

The week ahead...

Saturday 19 October Vigil Mass for 29 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Sally Thompson and pro populo
Sunday 20 October 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 21 October Monday of Week 29	NO MASS	
Tuesday 22 October Tuesday of Week 29	6:30pm	Mass: Private Intention
Wednesday 23 October Wednesday of Week 29	9:30am	Mass: Bill Dickinson, John Kitching & Robbie Mooney
Thursday 24 October Thursday of Week 29	9:30am	Mass: Private Intention
Friday 25 October Friday of Week 29	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
Saturday 26 October Vigil Mass for 30 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Susan Michiels and pro populo

Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

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

MINISTRIES

Saturday 26 October

Eucharistic Ministers

Ambrose & Pauline Burnside
Harry Curran

Readers

Claire Lavery
Margaret Purdom

Children's Liturgy

Maria Griffiths
Michelle Dennis

Welcomers

Halina Holman
Donna Watts

Music

Greg Mearman & Choir

29th 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...



Sally THOMPSON
Teresa PARKIN
William STOCK
Philip SOLAN
Elizabeth MULHALL
Peter MAHAN

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



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 October 2019

"...pray continually and never lose heart."

WITHOUT A DOUBT, we live in an age of instant gratification. This pervades our lives to such an extent that we notice ourselves getting frustrated if a computer takes more than three or four seconds to download a page from the internet or a document from our files. "Aren't computers supposed to be fast?" we ask ourselves. If we're hungry, there is always the option of fast food, be it something we can toss in the microwave for a few minutes or pick up from a fast food restaurant nearby or have delivered to our door. No need to wait for our favourite film to be shown on television again, we can download it immediately onto a device, though we will probably complain that the download is taking too long, so impatient are we!

It should come as no surprise then, that this attitude can extend to our prayer life. As people of faith, we trust that God hears and answers our prayers, but doubts can creep in rather insidiously when we don't perceive a swift response from God. We don't necessarily doubt God's existence, but we may believe that God simply doesn't care; that we are, perhaps, too small and insignificant in the grand scheme of things. To use the phrase in today's gospel, we can easily "lose heart."

In this weekend's gospel we encounter the parable of the widow and the unjust judge, yet another parable unique to Luke. The widow in the story certainly has not lost heart. She is the model of indomitable persistence, persistence which ultimately pays off as she receives the justice she has been seeking from the reluctant judge.

It is this spirit of prayerful persistence that Jesus suggests should characterise our relationship with God, for God will "see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night", and that this will happen "even when he delays to help them." Our persistence in prayer should not be understood as something God imposes on us as a means of annoying us for God doesn't play childish games. By praying continually, we show God that we are serious about him and his care for us. In continuing to pray for our needs, we are deepening our relationship with God and thus deepening our love for God.

And this deeper intimacy between God and us will help us know when our prayer has been answered. It is not unusual for us to approach God with a prayer and expect a particular result, and when something else happens, think that God has not answered our prayer. A couple who know each other intimately after many decades of marriage have often only got that far because of well-developed communication skills, amongst other qualities. So it is with God: when we are in constant communication with God, we will know not to be too particular in our expectations because God is known for springing surprises on us!

And we can rest assured that when our prayerful persistence has paid off, the answer we get from God will be the right one – let us not miss it!

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Robert



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £222 Loose Plate: £194

TOTAL: £416

Mass Attendance: 133

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CHARITY NUMBER 1143450



What's going on...?

Family Fast Day (CAFOD): You can still place an envelope in the collection basket this weekend and next weekend if you haven't done so thus far to support CAFOD. 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.

Mission Sunday Collection and Service: This 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 **this weekend**. Gift aid envelopes are available at the rear of the church. We are hosting an ecumenical event **tomorrow** 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!

Prisons Week: If you still wish to contribute to the work of supporting prisoners and their families, there are envelopes at the rear of the church. Please don't forget the collection box, also at the rear of the church, for donations to NEPACS. St Cuthbert's Parish, Durham, is collecting items for NEPACS to make up Toiletry and Homeless Packs for prisoners being released from HMP Low Newton (women). NEPACS is a north-east charity that has been supporting people affected by imprisonment for 135 years. Suitable items to contribute are toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, deodorant, flannels, combs etc. Donations will be taken to St Cuthbert's after next weekend. Thank you for your generosity! For more information visit www.nepacs.co.uk, phone 0191 375 7278 or see the NEPACS poster on the noticeboard.

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: Thank you to all those who helped with a thorough cleaning of the church earlier today. A fantastic effort!

Christmas Flower Donations: We all love to see the church decorated beautifully with flowers at special times of the year such as Christmas. That being so, there will be a bowl for donations near Our Lady's statue in the narthex shortly for donations. Thank you for your generosity!

