

The week ahead...

Saturday 12 October Vigil Mass for 28 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: <i>Pro populo</i>
Sunday 13 October 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 14 October Monday of Week 28	NO MASS	
Tuesday 15 October <i>St Teresa of Avila, Virgin, Doctor</i>	5:30pm 6:30pm	Holy Hour for Mission Mass: <i>Private Intention</i>
Wednesday 16 October Wednesday of Week 28	9:30am	Mass: <i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday 17 October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr</i>	9:30am	Mass: <i>Private Intention</i>
Friday 18 October <i>St Luke, Evangelist</i>	7:00am	Mass: <i>Dorothy Dowdle</i>
Saturday 19 October Vigil Mass for 29 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: <i>John Kennedy & pro populo</i>



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13 October 2019

"The other nine, where are they?"

THIS WEEKEND WE ARE gifted with another story which is unique to the Gospel of Luke, the story of the ten lepers being cleansed by Jesus, only one of whom returns to give thanks. On the surface, it might appear to be a simple case of Jesus effecting another healing miracle with only one of the lepers having the simple decency to thank Jesus for saving him from the continued scourge of leprosy (and a "foreigner" at that!). The final words of Jesus however, give us pause for thought: "Your faith has saved you."

Good manners, like all social niceties, are sometimes referred to as the glue that holds society together. We teach children to say please and thank you, to greet people in a courteous fashion, and so on, stressing the importance of manners as much as academic achievement or any other pursuit. High levels of achievement which are not coupled with common decency, to say nothing of humility, are witnessed all too often.

Yet this story is not about good manners or politeness, but gratitude. We hear that the leper "threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him." Jesus states that the man came back "to give praise to God." The man's impulse was not to conform with a social expectation but rather thankfulness for what had been done for him. Yes, all ten lepers had been healed, but this particular leper had now also been saved, meaning that he shares in the kingdom of God with the promise of eternal life.

Reflecting on the incident in this way will hopefully inspire us to ponder on the way we show God gratitude. One writer notes that gratitude or thankfulness is the cornerstone of happiness. Whilst few of us can expect to experience a miraculous cure from a debilitating or terminal illness, we still have much to be thankful for, if only we take the time to reflect on our circumstances. Even if we are currently living with some anxieties and struggles, we can at the very least be grateful for the fact that we have enough food to eat, that we live in a nation not ravaged by war, that we have shelter and access to education and social services, and so on. In addition to this, we can surely find more personal reasons for which we can offer thanks to God.

In showing God gratitude, we are, of course, not changing God nor adding to God's majesty. Showing thankfulness to God increases our love for God and this brings enormous blessings to us. We know from personal experiences of human love, however that has manifested itself for us, that when we feel gratitude for another and that gratitude is expressed to that other, we are rewarded by their love in return. Though God loves us always and doesn't wait for us to "make the first move", when we show thankfulness and so deepen our love for God, we open ourselves little by little to the enormous reality of God's love, a love so overwhelming that we cannot yet fully appreciate its extent but can at least experience something of its transformative power.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,
Fr Robert



Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

MINISTRIES
Saturday 12 October

Eucharistic Ministers
Irene & John Carey
Kevin Boyle

Readers
Maria Griffiths
Angela Harmston

Children's Liturgy
Maria Griffiths
Joanne Lidster

Welcomers
Angela Harmston
Christine Tracey

Music
Bill Wilkinson & Choir

MINISTRIES
Saturday 19 October

Eucharistic Ministers
Helen Musham, Jane Smith
Wilf Lavery

Readers
Angela Tosley
Ann Canavan

Children's Liturgy
Maria Griffiths
Michelle Dennis

Welcomers
Pat Middleton
Mary Kitching

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....

Fr Bill ROOKE (Rec. Dec.)
John NYLAND
Mary MULHALL
Dorothy DOWDLE
John FORRESTER

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

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



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £218 Loose Plate: £165

TOTAL: £383

Mass Attendance: 151

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What's going on...?

First Holy Communion Candidates: Please continue to pray for our first Holy Communion candidates. You will see their photos and names on the display board as you leave Mass.

Family Fast Day (CAFOD): Thank you to all those who contributed last weekend to the CAFOD retiring collection. A total of £479.65 was donated. You can still place an envelope in the collection basket this weekend and next weekend if you haven't done so thus far. Envelopes are at the back of the church. You can also contribute online at www.cafod.org.uk. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Holy Hour: As you will note from the back of the bulletin, in light of this Extraordinary Month of Mission, there will be a holy hour, including benediction, this Tuesday in the hour leading up to the 6:30pm Mass.

Mission Sunday Collection and Service: Next Sunday is Mission Sunday, a day of extra significance due to October being the Extraordinary Month of Mission. A retiring collection will be taken up next weekend. Gift aid envelopes are available at the rear of the church too. Also, we will be hosting an ecumenical event here at St Patrick's to mark Mission Sunday. We will have a simple lunch at 12:30pm followed by a one hour service at 1:30pm. All are welcome! See the noticeboard for details.

