country and was assassinated in 1980, allegedly by order of the government.

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Serve God with simplicity, love him with simplicity; no violent or extraordinary states, but peace of heart and soul in our Lord. You belong to his court, his house; busy yourself with him more than with yourself."

Prosper Guéranger OSB (1805-1875)
Abbot of Solesmes Abbey, France



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....

