

The week ahead...

Saturday 15 June Vigil Mass for The Most Holy Trinity	5:00pm	Mass: James, Hilda & Joe Condron and pro populo
Sunday 16 June The Most Holy Trinity	NO MASS	
Monday 17 June Monday of Week 11	NO MASS	
Tuesday 18 June Tuesday of Week 11	6:30pm	Mass: Private Intention
Wednesday 19 June Wednesday of Week 11	9:30am	Mass: Carey & Wilson families
Thursday 20 June Thursday of Week 11	9:30am	Mass: Private Intention
Friday 21 June <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</i>	7:00am	Mass: Golden Wedding Anniversary
Saturday 22 June Vigil Mass for Corpus Christi	5:00pm	Mass: James & Helena Harrison, Lena Cummins and pro populo

Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

MINISTRIES

Saturday 15 June

Eucharistic Ministers
Gordon & Angela Tosley
Angela Harmston

Readers
Pat Middleton
Angela Tosley

Children's Liturgy
Maria Griffiths
Helen Riddles

Welcomers
Paul & Anne Kelly

Music
Bill Wilkinson & Choir

MINISTRIES

Saturday 22 June

Eucharistic Ministers
Teresa & Malcolm Wass
Andrew Aberdeen

Readers
Greg Mearman
Maria Griffiths

Children's Liturgy
No Children's Liturgy due to
First Holy Communion

Welcomers
Angela Harmston
Christine Tracey

Music
Bill Wilkinson & Choir

The Most Holy Trinity

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....

James, Hilda & Joe CONDRON

Martha Enid OLIVER

Teresa CLEARY

Sandra Jean BOOTH



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

Tom Taylorson, John Byrne,
Ann Canavan, Jack Tobin,
Margaret Pouton, Vera Lumsden,
Mary Spears, Frances Harland,
Sylvia Kelly, Rose Crick,
Frank Moran
and Doreen Carroll



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The Most Holy Trinity

16 June 2019

"In the name of the..."

OUR ENTRY INTO THE family of the Church, our baptism, is marked by the invocation of God as trinity: "N., I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." As this invocation is made, blessed water is poured onto the head of the one being baptised, or they are immersed in it, and then the one baptised is reborn as a member of the Church. When we enter a church building, we remind ourselves of our initial entry into the church via baptism, by making the sign of the cross on ourselves with holy water, the same water used in baptism, and, once again, we invoke the trinitarian God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

These elements, actions and words are an attempt by us as people of faith to "put some flesh" onto God who is otherwise intangible, invisible and incomprehensible to us mortals here on earth. The most common way to refer to God is as "mystery", not able to be explained or understood.

In an age in which people are loath to invest belief in something unless it can be analysed, systematised, tabulated and proven to their satisfaction, God, as a mystery, is given an aura of the medieval, belonging to an age of superstition and ignorance. Some people may explain others' belief in God as a means of coping with life's harsh realities. Others may even see faith in God and faith in science as incompatible. How can science and mystery possibly co-exist?

Yet there are many things we value in daily living that cannot be explained but only experienced. In that sense they too, like God, are mysteries; we think, for example, of friendship, forgiveness, love, trust, kindness, cooperation, and so on. We value these aspects of human experience, (and likewise detest their negative counterparts), but they are also intangible, invisible and incomprehensible, unable to be systematised or tabulated. Yet we value them because we can experience them: we know when we are forgiven, loved, trusted, treated kindly, and so on. Despite an inability to measure these qualities, we know that our lives would be poorer without them.

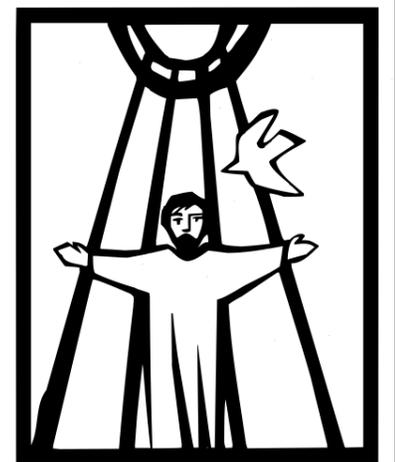
Likewise, as people of faith, we can know something of an experience of God. This may be a mystical experience or it may be something more concrete via the agency of another person through whom we believe God has made Godself known to us. Again, we cannot systematise or measure an experience of God but the experience is no less valid than any of the other experiences already mentioned.

