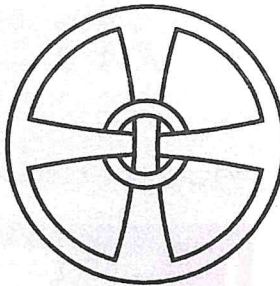


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Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury				
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Week beginning: 15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2025				
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Day	Holy Mass and Services			Intention
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> June The Most Holy Trinity.	Sunday Holy Mass at Holy Rosary - 10.00 AM Live Streamed			Ves and Maureen Maddren
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June.	No Mass today			
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June.	Funeral Mass for Frankie Miller at Holy Rosary at 10.30 AM			
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June.	Funeral Mass for Neil Davis at Holy Rosary at 12.45 PM			
	Exposition and Evening Prayer at Holy Rosary - 6.15 PM			
	Holy Mass at Holy Rosary - 7.00 PM			Private Intention
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June.	No Mass today			
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June.	Holy Mass at Saint John's - 10.00 AM			Stephen Allison
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June Vigil - The Body and Blood of Christ.	First Holy Communion Mass at Holy Rosary at 10.00 AM			
	Vigil Holy Mass at Saint John's - 5.30 PM			Parishioners
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June The Body and Blood of Christ.	Sunday Holy Mass at Holy Rosary - 10.00 AM Live Streamed			Intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Leo
Please pray for the sick:				
Sheila Allen	Maureen Braithwaite	Carol Brownlee	Ann Christeson	Robert Dalton
Bill Devine	Pauline Hewitt	Sheila Homes	Judy Houchen	Brian Kane
Sarah McAllister	Rev. Dan Mckie	Marcin Odziomek	Grace Ollie	Christine Rooney
Fr. John Skivington	Peter Smith	Judith Sowerby	Lily Ward-Thurlbeck	Helen Webb
Kate Williams	Margaret Wilkie			

**Please pray for those who have died recently:**

Frankie Miller, Neil Davis, Trevor Pennington, Pope Francis, Chris Allison, Stephen Allison, Denis Murphy, Audrey Upton, Terry Grogan, Coleen Webster, Margaret Loy, and Kathleen Wright (Matthews).

**May they rest in Peace. Amen.**

**First Holy Communion Masses** - These will take place next Saturday (21st June, 2025) in **Holy Rosary** and on the following Saturday (28th June, 2025) in **St John's**. Please keep the children in your prayers.

**Day for Life 2025** - Every year, the Church in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, jointly marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year, it will be celebrated on **Trinity Sunday, the 15th of June**. The faithful are invited to join in prayer and promotion of the Day. Useful resources, including a message from the three bishops, and prayers, can be found on the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website. On 14th and 15th of June, we will also hold a **second collection** for the Day for Life Fund.

**RCIA Group** - Many thanks to all those who have taken part in our meetings during the months past. We will start up a new group in the Autumn. If you know of anyone who is thinking about becoming part of the Church let them know. They are welcome to come and speak to Father Adrian to learn more about it.

**Corpus Christi Procession** - Bishop Stephen will be leading a Procession in Honour of the Blessed Sacrament at Ushaw College on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 3.00pm. **A coach will be leaving from Holy Rosary at 1.00pm** to take parishioners. If you would like to go please sign the list at the back of the church. This weekend is the last chance to sign up.

**Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)** - Leaflets will be handed out after each Mass this weekend. These concern the proposed new clauses 1 and 20 (to the Crime and Policing Bill) which, if passed, would completely remove abortion from the criminal law. The debates on these new clauses have been scheduled for 17th and 18th June, 2025. The leaflets explain how you can contact your MP to ask them to oppose these new clauses.

**All our yesterdays** - Thanks to Peter Tucker - son of Mary Tucker - for adding various old maps, photographs, and history which are very interesting. Help us preserve our parish history by sharing your memories with Father Adrian.

**Parish Scripture Group** - the next meeting will be on Thursday, 19th June, 2025 at 6.30 PM in the Altar Servers' Sacristy.

**Billingham Parish Council** - Please see our Parish website for more details about this.

**Durham Cathedral** - will be hosting this year's Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture of the Centre for Catholic Studies. It will be given by His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, OP and is entitled: 'Hope in a time of darkness'. It will take place in the Galilee Chapel of the Cathedral at 7.45 PM on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2025. **See Quick Links** on our web notices if you would like to go.

**Photographers required** - Do you have a passion for photography and want to help capture our events? We're looking for photographers to document our activities for current and future generations to enjoy. If you have a good camera or a modern smartphone, please speak with Fr. Adrian. Even if you don't have equipment but are eager to get involved, we can arrange to loan you a camera. Training would be provided.

**Our Parish Bulletin** - Are you looking for a way to contribute to the church community? We're seeking more volunteers to help with the weekly bulletin. All you need is a computer with internet access. Fr. Adrian will supply the content, and you will format it for our bulletin stencil. Volunteers will be added to our bulletin rota, and training will be provided. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, please speak to Fr. Adrian.

**The Friendship Group** - meets on the First Tuesday of each month at 6.30 PM in the Medway. Please come and join us - all are most welcome.

**The Friendship Group** is holding a Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support on **Tuesday, 16th September, 2025**. Details of the time of the Coffee Morning will follow nearer the time.

Once again, we are looking for your help in providing items for Tombola Prizes and a member of the Group will collect any donated prizes from the back of each of our churches. We thank you once again for your generous support.

