

The week ahead...

Saturday 08 February Vigil Mass for 5 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Vera Keep and <i>pro populo</i>
Sunday 09 February 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Monday 10 February <i>St Scholastica, Virgin</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday 11 February Tuesday of Week 5	6:30pm	Mass: James & Mary Reynolds
Wednesday 12 February Wednesday of Week 5	10:45am	Funeral Mass: Frances Harland
Thursday 13 February Thursday of Week 5	9:30am	Mass: Mary Ann & Michael Peel
Friday 14 February <i>SS Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop Patrons of Europe</i>	7:00am	Mass: Private Intention
	1:30pm	Mass of Thanksgiving (Fr Robert)
Saturday 15 February Vigil Mass for 6 th Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: Walter Staff and <i>pro populo</i>

Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

MINISTRIES
Saturday 08 February
Eucharistic Ministers John & Irene Carey Kevin Boyle
Readers Greg Mearman Claire Lavery
Children's Liturgy Maria Griffiths Joanne Lidster
Welcomers Angela Harmston Christine Tracey
Music Bill Wilkinson & Choir

MINISTRIES
Saturday 15 February
Eucharistic Ministers Helen Musham, Jane Smith Wilf Laverty
Readers Pat Middleton Brendan Payne
Children's Liturgy Carol Bainbridge Helen Riddles
Welcomers Pat Middleton Mary Kitching
Music Bill Wilkinson & Choir

The fifth Sunday

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....

Vera KEEP
Patrick BOYLE (Rec. Dec.)
Frances HARLAND (Rec. Dec.)
Ann Patricia BURLETON (Rec. Dec.)
Jimmy WALLACE
Joan DAWSON
Alice EGGLESTONE
Bob ROSS



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

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



£	LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION	£
	Gift Aid: £212	Loose Plate: £225
£		
	TOTAL: £437	
	Mass Attendance: 156	
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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

09 February 2020

"Then will your light shine like the dawn..."

AS YOU ARE AWARE, last weekend we had our run of Sundays in Ordinary Time interrupted by the feast of The Presentation of the Lord, recalling the time Jesus, as a first-born son, was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem and presented to God. We blessed lighted candles in recognition of our understanding of Jesus as the one who came into the world to light up the darkness of the human condition and offer us the gift of salvation. Always celebrated on the fortieth day after Christmas, 02 February, had this feast not fallen on the Sunday, we would have heard the readings of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The gospel passage for this particular Sunday happens to be the famous words that mark the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12).

The gospel we hear this weekend are the four verses immediately following the Beatitudes, in which Jesus calls his disciples the "salt of the earth" and "the light of the world". This second phrase dovetails nicely, though coincidentally, with the theme of light from last weekend's feast day. The four verses we hear this weekend act as a segue into the main teaching of the Sermon on the Mount which outlines how the Lord's disciples should live. These verses that lead into the sermon sum up how living out the sermon's teaching forms us: to be both salt for the earth and light for the world. Incidentally, we will hear excerpts from the Sermon on the Mount over the next two weekends before we move into Lent.

One commentator talks about how many Catholics are "gospel-consumers" rather than "gospel-creators". What this means is that so many people, the consumers, take from the Church, be it the sacraments, inspired and beautiful teaching and liturgy, schools, or other services, but then walk away, leaving others, the creators, to continue to make these things happen. If we heed the message of the gospel, we will understand that we are called to be creators, those who, through their selflessness and sense of service, help the Church function through giving of their time and energy as best they can. Gospel-creators also seek to make God's kingdom manifest in the wider world by letting their light shine. They approach all that the Church offers and then put it to good use to be Christ to others – salt to the earth and light to the world.

We cannot afford to let the message of Christ become bland and unappetising, failing to challenge and excite us. If this happens, the message has lost its salt, and so we cannot be salt to others. It also means that the light we ought to shine out to others in the world will be considerably dimmed to the point that it is useless.

As we hear from the Sermon on the Mount over the next couple of weekends, let us embrace this blueprint for Christian living with enthusiasm, allow it to animate our very souls, and lead us to distinctive lives amongst our families, neighbours and friends and all whom we meet.

We can then be certain that we are being the salt and light Jesus calls us to be.

*Wishing you a blessed week ahead,
Fr Robert*

"You are the light of the world"
MATTHEW 5:14

What's going on...?

RIP Frances HARLAND: As mentioned last weekend, Frances Harland's Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at St Patrick's this **Wednesday, 12 February at 10:45am**. This means that the usual **9:30am Mass is cancelled on Wednesday**. Please pray for the repose of France's soul and for her family at this difficult time.

RIP Ann Patricia BURLETON: The Requiem Mass for **Ann Patricia ("Paddy") BURLETON** will be celebrated here at St Patrick's on **Monday, 17 February at 9:45am**. Please pray for the repose of Ann's soul and for her family at this difficult time.

Final Mass: Some people have been asking about the date of my final weekend Mass here at St Patrick's. It will be 15 February, next Saturday evening.

Fr Paul Hopper CSSp: For the information of those not yet aware, I can announce that Bishop Robert has appointed Fr Paul Hopper CSSp (Holy Ghost Fathers) as Priest in Charge of St Patrick's following my departure. I know that you will make him very welcome, especially as there will continue to be a priest in residence in the presbytery.

