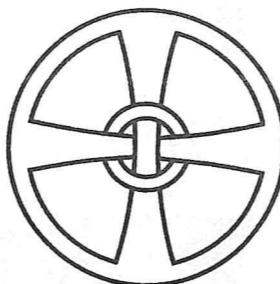


Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle Hilda Partnership				
Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury				
Parish Priest: Father Adrian Dixon. Telephone: 01642 553 118 Holy Rosary Presbytery, 2 Grosmont Drive, Billingham. TS23 2EP				
Week beginning: 22 nd June, 2025				
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Day	Holy Mass and Services			Intention
Sunday 22nd 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
Monday 23rd June. Saint Etheldreda.	No Mass today			
Tuesday 24th June. Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.	Holy Mass at St Joseph's School at 10.00 AM			Frankie Miller
Wednesday 25th June.	Exposition and Evening Prayer at Holy Rosary - 6.15 PM			
	Holy Mass at Holy Rosary - 7.00 PM			Pat & Bill McTimoney - 60th Wedding Anniversary
Thursday 26th June.	Holy Mass at Holy Rosary at 10.00 AM			The Allison Family
Friday 27th June. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.	Holy Mass at Saint John's - 10.00 AM			Maureen Maddren
Saturday 28th June Vigil of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles.	First Holy Communion Mass at St John's at 10.00 AM			
	Vigil Holy Mass at Saint John's - 5.30 PM			Parishioners
Sunday 29th June Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles.	Sunday Holy Mass at Holy Rosary - 10.00 AM Live Streamed			Chris Allison
Please pray for the sick:				
Sheila Allen	Maureen Braithwaite	Carol Brownlee	Ann Christeson	Robert Dalton
Bill Devine	Pauline Hewitt	Judy Houchen	Sheila Hunt	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.

The next First Holy Communion Mass

will take place next Saturday (28th June, 2025) in **St John's**. Please keep the children in your prayers.

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.

All our yesterdays - Thanks to Ann Woods for adding so much history for us to enjoy. Mary Tucker found a card celebrating Fr Kerwick's Silver Jubilee in 1960. It must have been a real surprise for Sister Francis Clare to see a photo of her mother. She writes about her mother and gives some of her own history. Help us preserve our parish history by sharing your memories with Father Adrian.

Photographers required

We are looking for photographers to help document our activities for current and future generations to enjoy. Please speak to Father Adrian.

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. If you can help, please speak to Fr. Adrian.

Little Sisters of the Poor (St Joseph's Home), Westmorland Road, Newcastle will hold a Summer Fayre on Saturday 5th July from 12 noon to 3.00 PM. All are welcome to attend. See further details on the poster on the notice board.

Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp: Volunteering is a Work of the Heart - Holy Island Children's Camp seeks young adult volunteers for Summer 2025 holiday weeks, supporting 9-12 year olds. Full training provided. Volunteers also needed for kitchen/caretaking roles and term-time meal support. More information on **website notices, quick links** or email BarbaraT@svp.org.uk

Witness: Sharing Our Faith in Today's World

A Year of Jubilee Formation Opportunity on Saturday, 28th June, 2025 from 9.20 AM to 1.30 PM. at the Emmaus Village Are you terrified by the idea of evangelisation? Do you dread people asking you about the Church? All are welcome to join us for: a day of sharing experiences and fears; an insight into how to deal with tough questions and 10 things that might help when talking to people about your faith! This witness formation event will lead into the Significance Festival with Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen at 3.00 PM followed by a BBQ, live music and ceilidh.

For more information and booking details visit: <https://bit.ly/DHNWitness-Significance> or contact the Formation & Mission team - please call 0191 243 3316 or email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

Parish Scripture Group - this Group meets on Thursdays at 6.30 PM in the Altar Servers' Sacristy.

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

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 80: 17

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

COLLECT

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion,
grant us, we pray,
so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood
that we may always experience in ourselves
the fruits of your redemption.
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis. Genesis 14:18-20

In those days: Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread
and wine. He was priest of God Most High. And he blessed
Abram and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most
High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And
Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 110(109):1. 2. 3. 4. R.4bc

**R. You are a priest for ever, according to the
order of Melchizedek.**

The LORD'S revelation to my lord:
'Sit at my right hand,
until I make your foes your footstool.'

The LORD will send from Sion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of your foes.

With you is princely rule
on the day of your power.
In holy splendour, from the womb before the dawn,
I have begotten you.

