

The week ahead...

Saturday 26 January Vigil Mass for 3 rd Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Carey & Wilson families and pro populo
Sunday 27 January 3 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 28 January <i>St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday 29 January Tuesday of Week 3	6:30pm	Mass: Veronica & David Parkinson
Wednesday 30 January Wednesday of Week 3	9:30am	Mass: Billy Dickinson
Thursday 31 January <i>St John Bosco, Priest</i>	9:30am	Mass: Maureen Price
Friday 01 February Friday of Week 3	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 02 February Vigil Mass for 4 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Mary Pattinson, Vera Kitching, Alice Egglestone and pro populo



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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 January, 2019

“And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him.”

OUR GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND begins in rather a curious way. What we hear are the very first words of Luke's Gospel, the Gospel which is the focus of the remainder of the liturgical year. Over Christmas, of course, we heard quite a bit from Luke as his Gospel is the main source in the scriptures regarding the infancy of Jesus. Today we hear the first four verses of Luke's Gospel (addressed to Theophilus which means “beloved of God”), then skip ahead to chapter four, where “Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee.” This explains the rather abrupt shift in the text. We skip over the infancy narrative and many other events to resume at the point in Luke where Jesus begins his mission. He does so in the synagogue of his home town, Nazareth.

It is an extraordinary encounter. What strikes me about this text is the composure shown by Jesus. Every move comes across as very deliberate, especially when he finishes reading from the prophet Isaiah: “He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down.” Indeed, this composure and purposeful demeanour will mark everything about the mission of Jesus. He knew that his mission was affirmed by his Father, made clear at his baptism, and he was determined to undertake it, come what may.

And this meant facing rejection. If we read further on in the Gospel passage (always a good idea!), we hear that straight after Jesus declares that “This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen” the people spoke well of him because of his eloquence. Despite this they can't believe that “one of their own” could be the Messiah. Jesus chastises them and the mood soon changes such that “all in the synagogue were filled with rage.” So intense is their anger that they try to murder Jesus but are unsuccessful.

This change in mood might not be so extreme in our own lives but if we reflect on our attitudes, we are certain to find some significant shifts in our thoughts and feelings towards God and our Christian faith. In our First Reading this weekend we hear how Ezra the priest read from the Book of the Law for several hours and how the people listened intently and gave great praise to God. When we come to Mass and hear the scriptures proclaimed and broken open for us, likewise we may feel a sense of elation and resolve to live out our faith more fervently from this point on. Yet how quickly do we return to our normal ways, allowing the cares of the world to mutate our faith so that it becomes lukewarm and insipid? We are reminded of Jesus's parable of the sower and the seed. (Luke 8:4-15). What are we doing to engage with God in a meaningful way when outside church? Do we nourish ourselves with scripture outside Mass? Do we own a bible? If so, do we open it? What about a fruitful prayer life?

Let us not be as fickle as those who were present in the synagogue when Jesus began his mission but rather pledge to be firm in faith through nourishing it constantly so that we support Jesus in the mission he has handed on to us rather than reject him as happened so often during his time on earth.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,
Fr Robert



Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

MINISTRIES
Saturday 26 January
Eucharistic Ministers
 Pauline & Ambrose Burnside
 Harry Curran
Readers
 Greg Mearman
 Angela Harmston
Children's Liturgy
 Maria Griffiths
 Joanne Lidster
Welcomers
 Paul & Anne Kelly
Music
 Greg Mearman & Choir

MINISTRIES
Saturday 02 February
Eucharistic Ministers
 Gordon & Angela Tosley
 Angela Harmston
Readers
 Marie Paily
 Stella Foody
Children's Liturgy
 Maria Griffiths
 Helen Riddles
Welcomers
 Angela Harmston
 Christine Tracey
Music
 Bill Wilkinson & Choir

The Third Sunday

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....

CAREY & WILSON families
 James MEARMAN
 Fr Bill BELLAMY
 Fr Francis REID
 Elizabeth WILSHAW
 Ellen Mary PINAGLI
 Jane MINNS

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

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



£ LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION
Gift Aid: £214 Loose Plate: £223
TOTAL: £437
Mass Attendance: 164
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What's going on...?

Now on Twitter! The parish now has a Twitter account and I hope to tweet something each day. These tweets will be both of a spiritual and practical nature. Simply search for **St Patrick's Langley Moor**.

Carpenter needed: The Parish Pastoral Council have been discussing the possibility of displaying in the narthex the reverse side of the two doors of the electrical cupboard which is positioned high on the wall of the narthex, above the statue of Mary. In case you were not aware, the reverse side of these doors has some beautiful scriptural texts related to baptism. This means that we will need two doors of a similar design made by way of replacement. If you, or someone you know, is able to help, please see Fr Robert.

White Flower Appeal: There are times when women may be pregnant yet feel unable to have another child. What can they do? Have another child anyway? Offer the child to be adopted? Some women feel trapped by the situation and think the best thing to do is to opt for an abortion. Yet what about the unborn child, deprived of a right to live? These are not easy issues to handle. The 'White Flower' appeal seeks to support those who feel pressurised into having abortions, yet also seeks to recognise the rights of the unborn. If you feel able to support the White Flower Appeal to assist the work of the **Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC)**, there will be an opportunity as you leave Mass **next weekend**.

Fr Ejaz Report: The latest report on Fr Ejaz's project is posted on the noticeboard. This has been put together by Celia Hetherington. If you would like a copy, paper or electronic, please see Fr Robert.