Bulletin & Admin Assistance: Fr Paul would like some assistance in producing the bulletin each week as well as some general assistance with typing etc from time to time. We already have a little team of three to help produce the bulletin. If you would like to join this group, please see Fr Robert.

Church Cleaning: The next church cleaning will take place **next Saturday, 15 February, 10:00am - 11:00am**. Please add your name to the list if you are willing to help. Refreshments provided.

SCHOOL NEWS

Statement to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By was, 'I co-operate with others in work and play'. We shared the letter of St Paul to the people of Ephesus, encouraging them to live together in the way Jesus taught us. We talked about how we can co-operate with others, by helping, sharing, and forgiving each other readily.

Thank You

Thank you to those who joined Class 2 for their liturgy on Wednesday afternoon, in our school chapel, and to the families who joined Class 1 in the celebration of Mass, on Thursday morning, in St. Patrick's Church.

Year of the Word

In celebration of this special year, the children have enjoyed contributing to displays relating to particular bible stories - Noah's Ark, Abraham and Sarah, The Wedding Feast at Cana, and The Conversion of Saul.

Father Paul

Father Robert kindly introduced Father Paul Hopper (soon to be Priest-in-Charge at St Patrick's) to our school community this week. Father Paul met with staff and children, during a brief tour of the school, and was very impressed with our school chapel. We look forward to getting to know Father Paul better in the coming months.

Forthcoming Celebrations

Years 5 and 6 will celebrate Mass in the school chapel on Wednesday 12 February @ 2:45pm

The whole school will celebrate a **Mass of Thanksgiving, at 1:30pm on Friday 14 February**.

This will be Fr Robert's final school Mass. **Everyone is welcome to attend.** A buffet will be served afterwards, in the school hall, when a presentation will be made.



Racial Justice Sunday: This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday. You will have received a card with your bulletin this weekend which outlined the theme this year which is "Celebrating the contribution the Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales." Please read through the pledges on the back of the card and seek to act on them whenever the opportunity arises.

World Day of Prayer - Friday 06 March: All are welcome to this annual worldwide event, which is open to both women and men. It is taking place this year at **St Brandon's in Brancepeth**. The service starts at 10:30am, with refreshments from 10:00am. The theme this year is "Praying with Zimbabwe". See the noticeboard for more details.

Fr Ejaz Report: You will find the latest report on the Fr Ejaz project on the noticeboard as well as some photos on display.

Food Bank: St Patrick's parishioners donated 455kg of food in 2019. This is enough to feed approximately forty people. Many thanks to those who contributed and those who continue to do so. Any food that is non-perishable can be left at the back of the church adjacent to the table where Mary's statue stands.

Mass on the Feast of World Day of Prayer for the Sick: You are invited to join the Hospitalite of Hexham and Newcastle for the Celebration of Mass on the Feast of World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Tuesday 11 February at 7:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. Refreshments available after Mass.

The Kids' Bulletin

Salt and Light Crossword Puzzle



2D 5D to his disciples: "You are the 11D of the 6A But if salt 15D its 20A with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer 17D for anything but 21A be thrown out and trampled underfoot. 8A 3D the light of the 10D A 1D set on a 13A cannot be 7D Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel 12D; it is 18D on a lampstand, where it gives 16A to 14A in the 19A Just 18A your light 4A shine before others, that they may see your good 9A and glorify your heavenly Father."

MUST JESUS MOUNTAIN CITY LIGHT
SAID DEEDS BASKET EARTH WORLD
GOOD HOUSE HIDDEN YOU SET ALL
SALT TASTE LOSES ARE SO TO

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Blessed Isaac of Stella - 15 February

All that is known for certain about Isaac is that he abandoned his studies at the cathedral schools in about 1140 and became a Cistercian monk, at the time of St Bernard's reforms. He became abbot of the small monastery at Stella, outside Poitiers, in 1147, from where he was exiled to a remote monastery on the Ile de Ré on the Atlantic coast of Gascony, perhaps in 1167, and perhaps because of his support for Archbishop Thomas Becket. Scholars incline to the view that he returned to Stella some time later and died there in about 1178. The date of his birth has been given as anywhere between 1105 and 1120.

(Information taken from Universalis)



Pope Francis' Mission Statement for February

May the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters who are victims of criminal trafficking, be heard and answered.

"Migrants are first of all human persons ... they are the symbol of all those rejected by today's globalised society."



~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

Prayer Group & Bible Study

The next monthly **Prayer Group** will be held here at **St Patrick's** on **Tuesday 18 February, 9:30am - 10:15am**. Refreshments from 9:15am.

The next **Bible Study Group** will meet on **Monday 10 February** 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

Sixth Sunday of the Year

Eccles. 15:16-21

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37



"If your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven."

“QUOTE OF THE WEEK”

"Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the "Beloved". Being the Beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence."

Fr Henri Nouwen (1932-1996)
Priest, Academic, and Spiritual Writer



PLEASE PRAY FOR....the following intentions during Ordinary Time (Winter), as requested by Bishop

Robert: Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; the Unemployed.

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

