

The Parish *of St* CUTHBERT

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 6 February 2022

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Parish Draw



We are happy to announce the

DRAW HAS OPENED!!!!



PLEASE NOTE:

If you are paying via the bank you can

ignore this message **HOWEVER** if you are paying by cash and you would like to continue in the draw, Please let us have your £10 as soon as possible. You could put your money in an envelope marked "Parish Draw" with your name and put it into the collection at weekend, if you are having difficulty please ring Jackie Sweeney on 01204406851.

Please remember in your prayers.....

All in your families & those of our parishioners who are sick..

Remember all those who have died recently....

All those with Anniversaries at this time ...



Mary Brett Caroline Ibeziako Elizabeth Hindley Sick Lately Dead Lately Dead

Dates For Your Diary

| 8 Feb | Synod Parish General Meeting 7.30– 9.00 |
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| 9 Feb | Sacramental Programme Zoom Meeting |
| 9th Feb | Invitation to Music Ministry Meeting 7.30 |
| 11 Feb | Testimony & Praise Night 7.00—8.15 pm |
| 22 Feb | Rome pilgrimage Meeting 7.00 pm |
| 26, 27 Feb | Young Adults Retreat, Stonyhurst College |
| Feb | Community Winter Walks |
| 1 Mar | Children's Pancake Party 6.30 pm |
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Thank you for your continued support.

The Parish Liturgy for the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

| Monday February 7 | Tuesday February 8 | Wednesday February 9 | Thursday February 10 | Friday February 11 | Saturday February 12 | Sunday February 13 | |
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| Weekday | St Jerome Emiliani | St Teilo, Bishop | St Scholastica | Our Lady of Lourdes | Weekday | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| No Service | Mass | Mass | Mass | Mass Reconciliation after the mass | Reconciliation 4.45 - 5.15pm Vigil Mass | Masses 9.30 am St Joseph | |
| | 10.00 am | 10.00 am | 10.00 am | 10.00 am | 5.30 pm | & | |
| | Thomas of Canterbury | St Joseph | Thomas of Canterbury | St Joseph | Thomas of Canterbury | 11.15am St Thomas ^{of} Canterbury | |

THREE PRIORITIES FOR OUR PARISH

 Be open to the Holy Spirit Come Holy Spirit guide us in all that we do
We grow together as a Family
Let us be inclusive, look after and reach out to each other the best way we can
To bring other people to Jesus
Let us live our Faith outwardly and share the Joy of Jesus in our lives with others

Keep giving Jesus to the people not by words but by your example, by being in love with Jesus, by radiating holiness and spreading His fragrance of love everywhere you go Just keep the joy of Jesus as your strength, be happy and at peace. (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

PRAYER TO RENEW OUR CHURCH

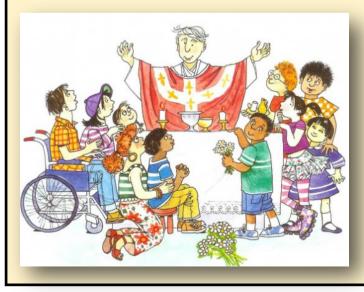
Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church. Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us to hear you clearly to listen to each other attentively • to imagine our future boldly to discern your direction wisely • to persevere in your holy will courageously to stay together in charity • to surrender our own plans readily to embrace the greater good • to hand on your gifts to future generations May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patent confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

CHILDREN'S LITURGY / SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The next cohort of the Sacramental Programme is starting very soon and the initial parents meeting is being held with Fr Chris, via Zoom on Wednesday 9th February at 7pm.

If any parents of children currently in year three (or older primary aged children) would like to attend, please can they email

<u>childrensliturgy@stcuthberts.org.uk</u> to request the Zoom link. The link will be sent the day before the meeting. Please get in touch via the same email address should any parents have any further questions.



| | Confirmation Sessions | | | | |
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| No | Dates | | Themes | Locati | ion |
| 1. | Thursday 2/ | 1 th February 2022 | Introduction | Thornleigh | |
| 2. | Thursday 24 | February 2022 | Wisdom | | |
| 3. | Thursday 3 rd | ^d March 2022 | Divine Revelation | Parish | 1 |
| 4. | Thursday 10 |) th March 2022 | Knowledge | Parish | 1 |
| 5. | Thursday 17 | th March 2022 | Counsel | Parish | 1 |
| 6. | Thursday 5 ^t | ^h May 2022 | Fortitude & Piety | Thorn | leigh |
| 7. | Thursday 26 | 5 th May 2022 | Awe & Preparation for Confirmation | Thorn | leigh |
| 8. | Thursday 9 ^t | ^h June 2022 | Confirmation – What Happens | Parish |) |
| 9. | Thursday 23 | B rd June 2022 | Confirmation | Thorn | leigh |
| 10. | Thursday 7 ^t | ^h July 2022 | What Happens Next | Parish | 1 |

Invitation to Music Ministry

Do you play an instrument or sing? Do you have musical technical knowledge and could help with our sound systems? Do you feel called to serve the Parish in the music ministry as we support our congregations to pray and worship in song? If so please approach one of our musicians after Mass or contact Liz Moxham on lizmoxham@hotmail.com /07887904969, or

come along to our next whole Parish practice on Wed 9th February 7.30pm at St Thomas' where you will be made most welcome.



REFLECT

n Jewish culture, it was the practice for people to decide which rabbi's congregation they decided to join as they identified most closely with that person's interpretation of the scriptures. The unusual aspect of Jesus' gathering of disciples is that he calls them, rather than they presenting themselves to him.

