

Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle Hilda Partnership		
Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury		
Holy Rosary Presbytery, 2 Grosmont Drive, Billingham. TS23 2EP Parish Priest: Father Adrian Dixon.		
Week beginning: 29th September, 2024.		

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Day	Holy Mass and Services	Intention
Sunday 29 th Sept. 26 th Sunday of the Year.	Holy Mass at Holy Rosary - 10.00 AM	People of the Parish
Monday 30 th Sept. St Jerome	Holy Mass at Holy Rosary - 10.00 AM	Private Intention (BMcG)
Tuesday 1 st Oct. St Therese of the Child Jesus	Holy Mass at St Joseph's Primary School - 10.00 AM	Raymond Cummins (Anniversary)
Wednesday 2 nd Oct. The Holy Guardian Angels	Holy Mass at St. Paul's Primary School - 9:10 AM	
	Holy Mass at Holy Rosary - 7.00 PM	Patricia Isabella Fagan
Thursday 3 rd Oct.	Holy Mass at Holy Rosary - 10.00 AM	Catherine, Colin, & Nick Welch
Friday 4 th Oct. St Francis of Assisi	Holy Mass at St John's - 10.00 AM	Priest's Intentions
Saturday 5 th Oct. Vigil Mass - 27 th Sunday of the Year.	St John's - No confessions	
	Holy Mass at St John's - Vigil Holy Mass - 5.30 PM	Peter Fay
Sunday 6 th Oct. 27 th Sunday of the Year.	Sunday Holy Mass at Holy Rosary - 10.00 AM	Parishioners

Please pray for the sick				
Sheila Allen	Ann Christeson	Sarah McAllister	Father John Skivington	Kate Williams
Stephen Allison	Canon Stephen Dye	Rev. Dan Mckie	Peter Smith	Avril Wordsworth
Michael Bickers	Sheila Holmes	Grace Ollie	Judith Sowerby	
Maureen Braithwaite	Judy Houchen	Cai Rive	Ruth Wall	
Carol Brownlee	Brian Kane	Christine Rooney	Lily Ward-Thurlbeck	
Baby Cassian	Maureen Maddren	Max Simpson	Helen Webb	

Please pray for those who have died recently

Iole Faso, Elizabeth Diane Casey, Jim Hodgson, Margaret Hitchinson, and John Wordsworth.

Saturday Vigil Mass Time Change

On Saturday 5th October the Vigil Mass at St. John's will be at **5.30pm** and remain at that time in the future.

October Rosary

The Rosary will be said before Mass on Thursdays at Holy Rosary Church and Fridays at St. John's Church during the month of October. This will be led by members of the SVP.

Ministers of Holy Communion

We are going to have a local course especially arranged for parishioners of our Partnership who might like to join the teams of Special Ministers in our parishes. It begins at the end of the month so please let Father Adrian know if you would like to take part.

Saint Vincent De Paul Society (SVP)

For anything SVP related please speak to one of our members or contact Jane (07584575541) / Janet (07840967111).

The Food Hub continues every Friday 12 noon to 3.00 PM without any need of a referral. The Food Hub is open to all.

400 Club Winners for August, 2024

Number	Name	Prize amount
141	K Wilson	£ 100
29	P Mackay	£ 100
445	L Thompson	£ 50
362	M Armstrong	£ 50

Bereavement Group

The next meeting of the Bereavement Group will be held in the Sacristy at 2 pm on Wednesday, 9th October, 2024.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

The programme for our children will begin soon. To help with this there will be an initial meeting in each Primary School for parents/guardians and children just to explain what will be happening. If your child is not baptised but you would like him/her to take part please come along to the meeting and have a word with Father Adrian. The meetings will be at 3.15pm (straight after school):

- Saint Paul's: Monday 30 September; and
- Saint John's: Thursday 3 October.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day

CAFOD's Family Fast Day will be on Friday 4 October. Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. If you give to CAFOD you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Envelopes will be available on Sat/Sun 28/29 September or you can give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope. **Envelopes are available at the back of the church, please take one and return it with your gift next Sunday.**

Exploring the Catholic Faith.

