

The week ahead...

Saturday 10 August Vigil Mass for 19 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Pauline Pepper and pro populo
Sunday 11 August 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 12 August Monday of Week 19	NO MASS	
Tuesday 13 August Tuesday of Week 19	6:30pm	Mass: Joe Condon
Wednesday 14 August <i>St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr</i>	9:30am	Mass: Vera Lumsdon
<i>Vigil Mass for The Assumption of BVM</i>	6:30pm	Mass: Pro populo
Thursday 15 August <i>The Assumption of the BVM</i> (Holyday of Obligation)	9:30am	Mass: Lizzabella & Margaret Jane Morris
Friday 16 August Friday of Week 19	7:00am	Mass: Private intention
Saturday 17 August Vigil Mass for 20 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Bridie, Ray and Bernadette Winnard and pro populo



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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 August 2019

“...happy those servants if the Master finds them ready.”

SUCCESS IS OFTEN the result not just of hard work but also being on the lookout for opportunities and embracing them when they arise. We speak of people having good luck, but this often means that someone has spotted an opportunity when another has not and run with it to their benefit. Such a person has been watchful, on the alert, for an opportunity that will bring them some advantage. Of course, success can happen in a positive way, which accords with gospel values, or in a negative way, which seeks only personal gain. We can see here some links with last weekend's gospel in which the rich man sought only his own comfort and ease after having a successful harvest. Little did he know that he would not live to enjoy the fruits of his good fortune. Being watchful is essentially the theme of the gospel this weekend.

Of course, the message for us is to be like the faithful servant in today's gospel, always prepared, through our manner of living, for the return of Christ, be it tomorrow or many years from now. Some may think this is impossible, that it requires some superhuman effort, constantly praying, being at Mass, reading the scriptures or working in some charitable capacity. Of course, all of these activities are good but it would indeed be impossible for the vast majority of people to be engaged ceaselessly in these acts.

That being so, how do we ensure we are ready for the return of the Master? The gospel gives us a clear answer: simply do what we ought to be doing, nothing more, nothing less. The servant is expected to be “at his employment” when the master returns which means doing the ordinary duties, whatever that entails. So it is for us: we are called to go about the “ordinary” activities that make up our day, however mundane they may be, but to do them in an extraordinary way, meaning that we embark on every task knowing that we do so with a higher purpose in mind. In this way, even the more mundane tasks which occupy most of our waking time are endowed with a joy and purpose that is unknown to most people. This means that every encounter we have with another we will acknowledge as an encounter with the Master himself, every meal we prepare will be for the Master, every room we hoover and dust will be in preparation for the Master and every illness we bear will be a witness to the suffering of the Master in his Passion.

As Christians, being “watchful” does not mean being motivated to do tasks in a particular manner for fear that Christ will appear at any moment, so as not to be caught out doing the “wrong” thing. It means living in the knowledge and joy of knowing that, though the Master will return, we can engage with him here and now in the ordinariness of daily living, if only we are watchful.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,
Fr Robert



MINISTRIES
Saturday 10 August

Eucharistic Ministers
Jane Smith, Helen Musham
Wilf Lavery

Readers
Brendan Payne
Greg Mearman

Children's Liturgy
(In recess over summer holidays)

Welcomers
Paul & Anne Kelly

Music
Bill Wilkinson & Choir

MINISTRIES
Saturday 17 August

Eucharistic Ministers
Ambrose & Pauline Burnside
Harry Curran

Readers
Rowan Payne
Pat Middleton

Children's Liturgy
(In recess over summer holidays)

Welcomers
Angela Harmston
Christine Tracey

Music
Bill Wilkinson & Choir

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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....

Pauline PEPPER
Vera LUMSDON (Rec. Dec.)
Billy McCRANN
Angela HART
James MORRISSEY

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

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



£ **LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION** £

Gift Aid: £200 Loose Plate: £159

TOTAL: £359

Mass Attendance: 113

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What's going on...?

Gathering after Mass last week: Thank you to all those who came along to the gathering last weekend, with a special thank you to Joanne and Carol for all their hard work in setting up, serving and cleaning up. Much appreciated!