As a trinitarian God, we can get a small understanding of the nature of the God we experience. As Father, we know God to be our Creator but also a loving and caring Father. As Son, we can appreciate that just as God shared in our human nature, God wants us to share in the divine. As Spirit, we know God to pervade all of existence as a loving, unifying force.

Though God is mystery, let that not prevent us from seeking to understand God in a deeper, more meaningful way. Theology and philosophy can take us so far but as human beings we need to experience God enfleshed and the best way to do that is to live out the command of the Son: to love others as he loves us.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Robert



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £194 Loose Plate: £223

TOTAL: £417

Mass Attendance: 128

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What's going on...?

Day For Life Collection: This collection will take place after Mass this weekend. The Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Pentecost Praise: Thank you to all who were instrumental in organising the ecumenical Pentecost Praise event here last Sunday evening. A special thanks in particular for those who organised the decorations: the students and teachers of St Patrick's school as well as the members of the flower team who got together and put in a lot of extra work for the occasion: Tamsyn, Ann Marie, Mary and Laura. Thank you also to Carol and others who worked tirelessly with the catering for the gathering afterwards. It was great to once again open up the church to visitors after such a successful Open Day the previous weekend. Thank you again!

Upcoming Collections: There will be a collection for **Peter's Pence** on **30 June**. The collection for the **Lay Training Fund** will occur on **07 July** and the **Apostleship of the Sea** on **14 July**.

First Communion Candidates: These children will receive their first Communion next weekend on **Saturday, 22 June**, the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Please continue to uphold them in prayer.

Partnership Day – 30 June: The Finchale Partnership is organising a Partnership Day at Ushaw on Sunday 30 June. There will be Mass at 12:30pm (including children's liturgy), followed by activities and prayer for the rest of the afternoon. Because of the Partnership event, there are changes to Mass times in many of our churches, so please take a sheet with the revised Mass times for the weekend of 29/30 June. There will be a schools' choir concert and games for families,

information about all the parishes in the partnership, a Memory Cafe for those affected by dementia, treasure trails and guided tours. Please see the poster on the noticeboard, where you will also find sign-up sheets for guided tours or if you need a lift to Ushaw on the day.

Missio APF/Mill Hill Quarterly collections for the month of June: Red boxes and brown envelopes will be collected by sponsors during the first three weeks in June.

Finchale Partnership Afternoons: In our area, and especially to the people of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs at Newhouse, Esh Winning, St John Boste is 'a local lad'. At a time when it was illegal to be a Catholic priest John Boste was arrested in what is now our parish, and then executed in Durham in 1595. More recently mining has played a big part in building up our community, though, obviously, all the collieries are now closed. You are welcome to come and visit our Church and Parish Centre in Newhouse on Sunday 07 July, 2:00pm – 4:00 pm (DH7 9LF). We'll be delighted to meet you and show you our church.

Day of prayer and reflection at Ushaw: Led by Sister Rosarie Spence RSM, **Thursday, 20 June, 11:00am – 4:00pm**. Experience different ways of praying, and an opportunity to step aside and enjoy the beauty of the surroundings. Cost is £10.00 per person, including coffee, tea and biscuits served on arrival from 10:30am – 11:00am, and at the conclusion of the day. Lunch is not provided, but there is a delicious range of food available in the Refectory. Bookings can be made on-line via www.ushaw.org or by calling 0191 334 5119.



Psalm 8 Word-Find

Find the words from today's Psalm that are in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the very end.

BEASTSHANDS
IAGWATERSIM
RRCOSTARSVI
DTRREHVAHTN
SHOKMRENEPD
HAWMOONGEOC
GNNKRUSEPWA
RFEETGSDTET
EIDOAHONORT
ASGGLORYODL
THINGSAVAGE

How GREAT is your name, O Lord our God,
THROUGH all the EARTH!