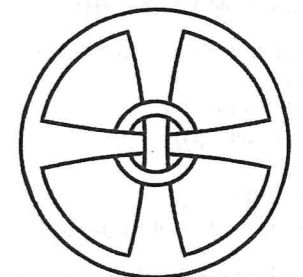
A weekly online via Zoom gathering for those wanting to know more. This programme is for people new to the faith and to anyone accompanying them on their journey in faith. Starts on Wednesday 2 October at 7pm for 8 weeks. (First Steps is not an RCIA programme, but we can offer guidance to anyone wishing to continue their journey in faith.) You can register here: <https://bit.ly/DHNFirstSteps>.

FLAME 2025

Flame 2025 takes place on Saturday 15th March. The theme is 'UNSTOPPABLE. FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE'. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. Two years ago, over 700 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults). COST: £45 per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact mary.hughes@ymt.org

Adding an item to the Parish bulletin:

For bulletin submissions, would you kindly email rcdhnbillingham@gmail.com by 12 Noon on Thursday or ring the Presbytery by 12 Noon on Tuesday for it to appear in the next Bulletin.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Dn 3: 31, 29, 20, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

THE COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Numbers 11: 25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 18:8,10,12-14. R.v9

R) The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R)**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R)**

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **(R)**

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and

eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Jn 17:17
Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

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

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON 1 Jn 3:16

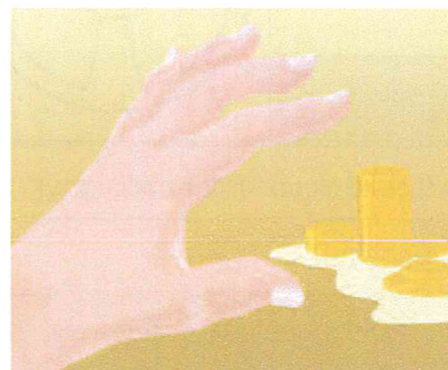
By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Jesus' reply to the disciples' complaint could be taken as a description of ecumenism. "Anyone who is not against us, is for us." At the Last Supper Jesus said, "God sent his Son into the world, not to judge the world, but that through him the world might be saved." Jesus is out to win

men and women for God – to get them to God, somehow! In establishing his Church, founding it "upon rock", he offered and provided in Himself "the Way", the straight and safe Way, to union and life with God. If men and women glimpse only half the truth, and seize on it, to live by it, God is delighted; but of course, He wishes them to have the whole truth; expects them to be searching for the whole truth; would like them to be safely on the 'rock'. But if, as Jesus says, they at least acknowledge him and are grateful, then they have taken first steps on the way and Jesus welcomes them with open arms – as he did to so many non-Jews during his time on

earth. In the 1930s and 50s the Movement for Moral Rearmament, not a denominational movement, though founded by a Lutheran, taught that only personal, moral goodness can change the world and that God in Christ can bring it about. The movement spread world wide, even politically, brought many to Christ and had a positive effect on world affairs.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



SOCIAL DIALOGUE FOR A NEW CULTURE

199. Some people attempt to flee from reality, taking refuge in their own little world; others react to it with destructive violence. Yet "between selfish indifference and violent protest there is always another possible option: that of dialogue. Dialogue between generations; dialogue among our people, for we are that people; readiness to give and receive, while remaining open to the truth. A country flourishes when constructive dialogue occurs between its many rich cultural components: popular culture, university culture, youth culture, artistic culture, technological culture, economic culture, family culture and media culture". 196

196. Meeting with Brazilian Political, Economic and Cultural Leaders, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (27 July 2013): AAS 105 (2013), 683-684.

The Fire of Love* THE SECOND DEGREE OF LOVE

After the first degree we enter into the second degree of love. That means forsaking the world, father, mother and family, and following Christ in poverty. In this degree you shall study how you may become clean of heart and chaste of body, giving yourself up to meekness, suffering and obedience. This leads to spiritual purity.

Never speak ill of your neighbour, nor return one evil word for another. Suffer everything without giving way to anger. Thus you will have inward and outward rest and come more easily to the spiritual life, which you will find sweeter than anything earth can offer.

Perfection means despising the world and all wicked desires of the flesh. It means not concerning yourself with your family except to thank God continually on their behalf and bless God in all that he does for them; for we cannot know in this world whether or not someone is destined for eternal bliss. Happiness here and now is no guarantee of happiness in heaven.

In this degree of love, you will overcome the world, the flesh and the devil. Nevertheless, you will still be always fighting until you die, so take good care of your thoughts, words and deeds. The devil is overcome by your standing firm against temptations in all charity and meekness.

*The Fire of Love by Richard Rolle Published by Aeterna Press

