

## The week ahead...

Saturday 13 July Vigil Mass for 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Michael, Catherine & John Evans and <i>pro populo</i>
Sunday 14 July 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 15 July <i>St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday 16 July Tuesday of Week 15	6:30pm	Mass: Jim Doyle
Wednesday 17 July Wednesday of Week 15	9:30am	Mass: Pat Openshaw
Thursday 18 July Thursday of Week 15	9:30am	(Close of School Year Mass) Mass: Susan Michiels (Rec. Dec.)
Friday 19 July Friday of Week 15	7:00am	Mass: Private intention
Saturday 20 July Vigil Mass: 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Sally Thompson and <i>pro populo</i>

**Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment**

### MINISTRIES

#### Saturday 13 July

Eucharistic Ministers  
Pauline & Ambrose Burnside  
Harry Curran

Readers  
Marie Paily  
Stella Foody

Children's Liturgy  
Maria Griffiths  
Michelle Dennis

Welcomers  
Paul & Anne Kelly

Music  
Bill Wilkinson & Choir

### MINISTRIES

#### Saturday 20 July

Eucharistic Ministers  
Ambrose & Pauline Burnside  
Harry Curran

Readers  
Marie Paily  
Stella Foody

Children's Liturgy  
(In recess over  
Summer holidays)

Welcomers  
Angela Harmston  
Christine Tracey

Music  
Bill Wilkinson & Choir

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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....

Michael, Catherine & John EVANS

Susan MICHIELS

Jim DOYLE

Pat OPENSHAW

Sally THOMPSON

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

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



#### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £209    Loose Plate: £160

**TOTAL: £369**

Mass Attendance: 129

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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**14 July 2019**

### "And who is my neighbour?"

THE PARABLE OF THE Good Samaritan is easily one of the best known in the scriptures and the term "Good Samaritan" is often used to describe someone who does a charitable act. Not unexpectedly, most of the focus in the parable is on the Samaritan character, the one who acts lovingly when the other characters, who ought to, do not. Conversely, the Jewish lawyer who asks Jesus the question "And who is my neighbour?" would have expected nothing less of the Samaritan than that he would have ignored the man lying injured by the side of the road, especially if he was Jewish, an assumption we can safely make. The impact of the story would have been all the more shocking for a listener of the time if the Samaritan, a group despised by Jews, were to act lovingly towards a Jew.

The priest and the Levite undoubtedly justified their actions on the basis that if they were to come into contact with blood, they would be rendered unclean from a religious perspective. They may well have said in their hearts that they felt compassion and pity on the man lying injured, but, unfortunately, religious laws prevented them rendering assistance. The Samaritan, on the other hand, had no such scruples. The Samaritan felt compassion and cared nothing about the nature of the one he was helping: that another human being was in distress was motivation enough for him to render assistance as a good neighbour should.

Part of the reason for the popularity of this parable may be the perceived hypocrisy of the religious figures who fail to "practice what they preach" and the sheer extravagance of the Samaritan's response, not only bandaging up the injured man but organising and paying for his ongoing care. Putting these two points aside, surely the principal message for us as Christians is the very message that Jesus was trying to convey to the lawyer who asked the question about the identity of one's neighbour: a neighbour is one who shows compassion and mercy to others, regardless of who they are.

Too often, of course, Christians can be only too willing to help, so long as certain criteria are met. We may not like to think of our motivation as being anything other than pure, but we need to be honest with ourselves. Compassion means feeling for another in their suffering, something closer to empathy over sympathy. Do we really feel compassion, in the truest sense of the word, towards those who aren't like us in many ways? Jesus was clearly one who showed compassion for those who "weren't like him", gentiles, those who were suffering from terrible diseases and even those who were members of a group who were oppressing his own people. True compassion knows no boundaries.

Let us pray for the grace to reach out to all those in need, regardless of who they are and regardless of the consequences, even if our reputation suffers in the eyes of family or friends. After all, in being a true neighbour we are certainly enhancing our reputation in the eyes of the One who truly matters.

*Wishing you a blessed week ahead,*

*Fr Robert*



# What's going on...?

**Gathering after Mass last week:** Thank you to all those who very kindly helped set up, pack up and serve the food. A special thanks especially to Carol, Lukasz and Jason.

**Lay Training Fund:** The collection for the Lay Training Fund last weekend totalled £144.35. Thank you!

**Apostleship of the Sea:** A retiring collection for this fund will take place **this weekend**. You will be pleased to know that this will be the last retiring collection until the Catholic Education collection on 07 September. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

**Close of School Year Mass:** The Mass to mark the end of the school year for St Patrick's School will take place **this Thursday at 9:30am**.

**RIP Susan MICHELS (née CONDRON):** We offer our sympathy to the family of Susan Michels who died recently. Susan was born in Langley Moor and was married here many years ago. She had lived at Newton Hall for many years and was very active in the SVP and at St Bede's. Susan's requiem Mass will be celebrated at **St Godric's** on **Wednesday 17 July at 11:30am**. She will be received into St Godric's on Tuesday evening.

**Finchale Partnership Afternoon:** Many thanks to Fr David Coxon and the parishioners at Esh Winning for opening up their church and hall for visitors last weekend. Their hospitality was greatly appreciated!

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):** The next meeting of the PPC will take place this **Wednesday, 17 July at 7:00pm** in the presbytery. The minutes of our last meeting are on the noticeboard for you to view as

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Statement to Live By

This week's statement was, 'I know that I am special.' We shared the creation story from Genesis and gave thanks for our uniqueness and for our gifts. We talked about the need to treat everyone we meet like the special person they are, made in the image and likeness of God.