The LORD has sworn an oath he will not change:
'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.'

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also
delivered to you; that the Lord Jesus on the night when he
was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he
broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this
in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the
cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my
blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE (Shorter form)

Angels' bread made pilgrims' feeding
truly bread for children's eating,
to dogs not to be offered.

Signed by Isaac on the altar,
by the lamb and paschal supper,
and in the manna figured.

Jesu, food and feeder of us,
here with mercy feed and friend us,
then grant in heaven felicity!

Lord of all, who here do feed us,
heav'nly guests, heirs, fellows make us,
in eternal company.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.

John 6:51

**I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says
the Lord.**

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:11b-17

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus spoke to the crowd of the kingdom of
God and cured those who needed healing. Now the day
began to wear away, and the Twelve came and said to him,
'Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages
and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are
here in a desolate place.' But he said to them, 'You give them
something to eat.' They said, 'We have no more than five
loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all
these people.'

- R.** For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his
disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.'
And they did so, and made them all sit down. And taking the
five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said
a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave
them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate
and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up,
twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

- R.** Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace,
whose signs are to be seen in mystery
in the offerings we here present.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 6: 57

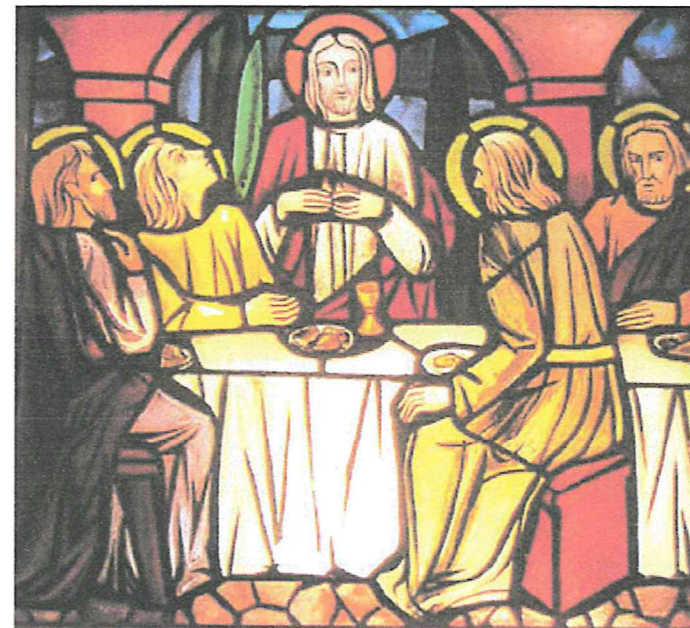
**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that we may delight for all eternity
in that share in your divine life,
which is foreshadowed in the present age
by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION

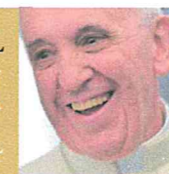


To create out of nothing! That is God's
prerogative we could say. In reality, it is
much more than prerogative or privilege:

earth can rival!" exclaims the author of
Deuteronomy. And Isaiah, "To whom
could you liken me, and who could



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



INEVITABLE CONFLICT

238. Jesus never promoted violence or intolerance.
He openly condemned the use of force to gain
power over others: "You know that the rulers of
the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great
ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among
you" (Mt 20:25-26). Instead, the Gospel tells us
to forgive "seventy times seven" (Mt 18:22) and
offers the example of the unmerciful servant who
was himself forgiven, yet unable to forgive others
in turn (cf. Mt 18:23-35).

Pope Francis'
Amoris Laetitia
LOVE IN THE FAMILY

Being patient does not mean letting ourselves be constantly
mistreated, tolerating physical aggression or allowing other
people to use us. We encounter problems whenever we think
that relationships or people ought to be perfect, or when we
put ourselves at the centre and expect things to turn out our
way. Then everything makes us impatient, everything makes us
react aggressively. Unless we cultivate patience, we will always
find excuses for responding angrily. We will end up incapable of
living together, antisocial, unable to control our impulses, and
our families will become battlegrounds. That is why the word
of God tells us: "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and
clamour and slander be put away from you, with all malice"
(Eph 4:31). Patience takes root when I recognize that other
people also have a right to live in this world, just as they are.
It does not matter if they hold me back, if they unsettle my
plans, or annoy me by the way they act or think, or if they are
not everything I want them to be. Love always has an aspect of
deep compassion that leads to accepting the other person as
part of this world, even when he or she acts differently than I
would like.