Holocaust Memorial Events: In January the Department for Interreligious Relations will be hosting two separate evenings in remembrance of the Holocaust, one on **Tuesday, 29 January** at St Mary's Catholic School, Long Benton, and the other on **Thursday, 31 January** at St Michael's Catholic Academy at Billingham. Both evenings commence at **7:00pm**, and bookings can be made either online at www.interreligioushn.eventbrite.co.uk or alternatively telephone St Teresa of the Infant Jesus Parish on 0191 265 5290.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: You are warmly invited to the celebration of Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is 'World Day of the Sick'. Mass will be celebrated on Monday 11 February at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Peshaw at 7:00pm. Refreshments are available after Mass. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to gather as a diocese to celebrate this feast.

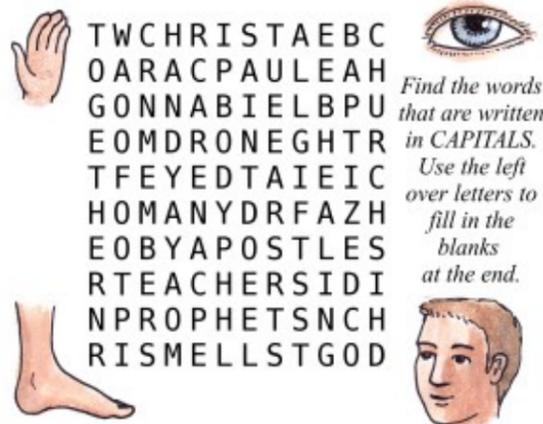
Statues: The statues that we asked the students at St Leonard's to refurbish are now complete and will be back in the parish in the next week or so. I will update you when I have more information.

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!

Vocations Weekend for young women: Theme: **Follow your Heart - Discernment and Vocation**, 15 - 17 February 2019 in Liverpool. This weekend is organised by the sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There is nothing quite like religious life - it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org.

The Kids' Bulletin

'ONE BODY' WORD-FIND



Find the words that are written in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

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OARACPAULEAH
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HOMANYDRFAZH
EOBYAPOSTLES
RTEACHERSIDI
NPROPHETSNCH
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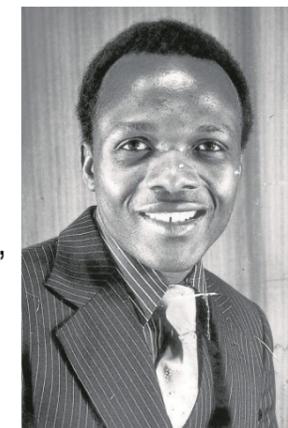
SAINT PAUL tells us that we have been BAPTIZED into the ONE body of CHRIST which is the CHURCH. There are MANY MEMBERS, but they all work TOGETHER and CARE for each other. But the parts of a BODY are not ALL the same as each other! An EYE is different from an ear, and a HAND is not the same as a FOOT. If all your body was an EAR, then how could you SMELL?

In the Church there are many different GIFTS. Some people are APOSTLES, some are PROPHETS, some are TEACHERS. Some people have the gift of HEALING. GOD has made all these different sorts of people to work together in the Church.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Blessed Benedict Daswa - 01 February

Tshimangadzo Samuel Benedict Daswa was born on 16 June 1946 at Mbahe village near Thohoyandou, South Africa. Baptised in 1963 by Fr Augustine O'Brien MSC, he qualified as a teacher and later became a school principal. As a married man with eight children, he was very involved in both Church and community activities. On 02 February 1990, he was bludgeoned to death for refusing to take part in anti-Catholic practices of witchcraft.



(Information taken from Universalis)

~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

Pope Francis' Mission Statement for January

May young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

"Mary does not let us remain fallen and at times takes us into her arms without judging us."



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Prayer Group & Bible Study

Advance notice of a Lenten Group which will meet each Friday during Lent, beginning on **08 March**. The times and venue are yet to be confirmed but please keep this date in mind.

The Bible Study Group will next meet on **Monday, 11 February**, 3:30pm - 4:45pm at St Andrew's, Brandon.

Refreshments beforehand.

All are welcome at both of these gatherings!



SCHOOL NEWS

Statement to Live By

This week's statement was, 'I co-operate with others in work and play'. We listened to one part of St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians and reflected on peaceful ways to solve disagreements.

Goodbye and God Bless

We said goodbye to the Pulotu children, who left our school on Thursday. We held an assembly to give thanks for the time the family have been with us and farewell parties took place in their classes. The children left with memory books, containing photographs and messages from staff and pupils.

Masses and Liturgies

Please find below details of celebrations for the week ahead:

Wednesday, 30 January @ 3:00pm: Liturgy with Year 1 (School Chapel)

Thursday, 31 January @ 9:30am: Mass with Reception, Years 1 & 2 (Church)

Thursday, 31 January @ 3:00pm: Liturgy with Year 2 (School Chapel)

All welcome!



DID YOU KNOW...?

...that Easter this year is celebrated almost as late as it can be?

This year Easter Sunday falls on 21 April. The latest possible date for Easter in the Catholic Church is 25 April, the earliest is 22 March. Easter is a lunar feast meaning Easter falls on the Sunday following the full moon that follows the northern spring equinox (the paschal full moon). Because of the lateness of Easter, Ash Wednesday is not celebrated until 06 March.



"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Speaking to the Little Prince about love and life, the Fox says: and now here is my secret, a very simple secret. It is only with the heart that one can see rightly: what is essential is invisible to the eye."

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (1900 - 1944)
French writer, poet and journalist
The Little Prince (1943)



PLEASE PRAY....for the following intentions from now up until Lent as requested by Bishop Séamus: **Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; the Unemployed.** Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer....

