

The week ahead...

Saturday 02 March Vigil Mass for 8 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: McGough & Duffy families and pro populo
Sunday 03 March 8 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 04 March Monday of Week 8	NO MASS	
Tuesday 05 March Tuesday of Week 8	6:30pm	Mass: Private Intention
Wednesday 06 March <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	9:30am 7:00pm	Mass: McGough & Duffy families Mass: Pro populo
Thursday 07 March Thursday after Ash Wednesday	9:30am	Mass: Private Intention
Friday 08 March Friday after Ash Wednesday	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 09 March Vigil Mass for First Sunday of Lent	5:00pm	Mass: Maugham & Kitching families and pro populo



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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 03 March, 2019

“Take the plank out of your own eye first...”

THIS WEEKEND MARKS OUR last Sunday in Ordinary Time until early July. As you are aware, Lent begins this Wednesday and so our weekend Masses over the next three months will be focused both on the penitential season of Lent and the joyous season of Easter, right through to Pentecost on 09 June. Then follows the usual Sunday celebrations of Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi. This year, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul happens to fall on the Sunday following Corpus Christi (30 June), so we will not see another Sunday in Ordinary Time until 07 July.

Last weekend we began to hear Jesus's detailed teaching following the beatitudes and we were challenged to love our enemies. This weekend we continue to hear from the sermon on the plain and Jesus challenges us to reflect on our tendency to judge the behaviour of others without having the humility to admit to our own imperfections, the well-known “take the plank out of your own eye first” teaching.

The teaching about not judging others is sometimes misunderstood to mean that we must not judge the actions of others. On the contrary, we need to judge actions otherwise the whole basis of our Christian ethical system would be undermined! What we are called *not* to do is judge a person solely on the basis of their actions. How often do we see someone and make a judgement about them, sometimes on the mere appearance of the person rather than on anything they may have done? To judge a person exclusively on their actions or appearance is to define a fellow human being in a narrow manner, failing to acknowledge that, like me, that person is made in the image and likeness of God. It fails to acknowledge the truth that a person's identity as a child of God and a human being is a great deal more than what they do or what they look like.

On a few rare occasions in our life we may be fortunate enough to come across someone who strikes us as being remarkable because of the way they bear themselves, radiating a sense of contentment and being comfortable within their own skin, someone who accepts who they are and extends that acceptance to others. If we had met Jesus during his time on earth, he would have been such a person. Such people know that they are far from perfect but don't possess the insecurities many of us have which we sometimes project onto others as a strategy to feel better about ourselves.

Surely this is how we should strive to be. We are warned by Jesus to build our treasure in heaven and it is in this that we find true contentment. Judging others and failing to recognise our own shortcomings is certainly the antithesis of building treasure where it will do us most good. As we move into the season of Lent this coming week, let us make a personal commitment to doing some serious reflection on our faith journey and pledge to make some progress on that journey by viewing others charitably and removing that plank from our eye which blinds us to the truth about ourselves and equally obscures our ability to see Christ in all whom we encounter.

Wishing you a blessed Lenten season,
 Fr Robert



Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

MINISTRIES
Saturday 02 March
Eucharistic Ministers
 Ambrose & Pauline Burnside
 Harry Curran
Readers
 Stella Foody
 Pat Middleton
Children's Liturgy
 Maria Griffiths
 Helen Riddles
Welcomers
 Angela Harmston
 Christine Tracey
Music
 Bill Wilkinson & Choir

MINISTRIES
Saturday 09 March
Eucharistic Ministers
 Gordon & Angela Tosley
 Angela Harmston
Readers
 Stella Foody
 Maria Griffiths
Children's Liturgy
 Maria Griffiths
 Joanne Lidster
Welcomers
 Pat Middleton
 Mary Kitching
Music
 Bill Wilkinson & Choir

The Eighth 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....

McGOUGH & DUFFY families
 Theresa ALLCHURCH
 Elizabeth HIND
 Norma CUMMINGS
 Margaret REYNOLDS
 Bernadette CLOUGH



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

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



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION
£ Gift Aid: £256 Loose Plate: £172
TOTAL: £428
 Mass Attendance: 122
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What's going on...?

Gathering after Mass this week: As always on the first weekend Mass of the month, we will be gathering in the school hall after Mass this Saturday for fellowship over some drinks and nibbles. Everyone is welcome!

Lent: Lent is almost upon us and this means an opportunity to undertake some more intense prayer and practical opportunities to deepen and strengthen our faith. Our parish Cafod representative, Tricia Whitfield, will speak to us briefly at the end of Mass this weekend to introduce this year's Cafod theme. Donation envelopes and prayer cards are made available at the rear of the church. Also available are a limited supply of booklets with the daily reflective readings. Don't forget too, that Churches Together are hosting the **Lent Study Course** on **Friday afternoons right here at St Patrick's**. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for more details.

Ash Wednesday: Masses here at **9:30am** and **7:00pm**. There are Masses at **St Cuthbert's, Durham**, at **12:15pm** and **7:00pm**.

Stations of the Cross: These will be conducted each Wednesday during Lent beginning on **13 March**, beginning at 7:00pm. The final Stations will be celebrated on the Wednesday of Holy Week, **17 April**. There will be an opportunity for Reconciliation following the conclusion of the Stations each Wednesday.