**Job Vacancy at the Diocesan Offices** - The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle is seeking to appoint an Education Administrator on a fixed-term contract for 12 months. Closing date is 25th June, 2025 - more details are at: [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of God,  
and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful love.

## COLLECT

God our Father, who by sending into the world  
the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification  
made known to the human race your wondrous mystery,  
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,  
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory  
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Proverbs. Proverbs 8:22-31

Thus says the Wisdom of God: The LORD possessed me at  
the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago  
I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there  
were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains  
had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before  
he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust  
of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there;  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made  
firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the  
deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters  
might not transgress his command, when he marked out the  
foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master  
workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him  
always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the  
children of man.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 8:4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R.2a

**R. O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name through all the earth!**

When I see the heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little lower than the angels;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hands:  
you put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and oxen,  
yes, even the cattle of the fields,  
birds of the air, and fish of the sea  
that make their way through the waters.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.  
Romans 5:1-5

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we  
have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through  
him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in  
which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.  
Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that  
suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces  
character, and character produces hope, and hope does not  
put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into  
our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

**Alleluia, alleluia.** Cf. Revelation 1:8  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
the God who is and who was and who is to come.**  
**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

John 16:12-15

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I still have many  
things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When  
the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for  
he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears  
he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are  
to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and  
declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I  
said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

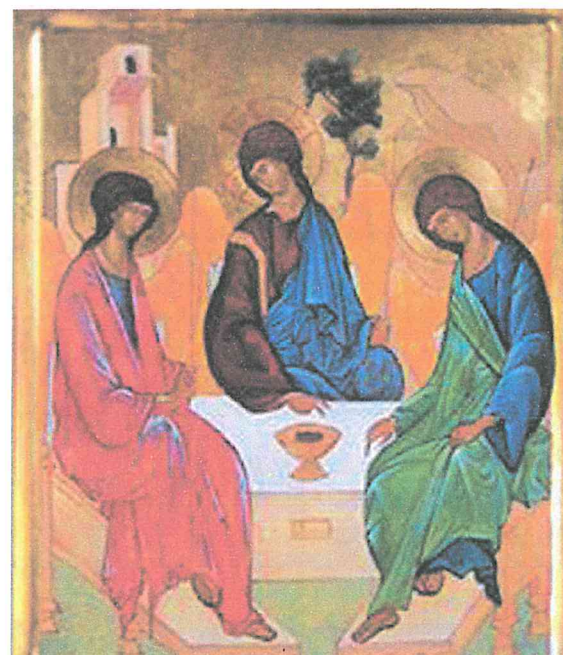
Sanctify by the invocation of your name,  
we pray, O Lord our God,  
this oblation of our service,  
and by it make of us an eternal offering to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**R. COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Gal 4: 6  
**Since you are children of God,  
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,  
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.**

**R. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God,  
bring us health of body and soul,  
as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

## Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



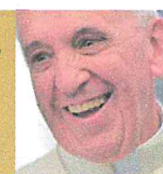
A certain parish priest frequently reminds his  
congregation that our God is community,  
friendship, love, unity: Three Persons who

are One. The human race  
is made in His image: made  
to be community, love,  
friendship, unity. Because  
of the fall of Adam and its  
consequences, this has become  
a huge challenge, as we see  
in the war in Ukraine and as  
we have experienced so often  
in the past. Yet we do see  
signs of what should be, when  
we hear of or see, great acts of  
generosity or courage on the  
part of individuals or groups.  
Our God is not a God far off.  
As Moses put it, "What great  
nation is there that has its gods  
so near as the Lord our God is  
to us whenever we call to Him?"  
It is something that Our Lord  
makes clear in today's Gospel

passage: the Spirit of Truth  
will "guide you into all truth";  
and, "He will bring glory to me  
by taking from what is mine"  
and the Father's, "and making  
it known to you." "He will  
guide you." We are not left  
alone. God, Father, Son and  
Holy Spirit are there for us;  
invite and call us to put our  
faith and trust in Them.. They  
will renew in us, individually  
and as a people, the image of  
Themselves.



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL  
**FRATELLI TUTTI**  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



**Pope Francis'**  
**Amoris Laetitia**  
LOVE IN THE FAMILY

## INEVITABLE CONFLICT

237. Forgiveness and reconciliation are  
central themes in Christianity and, in  
various ways, in other religions. Yet there is  
a risk that an inadequate understanding and  
presentation of these profound convictions  
can lead to fatalism, apathy and injustice,  
or even intolerance and violence.

Love is patient

The first word used is makrothyméi. This does not  
simply have to do with "enduring all things", because  
we find that idea expressed at the end of the seventh  
verse. Its meaning is clarified by the Greek translation  
of the Old Testament, where we read that God is "slow  
to anger" (Ex 34:6; Num 14:18). It refers, then, to the  
quality of one who does not act on impulse and avoids  
giving offense. We find this quality in the God of the  
Covenant, who calls us to imitate him also within the  
life of the family. Saint Paul's texts using this word  
need to be read in the light of the Book of Wisdom  
(cf. 11:23; 12:2, 15-18), which extols God's restraint,  
as leaving open the possibility of repentance, yet  
insists on his power, as revealed in his acts of mercy.  
God's "patience", shown in his mercy towards sinners,  
is a sign of his real power.

