

# The week ahead...

<b>Saturday 27 July</b> Vigil Mass for 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Teresa Coad and pro populo</b>
<b>Sunday 28 July</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Monday 29 July</b> <i>St Martha</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday 30 July</b> Tuesday of Week 17	6:30pm	Mass: <b>Harry &amp; Teresa Coad</b>
<b>Wednesday 31 July</b> <i>St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>	12:00 noon	Funeral Mass: <b>Vera Lumsdon</b>
<b>Thursday 01 August</b> <i>St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor</i>	9:30am	Mass: <b>Susan Michiels</b>
<b>Friday 02 August</b> Friday of Week 17	7:00am	Mass: <b>Private intention</b>
<b>Saturday 03 August</b> Vigil Mass: 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: <b>James &amp; Helena Harrison and Lena Cummins and pro populo</b>

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

### MINISTRIES

#### Saturday 27 July

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Malcolm & Teresa Wass  
Andrew Aberdeen

#### Readers

Angela Tosley  
Ann Canavan

#### Children's Liturgy

(In recess over summer holidays)

#### Welcomers

Pat Middleton  
Mary Kitching

#### Music

Greg Mearman & Choir

### MINISTRIES

#### Saturday 03 August

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
John & Irene Carey  
Kevin Boyle

#### Readers

Claire Lavery  
Margaret Purdom

#### Children's Liturgy

(In recess over summer holidays)

#### Welcomers

Halina Holman  
Janet Harrigan

#### Music

Bill Wilkinson & Choir

**17<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....

Teresa COAD

Vera LUMSDON (Rec. Dec.)

Margaret GAVAGHAN

Ann KEENAN

Alan STOKER



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

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



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

28 July 2019

### "Lord, teach us to pray..."

THE GOSPEL PASSAGE this week follows on from that of last week where we witnessed Jesus in the home of Mary and Martha. We find Jesus "in a certain place praying" and, once he has finished, one of the disciples asks Jesus to teach them all to pray. I wonder whether it was witnessing Jesus in prayer, surely a beautiful sight of loving trust in his Father, that prompted the disciple to ask the question? Regardless, Jesus does, of course, accede to the request and, without any preamble, tells them to pray in a particular way.

We hear Jesus teach the disciples the words of the Lord's Prayer, though we hear the less familiar version from Luke this weekend as opposed to Matthew's version, which we all know so well. Of course, there is much food for thought in the words of this prayer, but it is what we hear after Jesus has taught the prayer that is of interest. In Matthew's more familiar version, part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives advice about prayer *before* teaching the disciples the prayer, telling them to pray privately and simply. In Luke's gospel, we hear Jesus advise the disciples *after* teaching them the prayer, telling them to be persistent and open about their needs.

This teaching raises some very natural questions: why do we need to ask God for what we need, let alone be persistent about it, if God is all-knowing (omniscient) and surely knows our needs anyway? In addition, if God is like a loving parent as Jesus outlines, then surely God will provide for our needs without asking? If a parent sees a child in need, the parent does not wait for the child to ask for it, it is given to them. Why pray about our needs?

Such questions make us reflect on the nature of prayer, most particularly prayers of petition such as those we pray at Mass between the homily and the offertory, often referred to as bidding prayers. Nothing we say can change God, for God is unchangeable, immutable. Surely the greatest benefit of praying prayers of petition as Jesus commands, is that it increases our faith in God, deepening our awareness that all we have and need comes from the One who created us and upholds us. Put simply, prayer doesn't change God, it changes *us*.

And this change, a deepening of faith, is important because we will be able to see God's hand at work in all situations. It is easy for a person of faith, even an immature faith, to understand that God is behind the blessings in our life. It requires a more mature faith however, to see God at work when our prayers are not answered and things don't go as we would wish, such as a diagnosis of terminal illness or the death of a loved one. Having an active prayer life, including personal, contemplative prayer, will assist us in helping to understand where God is in these difficult times.

And consequently, bit by bit, we will change for the better!

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Robert



### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £190 Loose Plate: £179

**TOTAL: £369**

Mass Attendance: 118

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CHARITY NUMBER 1143450



# What's going on...?

**Gathering after Mass next week:** As always on the first weekend Mass of the month, we will be gathering after Mass next Saturday for fellowship over some drinks and nibbles. If the weather is fine, we hope to gather in the garden behind the church. Everyone is welcome!

**RIP: Vera LUMSDON:** We extend our sympathy to the family of Vera LUMSDON who died last weekend. Vera was well known to the community of St Patrick's but due to ill health has not been able to make it to Mass for some time, despite living so close to the church. The funeral Mass for Vera is scheduled for **Wednesday, 31 July at 12:00 noon**, here at St Patrick's. The Mass will be followed by cremation at Durham Crematorium.

**Change to Mass schedule:** Please note that due to the funeral at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, there will be **no 9:30am Mass this Wednesday (31 July)**.

**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.

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):** The minutes of the July meeting will be available shortly. The next meeting is scheduled for 25 September. I'd like to thank Helen Musham for her many years of service. Due to other commitments Helen has decided to stand down from the PPC which leaves us with a vacancy. If you are interested in nominating or simply wish to find out more, please see Fr Robert.