Bishop's Retirement Collection: There is an opportunity for you to make an offering in appreciation of the almost ten years of service of Bishop Séamus. Envelopes are available at the rear of the church. This collection will remain open until the weekend of 16/17 March.

Missio (APF/Mill Hill Missionaries): Contributions from red boxes/brown envelopes will be collected by sponsors during the first three weeks in this month. If anyone who doesn't have an official Red Box and would like to be included in our foreign missionary work among the poor and marginalised, you can donate through our red box located in the church porch. Also, the novena to St Joseph will take place in Liverpool and Maidenhead March 10 - 19. Details of how you can ask for a prayer intention can be found on the Missio noticeboard in the church porch.

Ministry of Consolation Day: On **Saturday 23 March**, we have our second Ministry of Consolation day. Our theme this year is "Spirituality in Times of Trauma" and our speaker is Bishop John Wilson who was involved in supporting people in the aftermaths of the murder of Ann Maguire in Corpus Christi, Leeds and the Grenfell Tower fire. We anticipate a high demand for places! The day will be held at Ushaw College and will run from 10:15am - 3:30pm. Refreshments on arrival at 9:45am. Lunch will be provided. The day itself is free but any donations to cover the Diocese's costs would, of course, be most welcome! To reserve a place, please see Fr Robert. See noticeboard for more details.

Quiet Day at Ushaw: An opportunity to step aside, to listen to God in scripture and to enjoy the peace. **Wednesday, 27 March, 10:30am to 4:00pm**. Led by Sister Rosarie Spence. Cost is £10 per person, including coffee, tea and biscuits served both on arrival and to conclude the day. Lunch, with a delicious choice of great value home-made food, is available to purchase in the refectory. Bookings can be made on-line via Ushaw's website (www.ushaw.org) or call Ushaw College on 0191 334 5119.

Tuesday Evening Prayer Group: Don't forget this weekly prayer group each Tuesday evening, held across the road from the church at 14 Goatbeck Terrace, beginning 7:00pm. Perhaps something to consider, especially during Lent?

Craft Fair: At St Andrew's Methodist, Brandon, on **Saturday, 16 March**, from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Plenty of local crafts for sale as well as refreshments. There are some flyers available at the rear of the church.

Lent at Ushaw: There is a full programme of events at Ushaw throughout Lent. Pick up a flyer at the rear of the church or check Ushaw's website at www.ushaw.org.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Casimir - 04 March

Casimir was the second son of King Casimir IV of Poland and was born in 1458. He assiduously cultivated the Christian virtues, especially chastity and generosity to the poor. Zealous in faith, he had a particular devotion to the Eucharist and the Virgin Mary. For several years, while his father was away in Lithuania (the kings of Poland at this time were also Grand Dukes of Lithuania), he ruled Poland with great prudence and justice. He died of tuberculosis on 04 March 1484.



(Information taken from Universalis)

ASH WEDNESDAY 06 MARCH

Mass at **9:30am**
(with the school)
and at **7:00pm**.



Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.

Lent

~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

Prayer Group & Bible Study

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

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

All are welcome at both of these gatherings!



SCHOOL NEWS

CAFOD

This week, Tricia Whitfield, Parish Representative for CAFOD, visited our school and explained the 'Give It Up' campaign. The children thought about some of the ways in which they could support the campaign. Our Mini Vinnie Group is organising some fundraising around CAFOD's Lenten theme. We thank Tricia for giving so generously of her time.

Football Team

On Thursday evening, our school football team played in the first two matches of the Spring season, playing in the Year 5 & 6 League. They drew 2-2 in their first match, against Finchale Primary and won the second match 3-2, against Framwellgate Primary. Well done team!

Masses and Liturgies

Here are details of celebrations involving our school children, that will take place over the next two weeks.

Ash Wednesday, 06 March @ 9:30am: Whole School at Mass, in church

Wednesday 13 March @ 2:45pm: Mass with Year 6 in the school chapel

Thursday 14 March @ 2:45pm: Mass with Year 5 in the school chapel



The Kids' Bulletin

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 3rd, 2019

In today's Gospel reading Jesus told a parable about trees. What did He say? Use the cold to find out!

A B D E F G I N O R S T U

DID YOU KNOW...?

...that the **Sermon on the Plain** is much shorter than the more famous **Sermon on the Mount**?

The better-known Sermon on the Mount extends for three full chapters of Matthew (chapters 5-7) whilst the Sermon on the Plain occupies just over half of chapter 6 of Luke. Luke's sermon is fairly narrowly focused whilst Matthew has Jesus teaching much more widely, including the famous Lord's Prayer.



"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Let the manner of your life be adorned by chastity, sobriety, and moderation ... As to worldly riches, if you do not possess them, do not seek them by doing evil on earth, and if you possess them, let them be laid up in heaven. The manly and Christian spirit should neither be elated by the acquisition of this world's treasures nor crushed by their loss. Rather, let us think of what the Lord says: 'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'"

St Augustine of Hippo (354-430)
Bishop, theologian, Doctor of the Church



PLEASE PRAY....for the following intentions during Lent as requested by Bishop Séamus: **Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers; Survivors of Sexual Abuse.** Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer....