When I see the HEAVENS, the WORK of your HANDS,
the MOON and the STARS which you have ARRANGED,
what is man that you should keep him in MIND,
MORTAL man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with GLORY and HONOR you CROWNED him,
gave him POWER over the works of your hand,
put all THINGS under his FEET.

All of them, SHEEP and CATTLE,
yes, even the SAVAGE BEASTS,
BIRDS of the air, and FISH
that make their way through the WATERS.

SCHOOL NEWS

Statement to Live By

This week's statement was, 'I know what human dignity means and I show that I respect others.' The children heard how Jesus treated the tax collector, Levi, with dignity and respect - another example of the transforming effect of reaching out to others in love.

Year 6 Leavers' Trip

Ten of our Year 6 pupils returned home last night, having spent three days in London. They saw many London landmarks and visited numerous places of interest, including the British Museum, the National Gallery, the Tower of London, the Churchill War Rooms and Westminster Cathedral. A highlight of the visit was the celebration of Mass, led by Father Robert, in the crypt of Westminster Cathedral. A big thank you to the adults who accompanied the children and looked after them so well!

Dairy Dates

Wednesday 19 June @ 3:00pm - Reception Liturgy in the school chapel. All are welcome.

Wednesday 19 June @ 5:30pm - Meeting for the parents of First Holy Communicants - in school.

Saturday 22 June @ 5:00pm - First Holy Communion Mass - St. Patrick's Church.

Please keep our First Holy Communicants, Michael, Jack, Izabel, Adam, Ella, Ian, Christian, Jamie, Vaidotas and Sabian, in your prayers.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Paulinus of Nola – 22 June

Paulinus was born in 355 in Bordeaux, France, to a rich and powerful family. He was well trained in poetry and rhetoric, and had a successful political career, culminating in the governorship of an Italian province. Returning to France, he married a Spanish lady, who shared with him her ideal of living a strictly evangelical life. He was baptized in 389 and moved to Spain, where after the death of his son he gave away all his property and began to live a monastic style of life. He was ordained in 394, in Barcelona, at the urgent insistence of the people there; but then moved back to Italy, to Nola, in the province of which he had once been governor. There he began to live the monastic life and set up a hospice for the sick and for poor visitors to the shrine of St Felix. He became bishop, by popular request, in about 409, and died some twenty years later.



(Information taken from Universalis)

Pope Francis' Mission Statement for June

May priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves to an active solidarity with the poorest.

"When disciples of Christ are transparent and sensitive in life, they bring the Lord's light to the places where they live and work."



~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

Prayer Group & Bible Study

The next monthly **Prayer Group** will be held at **St John's, Meadowfield** on **Tuesday 18 June**, 9:30am - 10:15am. Refreshments from 9:15am.

The next **Bible Study Group** will meet on **Monday 08 July** at **St Andrew's Methodist Church, Brandon** from 3:30pm - 4:45pm.

All are welcome at these events and all events organised by Church Together!



DID YOU KNOW...?

...that many heresies within the Church revolve around the nature God as a trinity?

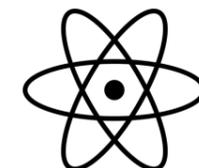
In the early centuries of the Christian faith, the Church was struggling to establish its doctrine on the nature of God. Many understandings were proposed but were rejected by the Church, though some still held to these false beliefs. For example, some held the view that the Son was not equal to the Father, that he was of a different "substance" to the Father. Known as Arianism, this heresy was one of the most widely held false beliefs in Church history.



"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Everything that is active, that moves or breathes, every physical, astral or animate energy, every fragment of force, every spark of life, is equally sacred; for, in the humblest atom and the most brilliant star, in the lowest insect and the finest intelligence, there is the radiant smile and the thrill of the *same Absolute*."

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ
(1881-1955)
French priest, philosopher, paleontologist, and geologist



PLEASE PRAY....for the following intentions during Ordinary Time as requested by Bishop Robert:
A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer....