**Parish key register:** Over the summer break, beginning this weekend, I will be seeking to ask all those who are in possession of a parish key to sign the key register in the sacristy before or after Mass. You will need to have your key with you when doing this. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Rosary Rally at Minsteracres:** On **Saturday 10 August** there will be a Rosary Rally at Minsteracres. It starts with celebration of the Eucharist at 12 noon, followed by picnic (please bring a packed lunch, coffee and tea will be provided), Rosary Procession through the grounds and Benediction. The day will finish at around 4:00pm. All are welcome! For more information contact the Retreat Administrator, 01434 673248 or [orinfo@minsteracres.org](mailto:orinfo@minsteracres.org).

**Day of Reflection for all Ministries:** "Serve the Lord with Gladness". This day of reflection is to be held at Ushaw College on **Saturday, 28 September, 10:30am - 3:30pm** and will be led by Fr Mark Millward. I feel that it is important that all of those involved in ministries here at St Patrick's, be they Minister of the Eucharist, readers, welcomers, children's liturgy assistants, musicians and others, make the effort to get to this day. Ongoing formation is crucial to ensuring that we undertake our ministry with enthusiasm and purpose. Please see Fr Robert to put your name down. Cost is £10.00 but the parish will cover these costs because of the investment such a day provides for the future of the parish. See the poster on the noticeboard for more details.

**Diocesan YouTube Channel:** Did you know the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has a YouTube channel? Search for it and subscribe for no cost. This channel will also link you to "The Pope Video" which has some short videos (1 - 1½ minutes) from Pope Francis on different topics of interest and importance.

**Play Area:** Parents and carers are welcome to take babies and toddlers to this area at the rear of the church at any time before or during Mass. Please ensure that babies and toddlers are supervised at all times and please try to leave the area tidy after use. A baby change-table has also been installed in the bathroom for your convenience.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St Justin de Jacobis – 30 July

Justin was born in Italy in 1800. He joined the Vincentians (Lazarists) and later was sent to Abyssinia (Ethiopia-Eritrea) as a missionary. He studied the local language and culture and slowly developed a special love for the Abyssinian traditions which he used in his missionary ministry. Made bishop in 1849, de Jacobis worked hard for the formation of the Catholic Church, establishing a seminary together with Blessed Ghebre Michael, and ordaining several priests. He died in Eritrea on 31 July 1860. His missionary methodology, rooted in inculturation, is both a legacy and a challenge for missionaries today.



(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 20 August, 9:30am - 10:15am**. Refreshments from 9:15am.

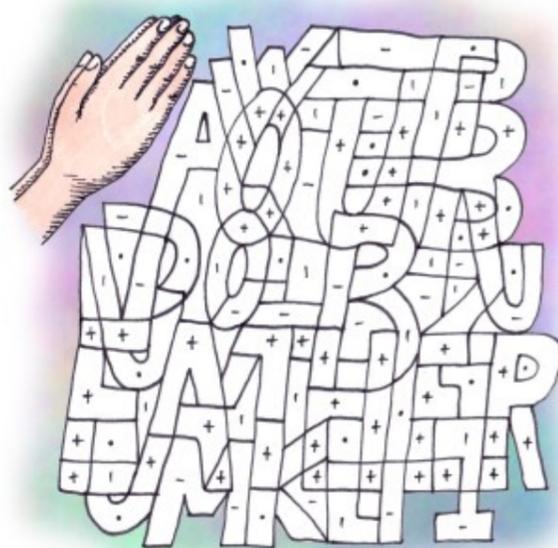
The next **Bible Study Group** will meet on **Monday 12 August at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Brandon from 3:30pm - 4:45pm**.

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



## The Kids' Bulletin

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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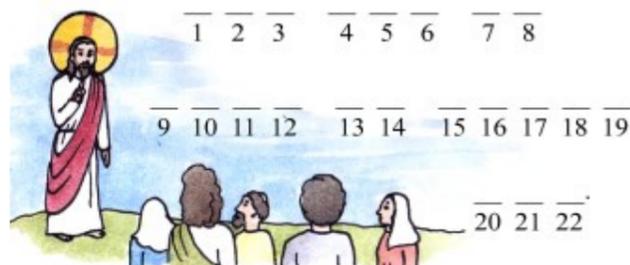


Jesus taught His disciples a prayer that we still use today. We often call it by its first two words. To find out what they are, colour in ONLY the spaces with crosses. (+)

### The Lord's Prayer

Fill in the blanks to complete the "Our Father."  
Use the letters from the numbered boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

Our <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, who art in  
<sup>17</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, hallowed be thy  
<sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. Thy <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. <sup>19</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.  
<sup>15</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ us this day our <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. <sup>20</sup>\_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>13</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and <sup>21</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. <sup>16</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ us our  
trespasses as <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ forgive those who  
<sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ against <sup>22</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and  
<sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ us not into temptation but  
<sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ us from <sup>18</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.



### DID YOU KNOW...?

**...that the Lord's Prayer is sometimes prayed with a doxology at the end by some people, most especially Anglicans and Lutherans?**

The doxology is made up of the words "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen". These words are not scriptural but found in an early Christian catechetical document from the first century called the *Didache* or *The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles*.



### "QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"He, then, is perfect who does the work of the day perfectly, and we need not go beyond this to seek for perfection ... If you ask me what you are to do in order to be perfect, I say, first—Do not lie in bed beyond the due time of rising; give your first thoughts to God; make a good visit to the Blessed Sacrament; say the Angelus devoutly; eat and drink to God's glory; say the Rosary well; be recollected; keep out bad thoughts; make your evening meditation well; examine yourself daily; go to bed in good timer, and you are already perfect."

**Blessed John Henry Newman**  
(1801-1890)  
Cardinal, theologian and poet



**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....

