

The week ahead...

Saturday 24 August Vigil Mass for 21 st Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Susan Michiels and pro populo
Sunday 25 August 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 26 August Monday of Week 21	NO MASS	
Tuesday 27 August <i>St Monica</i>	6:30pm	Mass: Private intention
Wednesday 28 August <i>St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, Doctor</i>	9:30am	Mass: Thomas & Doris McNamara
Thursday 29 August <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	9:30am	Mass: Beatrice & George Belcher
Friday 30 August Friday of Week 21	7:00am	Mass: Private intention
Saturday 31 August Vigil Mass for 22 nd Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Jonathan, Irene & Veda Ramm, Kevin McLoughlin and pro populo

Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

MINISTRIES
Saturday 24 August

Eucharistic Ministers
Gordon & Angela Tosley
Angela Harmston

Readers
Stella Foody
Marie Paily

Children's Liturgy
(Resumes on 07 September)

Welcomers
Pat Middleton
Mary Kitching

Music
Bill Wilkinson & Choir

MINISTRIES
Saturday 31 August

Eucharistic Ministers
Malcolm & Teresa Wass
Andrew Aberdeen

Readers
Angela Harmston
Maria Griffiths

Children's Liturgy
(Resumes on 07 September)

Welcomers
Halina Holman
Donna Watts

Music
Greg Mearman & Choir

21st 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....

Susan MICHIELS
Elizabeth Veronica GARRICK
Peter RICHARDS
Norah HOLDER



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

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



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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 25 August 2019

"..from east and west, from north and south..."

FEELING PROUD THAT ONE is part of a privileged group is an experience we have all had, even if it is something quite innocuous, such as being upgraded a class on a train or plane or upgraded to a better room in a hotel or a better table at a restaurant. We can easily feel smug and self-satisfied when we move past a large group of people to a more desirable place because we are "special".

In this weekend's gospel, the question is asked of Jesus: "Sir, will there be only a few saved?" Jesus, of course, doesn't give a straight yes or no response – he never does! Rather, he tells the enquirer to focus on his or her own salvation rather than being concerned with the bigger picture. Always helpful, Jesus even tells them what the focus should be in attaining salvation: try to enter by the narrow door. He then goes on to explain what this means via a parable of sorts.

And this is where the message hits home for us. What Jesus is saying is that many who have assumed that they are part of a privileged group of the "saved" will, in fact, be among those who are told "I do not know where you come from. Away from me!" Others, who many had assumed would not be favoured with salvation will, in fact, be welcomed into God's eternal kingdom.

It is not enough to simply bear the name of Christian and think that's all that is needed for salvation. Likewise, it's not sufficient simply to fulfil our "Sunday obligation". We are graced with both faith and opportunities to express that faith in myriad ways beyond possessing a label and regularly attending church. Indeed, we are deluding ourselves if we think membership is our ticket to salvation. Of course, nothing we can do can earn our salvation, (belief otherwise is a heresy), since all is grace, but we must understand that we are called to live out our faith with good works, the narrow door of unconditional love, because such works are an expression of our love for God. Imagine a spouse who believes that it is enough for a successful marriage simply to have celebrated the sacrament and then share a meal once a week. The marriage is likely doomed from the outset.

So, whilst we are, as Christians, certainly part of a privileged group, this is not because we are saved and all those who don't share our faith are doomed. Some fundamentalist Christian groups certainly do hold this point of view. We are privileged, not because we can be smug about certainty of salvation and thus feel superior to others, but rather because we have intimacy with God through Jesus Christ, and find joy in showing our love for God through the manner in which we go about our day, even if this is difficult at times.

In the end, if we, please God, enter heaven, we can be guaranteed of at least one thing: there will be many there who also entered via the narrow door of unconditional love who did not fit the narrow criteria of "a good Catholic".

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,
Fr Robert



£ LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION £

Gift Aid: £240 Loose Plate: £194

TOTAL: £434

Mass Attendance: 117

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CHARITY NUMBER 1143450



What's going on...?

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.

Gift Aid Statements: Please note that the gift aid statements are now available from the table in the narthex. Please pick them up as soon as possible. Thank you.

Job Opportunity: CAFOD is looking for a new staff member to recruit and manage volunteers who work in our parishes and schools around the diocese. The permanent, full-time role is based in Durham and is a great opportunity for someone who cares passionately about poverty and injustice and working within the church. Please see cafod.org.uk/jobs for details. The closing date is 01 September.

Finchale Partnership Open Afternoons: People often say they would like to know more about the other parishes and churches in the partnership. The next in our series of open afternoons is on **Sunday, 15th September**, from 2:00pm -4:00pm, at St. Cuthbert's, Old Elvet, Durham. St. Cuthbert's was opened in 1827 and is home to the University Catholic Chaplaincy as well as to the parish. The people of St. Cuthbert's are looking forward to welcoming visitors from across the partnership to look around, chat over refreshments, and learn a little about the parish. The afternoon will finish with simple vespers at

3:50pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. You don't have to sign up in advance, but if you need a lift to Durham, or if you are able to offer someone else a lift, please let Fr Robert know.