### Sports' Day

Well done to all the children who took part in our annual Sports' Day on Friday of last week and congratulations to the winning house team - St Godric's.

We were fortunate enough to enjoy good weather. The children had fun and displayed good sportsmanship and much resilience!

We are very grateful to our local Tesco store, for the donation of ice creams for all the children!

### Choir Concert

Our school choir entertained us with a concert on Friday afternoon. Refreshments followed the event. Thank you to Maria Griffiths for running the choir this year and to all the children for their commitment.

### Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Everyone is welcome to attend the Leavers' Assembly, on Tuesday 16 July. This takes place at 2:30pm, in the school hall. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

### Close of School Mass

A Mass to mark the close of the school year will take place at 9:30am, on Thursday 18 July. All are welcome!

### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 16 July** - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly @ 2:30pm in the school hall

**Thursday 18 July** - Close of School Mass @ 9:30am in St. Patrick's Church



well as a draft agenda and a sign-up sheet for those who might wish to come along.

**PDG Parish Representative:** As the Partnership Development Group has passed two years since its inception, the various representatives have served their time and the opportunity exists for a new parish representative to serve our parish. Please speak to Fr Robert if you are interested. Meetings occur about every two months at Gilesgate.

**John Henry Newman Canonisation:** Blessed John Henry Newman is to be canonised on 13 October this year. See page three opposite for a little more information. The Oratories of England have established a website for the purposes of preparing people for this event: [www.newmancanonisation.com](http://www.newmancanonisation.com).

**Parish keys:** I am currently undertaking a review of those members of the parish who are in possession of keys to the presbytery. Some parishioners may be asked to return their key as circumstances mean they no longer need it. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Fr Colm Hayden:** Fr Colm, Parish Priest of Durham Martyrs, will celebrate his 70th birthday this Thursday, 18 July. There will be a Mass at St Joseph's, Gilesgate, at 7:00pm, followed by music and food in the school hall. He has requested no gifts, please. It is a shared table so please bring along a bottle. If you bring food to share, please jot down the ingredients in the interest of safety around allergies.

**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!

## The Kids' Bulletin

### True or False?

### The Story of the Good Samaritan

*Jesus told the people a parable to show them how to be a good neighbour. At that time the Samaritans were enemies of the Jews.*

*How well do you know the story?*

*See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.*

1. In the parable, a man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he came across a group of people who had been robbed. True or False?
2. The robbers beat the man and took all he had. True or False?
3. A priest walked past the man and ignored him. True or False?
4. A Levite saw the man and left him some money. True or False?
5. A Samaritan saw the man, bandaged his wounds, and took him to an inn. True or False?
6. The Samaritan told the innkeeper that he had done his job and he didn't care what happened to the man. True or False?
7. In the parable, the Samaritan, who was normally the man's enemy, was his best neighbour. True or False?



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### Blessed Inácio de Azevedo – 17 July

Inácio was born at Oporto, Portugal, in 1528 and entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) at Colibra on 28 December 1548. In 1565 St Francis Borgia gave him the task of visiting and inspecting the Jesuit missions in the Portuguese colony of Brazil. He spent two years on this work, from 1566 to 1568, and went to Rome to make his final report.

He asked to be sent back as a missionary to Brazil. With thirty-nine companions he started on his voyage on 05 June 1570, but on 15 July the ship was captured by French Huguenot (Protestant) corsairs and Azevedo and his companions were seized and martyred. They were beatified by Pope Pius IX in 1854, and in 1999 forty concrete crosses were placed on the sea bed at the site of their martyrdom.

(Text taken from [Universalis](#))



### Pope Francis' Mission Statement for

### July

**That those who administer justice work with integrity, and may injustice present in the world not have the last word.**

*"To all people of good will who are working for social justice never tire of working for a more just world, marked with greater solidarity."*



*Feed the hungry*

### ~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

### Prayer Group & Bible Study

The next monthly **Prayer Group** will be held at **St John's, Meadowfield** on **Tuesday 16 July**, 9:30am - 10:15am. Refreshments from 9:15am.

The next **Bible Study Group** will meet on **Monday 12 August** at **St Andrew's Methodist Church, Brandon** from **3:30pm - 4:45pm**.

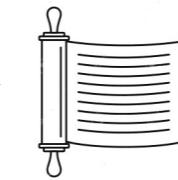
All are welcome at these events and all events organised by Churches Together!



### DID YOU KNOW...?

**...that the religion of the Samaritans, a small group of whom exist today, is closely linked to Judaism?**

The Samaritans are often understood to be descended from the Jewish people who remained in Israel when the others were taken off to captivity in Babylon. Put very simply, the Samaritans regard themselves as having kept the religion pure and in its original form, not "tainted" by changes made to it in a foreign land.



### “QUOTE OF THE WEEK”

*"In our attempt to find the art of dialogue, the art of attentive listening, I should like to make one point only. When involved in dialogue, great care should be taken to understand the interlocutor. Partners in dialogue should not attempt to distort or misrepresent the views of others, but rather, they should desire a true understanding of others' opinions. Only then can there be a true exchange of ideas."*



**Cardinal Vincent Nichols (b. 1945)**  
Archbishop of Westminster  
*Faith Finding a Voice*

**CONGRATULATIONS....** to the parents, the godparents and other family members of **Dolly Reign ROCHFORD** who was baptised here last Saturday afternoon. Please keep Dolly and her family in your prayers, that she may come to know the joy of life as a Christian disciple.

