

The week ahead...

Saturday 09 February Vigil Mass for 5 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Mulhall family and pro populo
Sunday 10 February 5 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 11 February Monday of Week 5	NO MASS	
Tuesday 12 February Tuesday of Week 5	6:30pm	Mass: James & Mary Reynolds
Wednesday 13 February Wednesday of Week 5	9:30am	Mass: Lizzabella & Margaret Jane Morris
Thursday 14 February <i>SS Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop Patrons of Europe</i>	9:30am	Mass: Walter Staff
Friday 15 February Friday of Week 5	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 16 February Vigil Mass for 6 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Kennedy & Davison families and pro populo



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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 February, 2019

“....they left everything and followed him.”

LAST WEEKEND we left Jesus at the end of a very dramatic scene. We heard how his declaration in the synagogue at Nazareth ultimately met with an unfavourable response by the locals, who then “took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff.” Fortunately, Jesus manages to escape the crowd and goes on his way.

Following this drama, Jesus casts out some demons, heals Peter’s mother-in-law from a fever, and heals many others who are brought to him suffering from various maladies. Declaring then that his mission is to preach the good news of God’s kingdom to other cities, we encounter Jesus this weekend standing by the lake of Gennesaret, better known to us as the Sea of Galilee. The crowds are eager to hear what Jesus has to say and so numerous are they, that Jesus moves a little offshore in Simon Peter’s fishing boat to teach the crowds from a more advantageous position.

Jesus appears to then finish his teaching and make what appears to be an offhand comment to Peter: “Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.” Peter seems to be rather taken aback. After all, Jesus was a carpenter, not a fisherman, and Peter perhaps feels that his professionalism as a fisherman is being challenged. Jesus’s command showed that he had not finished his teaching by any means. The crowds he had been speaking to may well have moved away but a greater lesson, given for the benefit of these few fishermen, was still to come. Obedient to Jesus, Peter and his companions haul in a huge catch of fish, so many that “they filled the two boats to sinking point.”

Peter’s response to this haul is surely the key part of the Gospel. As soon as Peter sees the great catch of fish, he “fell at the knees of Jesus saying, ‘Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.’” This seems a strange response. Had Peter simply embraced Jesus and thanked him for his excellent advice, we would accept this as an appropriate response but the mention of sin on Peter’s part seems out of place. Yet, Peter is immediately made aware of his own unworthiness in the light of Jesus and changes his reference to Jesus from “Master” to “Lord”. So overcome, we hear, were Peter and his companions, that “bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.”

Catching people would prove to be a more difficult task than catching fish and would result in the martyrdom of all but one of the apostles who left all to follow Jesus. Catching fish involves just one strategy, favourable conditions and a certain amount of luck, but catching people is a very individualised effort requiring a great deal of thought and tact.

Yet this is the task entrusted to us, each in our own way using the gifts and talents given to us to help others know the joy and fulfilment of a life lived in the light of Christ.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,
Fr Robert



Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

MINISTRIES
Saturday 09 February

Eucharistic Ministers
Malcolm & Teresa Wass
Andrew Aberdeen

Readers
Ann Canavan
Angela Tosley

Children’s Liturgy
Carol Bainbridge
Joanne Lidster

Welcomers
Pat Middleton
Mary Kitching

Music
Bill Wilkinson & Choir

MINISTRIES
Saturday 16 February

Eucharistic Ministers
John & Irene Carey
Kevin Boyle

Readers
Claire Lavery
Margaret Purdom

Children’s Liturgy
Maria Griffiths
Helen Riddles

Welcomers
Halina Holman
Janet Harrigan

Music
Music Group & Choir

The fifth 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....

MULHALL family
Kevin TOMKINS (Rec. Dec.)
Walter STAFF
Mary Elizabeth LADDEN
Agnes CAIRNS
Mark DIXON

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

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



£ LAST WEEKEND’S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £196 Loose Plate: £121

TOTAL: £317

Mass Attendance: 118

DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE
CHARITY NUMBER 1143450

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**.

Message from Bishop Séamus: In place of the homily this weekend, a message from Bishop Séamus will be read regarding the Vision, Mission and Values of our diocese. Some prayer cards will also be made available for you to support the statement. You can also view the message on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/8NwfN41wIMQ> and via the diocesan website from this Monday.

Retirement Mass for Bishop Séamus: To mark the retirement of Bishop Seamus, a Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral at 7:00pm on Friday 22 February, Feast of The Chair of St Peter, Apostle. Everybody is welcome to this Mass which will be followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral grounds. The Cathedral will be open to everyone and tickets are NOT required.

Installation of Bishop Robert as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle: The Installation Mass for Bishop Robert will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral at 12:00noon on Monday 25 March, Feast of the Annunciation. Entry to the Cathedral for this Mass will be by invitation and ticket only.

Racial Justice Sunday: Next Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday. There are some prayer cards available for you this weekend in the foyer. The theme this year is: **"It's Not JUST Work: Dignity For All Workers"**. The statement from the Bishops states that, "In our task as disciples of Christ, our responsibility is to make sure people are treated with dignity at work and are not exploited. Migrant communities and those suffering from racial abuse are particularly vulnerable to being drawn into unjust working conditions and labour exploitation." More information is available at www.catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2019.

White Flower Appeal: Thank you for your generosity towards the White Flower Appeal last weekend. A total of **£189.25** was raised. This will be sent off to the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC).

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.

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, Penshaw 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. See noticeboard for more details.