Changes to Mass Schedule in September: Please note that I will be on leave next month from **01-20 September**. This means that there will be no weekday Masses, though the Saturday Vigil Mass will still be celebrated with Fr Andrew Downie here on the 7th and Fr Paul Tully on the 14th. The 9:30am Mass on Wednesday 04, 11 and 18 September will be replaced with a Service of the Word with Communion. Because there will be no weekday Masses, please be aware that no Mass intentions can be offered in my absence. Weekday Masses will return to the usual schedule beginning on Tuesday 24th.

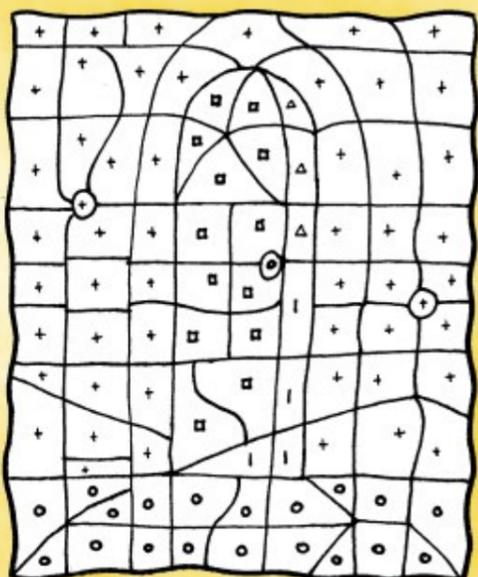
Afternoon Tea Thank You: Many thanks to all St Patrick's parishioners who attended the Afternoon Tea at Our Lady and St Thomas, Willington on Sunday. The fundraising event was a huge success and your support is very much appreciated. There are some unclaimed raffle prizes: White 16 - 20, White 266 - 270, White 366 - 370. Please check your tickets and contact Judith Bulmer (07980481858) if you're a lucky winner! Thank you.

Personal Thank You: "Dear Parishioners of St Patrick's, I recently graduated from the university and would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to you all for your hospitality and the many Masses we celebrated together. I had to leave Durham rather abruptly and I very much regret that I could not say goodbye in person. Hopefully, I will be able to visit soon and say hello again. All the best to you and I will keep you in my prayers, Christian."

Twitter: Please don't forget St Patrick's has a Twitter account and something is tweeted each day. These tweets are both of a spiritual and practical nature. Simply search for **St Patrick's Langley Moor**. Twitter is free to use and can be accessed on any computer or mobile device.

The Kids' Bulletin

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25th, 2019



What was the way that Jesus told the people to enter the Kingdom of Heaven by?

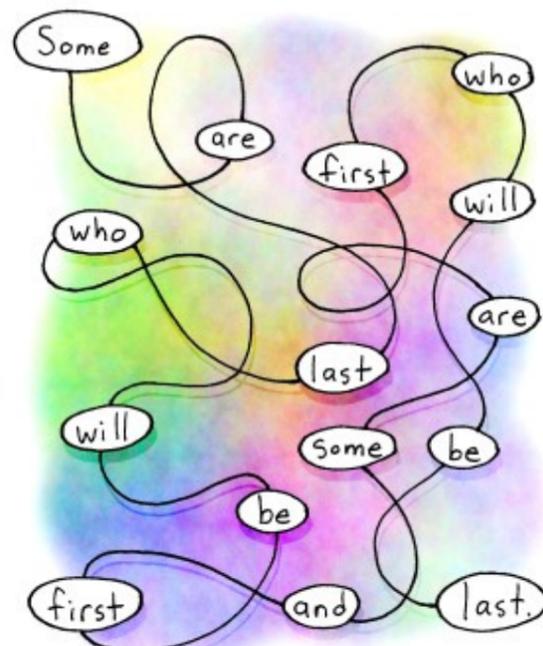
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- ! Green ● Grey

All in the Right Order

What was one of the things Jesus said in today's Gospel reading about the people in the Kingdom of Heaven?

Follow the squiggly line to sort out the words.
Start with "Some" in the top left corner.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Caesarius of Arles – 26 August

Caesarius was born around 470 at Chalon-sur-Saône, which is now in eastern France. He was a monk at the abbey of Lérins, on the French Riviera, and then bishop of the local diocese of Arles for forty years. His influence extended from southern Gaul to Spain. He convoked many Councils, and founded monasteries. At a time when the Roman Empire had collapsed and no single, stable civil authority had taken its place, he protected his people from the demands of the barbarians. At the same time he sustained them with simple but lively sermons. Extracts from some of them form Second Readings in the Liturgy of the Hours to this day. He died at Arles in 542.



(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 17 September**, 9:30am - 10:15am. Refreshments from 9:15am.

The next **Bible Study Group** will meet on **Monday 09 September** 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!



Next Week's Readings

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:19-21,30-31

Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

Luke 14:1,7-14



"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled."

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Good Lord, give us joyfulness of heart and peace of conscience; continual gladness and consolation in Your word and promises; that we may evermore be thankful unto You and praise Your name for ever."

Evelyn Underhill (1875 - 1941)
English writer and mystic



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.