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'.

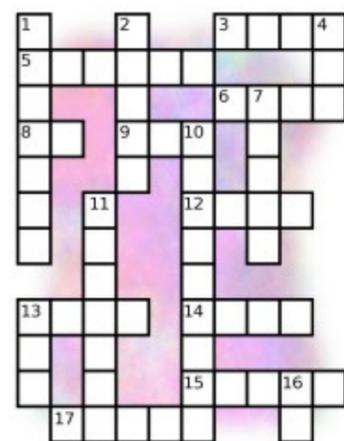
Unclaimed Raffle Prizes: There are still a few unclaimed raffle prizes from the recent HCPT raffle. Please see Pauline Crooks if you have one of the following: **Green 601-605, Blue 46-50, 141-145, 336-340.**

Fr Ejaz Project: The latest report and financial statement from Fr Ejaz has been posted on the noticeboard at the rear of the church. If you wish to receive a copy, please see Fr Robert.

Partnership Development Group (PDG) Minutes: The minutes of the latest PDG meeting earlier this month are now available on the noticeboard. Note also the folder at the rear of the church on the table adjacent to the statue of Our Lady which contains all of the material related to the PDG for your information.

All Saints' and All Souls' Masses: These two days are just around the corner. A reminder that the Feast of All Saints is a **holyday of obligation**. As usual, to allow as many of the faithful as possible to come to Mass on All Saints, there will be two Masses celebrated: a Vigil Mass at **7:00pm on Thursday, 31 October** and **9:30am on Friday, 01 November**. The usual 7:00am Mass will be cancelled for that day. Mass for All Souls will be celebrated at **9:30am on Saturday 02 November**. The usual Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on 02 November will be for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Kids' Bulletin



the
parable
of the
unjust
judge

Here's a puzzle
about the story in
today's Gospel
reading.



- Across:
3. Jesus _____, "There was a judge..."
 5. The judge was _____ (not fair)
 6. The judge wanted the widow to go _____.
 8. We should pray _____ God.
 9. Who will always listen when we pray?
 12. The judge was _____ to listen; God is fast.
 13. The unjust judge did not _____ God.
 14. What we do when we are talking to God.
 15. The widow needed help against her _____.
 17. Who told the story about the widow and judge?

- Down:
1. Fairness.
 2. What sort of person did the widow ask for help?
 4. We pray to God _____ and night.
 7. The parable is about a _____ and a judge.
 10. Who did Jesus tell the story to?
 11. Another name for the stories Jesus told.
 13. God will do what is good _____ us.
 16. The judge thought, "She will wear _____ out."



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Friar Galvão – 25 October

Antônio Galvão was born in 1739 in the state of São Paulo (Brazil) to a deeply religious family of high social and political status. He was educated by the Jesuits from the age of 13, but although he wanted to become a Jesuit this was judged inopportune because of official persecution of the order at the which continued till 1759. Instead, at the age of 16, Galvão joined the Franciscans and took the name of "Anthony of St Anne" in honour of his family's devotion to that saint.

He was ordained a priest in 1762 and transferred to São Paulo, where, with only brief intervals, he spent the rest of his life. He was revered as a confessor and a healer, and popular devotion to him was such that both ecclesiastical postings and governmental decrees that would have taken him away from São Paulo soon had to be rescinded. He died there on 23 December 1822, at the Recollect House.

He was canonised on 11 May 2007 and is the first Brazilian-born saint.

(Text taken from *Universalis*)



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 here at **St Patrick's** on **Tuesday 19 November**, 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!



SCHOOL NEWS

Statement to Live By

This week's statement was, 'I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt'. We listened to the story of The Good Samaritan and reflected on the importance of helping anyone in need, in order to build loving communities, at home, at school and in our parish.

Football Team

Congratulations to the school football team! They came second in the finals of the Leadgate Eden Cup, at Pelton Community Primary School on Wednesday evening, playing three games back-to-back. One game was lost (0-1), one won (3-1) and the other was a draw (2-2).

Half-Term Break

School closes for the half-term break on Thursday of next week and re-opens on Monday 04 November.

Forthcoming Celebrations

Mass with Year 5 in the chapel - **Tuesday 22 October @ 2:45pm**

Mass with Year 6 in the chapel - **Thursday 24 October @ 2:45pm**

All are welcome!



Next Week's Readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eccles. 35:12-14, 16-19

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14



"God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"A stream flows
whispering inside me;
deep within me it says:
Come to the Father."

St Ignatius of Antioch
(c.35 - c.108)
Bishop, Martyr and
Church Father



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