Mill Hill Missionaries: Mill Hill Missionaries are starting a new programme for Catholic laymen and women who would like to work on one of their mission projects in Africa or Asia. The programme is open to people between the ages of 21 and 60 who are interested in a Voluntary Experience overseas of between 6 months to one year. To find out more with no obligation, please contact Fr Dermot Byrne at dermotbyrne@gmail.com or 0161 737 9742.

Churches Together in DH7: The annual meeting of the Churches Together is at Bearpark Methodist Church on Wednesday, 20 February, 6:30pm for 7:00pm. All are welcome.

Diocesan Church Music Association: 'Keyboard Free' Music Workshop. The workshop is at Ushaw College on Saturday 09 March, 10:00am – 3:30pm. Cost is £10. See poster for details.

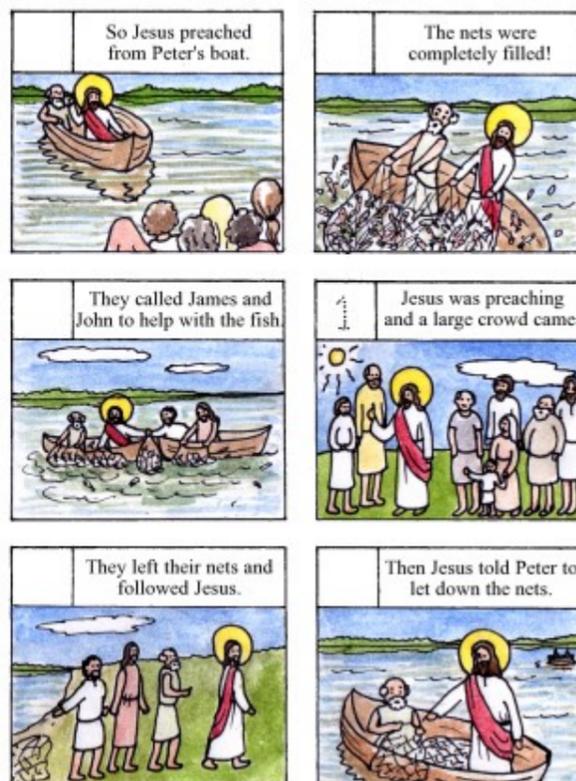
Partnership Development Group (PDG) minutes: Minutes of the 11 January meeting are now available on the noticeboard and also via St Cuthbert's parish website.

Quiz Night: Martin Donbavand, a parishioner at St. Cuthbert's, Durham, is raising money to support a family whose child has Down's Syndrome and are currently facing some extra challenges. There will be a Cheese & Wine Quiz Night on Saturday 09 March, 7:00pm at St Oswald's Institute, to raise funds. Tickets are £5.00 and people from across the Partnership will be very welcome. For more information please contact Martin or Liz Donbavand on 07903 888 399.

The Kids' Bulletin

Picture Puzzle: An Amazing Catch!

The pictures for this story are all mixed up!
Sort them out by putting the right numbers in the corners.



SCHOOL NEWS

Statement to Live By

This week's statement was, 'I try to appreciate the beauty and wonder in the world around me'. We shared the story of the creation, considered the gifts in the world around us and discussed our responsibility to take care of the environment.

Internet Safety Day – 05 February

On Tuesday morning, all pupils took part in an assembly, followed by a variety of activities, to mark Safer Internet Day, when the focus was around online consent.

Half-Term Break

Next week is the last week of this half term. School closes on Friday 15 February and re-opens on **Monday 25 February**.



BISHOP-ELECT RIGHT REV. ROBERT BYRNE

Born in Manchester in September 1956, Bishop Byrne entered Birmingham Oratory in 1980 and was ordained to the priesthood in January 1985.

In 1990, he was part of a group from Birmingham who moved to St Aloysius parish, Oxford, to found what was to become the Oxford Oratory in 1993. He served as Provost from 1993-2011.

In 2012, Fr Byrne was appointed Secretary to the Bishops' Conference Department of Dialogue and Unity having served as a prison chaplain for over 35 years.

Bishop Byrne was Ordained an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Birmingham in St Chad's Cathedral on 13 May 2014.

He will be installed as the new Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle at St Mary's Cathedral on 25 March 2019.



Information taken from www.cbcew.org.uk

~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

Pope Francis' Mission Statement for February

For a generous welcome of victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

"Hear the cry of our many brothers and sisters who are criminally trafficked and exploited. They are not merchandise. They are human beings, and they must be treated as such."



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Prayer Group & Bible Study

The monthly **Prayer Group** is held in the presbytery here at St Patrick's. Next meeting: **Tuesday, 19 February, 9:30am - 10:15am**. Refreshments are served from 9:15am.

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!



DID YOU KNOW...?

...that Bishop-elect Robert Byrne will be the fourteenth bishop of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle?

The first bishop was William Hogarth who was consecrated in 1848 as Vicar-Apostolic of the Northern District. When St Patrick's was completed in 1911 the bishop at the time was Richard Collins. Most of the bishops of the diocese are buried at Ushaw. The average age at death for bishops of this diocese is 71 years.



"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"We all have an obligation to be holy because we are the Body of Christ, but we are also made up of miserable flesh. Let us not be upset, I tell you, by the fact that sin exists in all the human aspects of the Church because flesh is ever in need of conversion to the true God. If Christ became flesh it was to redeem flesh, and even this Church, as the flesh of Christ in history, needs redemption at all times."

St Oscar Romero (1917-1980)
Bishop and Martyr



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....