Prisons Week: Perhaps you, or someone in your family, has been in prison. Maybe you know someone in prison. Their children and families will be affected by that imprisonment. The children have themselves not committed a crime but are serving a 'hidden' sentence in the community. In fact, there are about 300,000 children each year impacted by parental imprisonment. Perhaps you would like to support families and children of prisoners in the North East. For more information visit www.nepacs.co.uk, phone 0191 375 7278 or see the NEPACS poster on the noticeboard. This coming week we are invited, each day, to pray for prisoners and their families.

Missio (Mill Hill) Quarterly Collection: Thank you all who contributed through red mission boxes and brown envelopes towards foreign missionary work. £714.81 was raised. We hope you all received the Mission Magazine to see how your money is used. Apologies for its lateness in reaching some of you.

Church Cleaning: You might remember that around a year ago we undertook a major cleaning of the church and vowed to make this an

annual event. The time has come! Our next major clean will take place next **Saturday 19 October** from **10:00am - 1:00pm** followed by lunch. Come for all or a portion of this time. Sign-up sheet at the rear of the church.

Autumn Bible Studies: As well as the regular monthly Bible study that takes place at St Andrew's Methodist in Brandon, there is another weekly gathering (next and final on **Friday 18 October**, 2:00pm - 3:00pm), which is looking at Paul's Letter to the Colossians. See the poster on the noticeboard for more details. All welcome!

Canonisation of John Henry Newman: John Henry Newman is to be canonised this Sunday, **13 October**, in Rome. This marks the final stage in a long process for this man of great learning and faith. Newman was declared "Venerable" in 1991 and was beatified in Birmingham in 2010. Let us continue to ask for the prayers of Blessed, shortly to be Saint, John Henry Newman, especially in light of the imminent recognition of his status as a saint.

Dowry of Mary Tour: Please see the noticeboard adjacent to the church doors for information on this important event at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle.

Diocesan Church Music Association: The Diocesan Church Music Association have set up a link on their page of the Diocesan website, asking parish musicians to sign up to give them an idea of the resources around the Diocese and to keep people up to date with news of workshops etc. If you would like to sign up the form can be found on the Diocesan website, clicking on 'Departments', then 'Liturgy', then Diocesan Church Music Association. Scrolling down will reveal a paragraph headed 'Join our mailing list'.

News from Tonga: Our Tongan friends left us early this year but news still filters through to us. The family would like us to pray for Belladouna who will be receiving her first Holy Communion in Tonga next Tuesday, 15 October. She is one of only six candidates. Let us pray for her and all of this wonderful family who remain in our hearts as brothers and sisters in Christ, despite being on the other side of the world!

The Kids' Bulletin

True or False?

Jesus Cures the Ten Lepers

How well do you know the story of Jesus and the Lepers?

1. When Jesus was walking to Jerusalem, he met ten lepers. True or false?
2. The lepers came right up to Jesus and touched Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't touch them; all He said was, "Go show yourselves to the priests." True or false?
4. Half of the lepers were healed and half weren't. True or false?
5. All of them came back to thank Jesus. True or false?
6. Only one man came back to thank Jesus, and he was a foreigner. True or false?
7. Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you." True or false?



SCHOOL NEWS

Statement to Live By

This week's statement was, 'I can laugh and have fun'. We shared Psalm 15 and talked about the different ways we can enjoy ourselves, that are pleasing to God and ensure other people are also happy.

Class 3 Liturgy

Thank you to all those who came along to Class 3's liturgy on Wednesday afternoon. The chapel was full, as our children celebrated their learning around 'New Beginnings', including new days, new life and a new school! They gave thanks to God for all these times and for being with us in it all.

First Aid Training

On Friday, all classes received training in first aid, in child-friendly workshops, suitable for their age groups. This was provided by fully trained instructors.

Forthcoming Celebrations

Liturgy with Years 3 & 4 in the chapel - **Wednesday 16 October @ 3:00pm**
 Mass with Year 5 in the chapel - **Tuesday 22 October @ 2:45pm**
 All are welcome!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Gall - 16 October

Gall was one of the twelve disciples who accompanied St Columbanus from Ireland to Gaul, and established themselves with him at Luxeuil. Gall followed Columbanus on his voyage on the Rhine to Bregenz in 610, but he separated from him in 612, when Columbanus left for Italy. He remained in Swabia (south-west Germany today), where, with several companions, he led the life of a hermit, in a wilderness to the west of Bregenz, near the source of the river Steinach. After his death, a church of St Gall was erected there, which by the middle of the eighth century had grown into the famous Abbey of St Gall. He died sometime in the middle of the seventh century.

St Gall is often depicted with a bear companion. According to legend, St Gall's holiness was so great, that when confronted with a wild bear, instead of attacking him, the bear brought him firewood and remained his companion for life.



(Text taken from Universalis and Wikipedia)

Pope Francis' Mission Statement for October

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

"God impels us constantly to set out anew, to pass beyond what is familiar, to the fringes and beyond."



~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

Prayer Group & Bible Study

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

The next **Bible Study Group** will meet on **Monday 11 November** 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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

Luke 18:1-8



"But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?"

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Heaven, then, is not like this world; I will say what it is much more like - a church. For in a place of public worship, no language of this world is heard; there are no schemes brought forward for temporal objects, great or small ... Here we hear solely and entirely of God."

St John Henry Newman

(1801-1890)

Cardinal, theologian and apologist



PLEASE PRAY FOR....the following intentions during Ordinary Time in autumn as requested by Bishop Robert: **Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.**

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