The Assumption: The Solemnity of the Assumption is, of course, a **holiday of obligation**. There will be two Masses here at St Patrick's which hopefully will mean that all parishioners can attend Mass. There will be a **Vigil Mass at 6:30pm, Wednesday 14 August** and a **9:30am Mass on Thursday 15 August**. If you can't make either of these Masses, **St Cuthbert's** are having a Mass at 7:00pm Wednesday and at 12:15pm on Thursday. **St Godric's** will have Mass on Thursday at 10:00am and **St Joseph's**, also on Thursday, at 7:00pm.

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 have been posted on the noticeboard. The next meeting is scheduled for **02 October**. 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 I am asking all those who are in possession of a parish key to sign the key register in the sacristy before or after any of our Masses. You will need to have your key with you when doing this. Thank you for your co-operation.

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 parish. See the poster on the noticeboard for more details. I need to have the numbers attending finalised **this weekend**.

Partnership Development Group (PDG): The minutes of the latest meeting of the PDG (25 July) are now on display on the noticeboard. The next meeting is scheduled for 01 October.

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.

Noticeboard: As always, there are plenty of events happening both around the partnership and around the diocese which there isn't room here to mention, so please look at the noticeboards regularly to find out about events that may interest you.

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Housebound: Do you know someone who lives in the parish but cannot get to Mass and is in need of the sacraments? It is our responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters who cannot gather with us each week. If you know someone in this situation who is in need of pastoral care, and is open to a visit, please pass their details on to Fr Robert.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Blessed Isidore Bakanja – 12 August

Isidore was born in what was then the Belgian Congo around the year 1886. At the age of twenty he was baptised and, from that time onward, lived the faith to the full, until he died a martyr while working as a house servant of a Belgian colonist. Although he knew that his employer resented Christians, Bakanja insisted on wearing the scapular and saying the Rosary in his free time. In February 1909 his martyrdom began when he was severely beaten even to drawing blood, just because he was a Christian. The wounds inflicted by the strokes were so severe that he died on 15 August 1909, after having forgiven his aggressor.



(Text taken from *Universalis*)

Pope Francis' Mission Statement for August

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".

"Prayer is most precious, for it nourishes a daily commitment to love."



~ 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

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Jesus tells us to be prepared for when He comes back. We don't know when that will be so we should always be ready. How long until this girl and boy see Jesus? Follow the maze and find out!

Assumption Cross-Word

We celebrate Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven this Thursday, August 15th.

Across:

- God chose a holy young woman to _____ His mother.
- _____ wanted her to be perfect.
- Her name was _____.
- We _____ hymns about her.
- Today we celebrate her _____ into Heaven.
- God took her body _____ of the tomb
- so He could _____ it up into Heaven.
- She had lived a life of _____ for God.
- "Blessed is the fruit of thy _____, Jesus."
- Mary had given herself as a _____ sacrifice to God.
- When we die, we hope to _____ to Heaven too.

Down:

- She was the mother of _____.
- Mary never committed any _____.
- She is the greatest _____ in Heaven.
- She proved her love of God _____ her obedience to His will.
- Her _____ was God.
- Mary's _____ went straight to Heaven
- because she was so _____ and free from the stain of sin.
- We should try to _____ her virtues.
- God would not permit His mother's body to decay in the _____.
- Mary's obedience to God overcame the _____ of Eve's sin.
- _____ Mary is in Heaven with her Son.
- We will try _____ love and obey God like Mary did.

Next Week's Readings

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53



"I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!"

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"The call to holiness is not a matter of conforming ourselves to some cookie-cutter pattern or imitating certain heroic examples. Regardless of whether we are priests, nuns or laypeople, regardless of whether we are celibate or married, have exceptional abilities or are completely average, there is a path to holiness that takes account of our particular gifts and duties in life, a path that is different for each one of us."

Robert Ellsberg (b.1955)
Book Publisher (Orbis Books)



CONGRATULATIONS.... to **Danny PATTERSON** and **Adele SMITH** who were married here at St Patrick's last Friday, 09 August. We wish them every success in their life together as husband and wife. Please keep them in your prayers.