Simon Peter is an important and interesting character in the Gospel tradition. In our episode today, he represents someone confronted with the person of Jesus, who undergoes a profound conversion and change of life. He and the others "left everything and followed [Jesus]". Luke, in his writings, shows a deep suspicion of possessions and riches, seeing them as an obstacle to a proper commitment to Jesus and his teachings. Most of Jesus' disciples were family folk who had to provide for their children, so it is more the judicious use of material goods which is at issue, not the complete renunciation of them – as though that were possible.

Simon Peter is also a sympathetic character who attracts much affection because he is so obviously human. He is

a fallible person who is always getting it wrong, who is guided more by his heart than his head. It is his obvious attachment to Jesus which brings him through in the end. He is "sinful" only in the sense that he acknowledges that he is simply a human being in the presence of the Divine, so in that he is an example of faith and trust for us all.

The abundance of the catch is due to Peter's trust in Jesus.

This has been a bit of an experiment. The editor has tried to make the front and back page of the Sunday Message more legible for those of us with poorer eyesight than others. Therefore parts of the publication have had to be moved (as above)

Please let us know if you find this helpful or not? Either let Fr Chris know or email newsletter@stcuthberts.org.uk

SYNOD Reflection Questions

1. Your experience during the Covid-19 Pandemic What has been your experience of your parish/community during the Pandemic?

2. Listening

How can we best listen to each other, in the Church and in the wider world?

3. Speaking Out

How we do we communicate with each other in our groups, parishes, diocese? Do we have the freedom to speak openly in a loving way?

4. Celebrating

In what ways does prayer and the celebration of Mass enable us to encounter Jesus more deeply and empower us in our daily lives?

5. Listening to the Holy Spirit What do you sense the Holy Spirit asking of the Church?

6. The Journeying Companions Who walks with us on our journey of faith? What persons or groups are marginalised? 7. Sharing in the Mission

How can we best share the Good News of Jesus with others? What difference are we currently making?

8. Dialogue in Church and Society In what ways do our parishes/communities speak to each other and the wider society? How could we do this better?

9. With the other Christian Denominations and other faiths How are we as a community listening to, and enriched by, other Christian denominations and other faiths?

10.Authority and Participation

In what ways do we take collective responsibility (priest and lay faithful collaboration) for our community? What are the fruits of this collaboration, and what are the obstacles and challenges?

11.Discerning and Deciding

How do we discern together the direction in which the Holy Spirit is leading us? How can we develop this shared responsibility together?

12.Growing and Journeying Together What support do we need to help us grow as a Church journeying together, listening to each other and the Spirt?

13. Additional Comments Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

SYNOD - (Journeying Together)

As we know last year Pope Francis launched the two year global consultation process which will lead to the

2023 synod on synodality.

The call is to "walk on the same road, together" and to "encounter, listen and discern" With that in mind the Parish will shortly be undertaking the completion of the Synod Questionnaire (see opposite page) To help with the process there will be a whole Parish Meeting for general discussion on Tuesday 8th February 7.30. p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

You can also visit: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2

To help us with this important process please pray the following prayer

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son forever and ever Amen.

Deadline each week Thursday evening please. Please could all Newsletter items be

sent to the newsletter email address rather than the office email address. This will be Editor's Note very helpful for all office staff who sort and deal with other parish affairs.



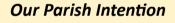
ROME PILGRIMAGE 21st March 2022

ROME PILGRIMAGE - MEETING 22nd February 7.00 p.m. BECKET SUITE

A meeting has been arranged for all those booked on the Pilgrimage to Rome (21st March) to check plans, discuss itinerary and help prepare.

The people who have booked for the Pilgrimage should have received a letter from Northern Star Travel with the final invoice and details concerning travelling procedures as they stand at present, these may change prior to the departure date. Please note if you have not yet paid in full the balance payment is due no later than 24th January 2022. Please contact Northern Star Travel on 0161 773 2115 to make your payment or if you have any further queries.

A copy of the letter from Northern Star (which will have been sent to the person making the booking) and the current travelling rules issued by Northern Star have been placed on the website.



PARISH COMMUNICATIONS CO-ORDINATOR

The Parish are looking for someone to volunteer to fill the role of Parish Communications Co-ordinator to assist in this important area

Please pray to The Holy Spirit for the right person to come forward

independent catholic news



Have you discovered this website yet?

You can subscribe to receive the weekly summary of Catholic News both at home or abroad. To view it, look for the link on our own parish website.

Amongst the stories this week is an amusing article about Pope Francis visiting a record shop in Rome and buying a vinyl LP. He arrived in a small white Fiat 500L wearing a face mask. Of course, there is serious news as well. Each article has a link to the story, and this takes you to the website home page. As well as this it hosts Christian Art, a daily look at the Gospel with an art work related to the reading. Please visit the site and enjoy many of its features.

TESTIMONY AND PRAISE NIGHT SERVICE

Join us in the special Testimony and praise night Service.

It is Overcomer's Night.

Testimonies shows us God's power and makes us aware of how God can and does change things or lives. I will declare thy name to my brethren in the midst of the Church will I praise thee. Hebrews 2:12. I want you to know about the miraculous signs and wonders the Most High God has performed for me. Daniel 4:2 So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of human beings, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. Matthew 10:32. We all have many questions in life; Search your heart, when in your life has God helped you and how? Daniel counted his blessing one by one that is why he testified. You and I can do the same.

> Please come along to share or listen Date: Friday 11th February 2022 Venue: St. Thomas of Canterbury Time: 7.00PM – finishing at 8.15 pm. Followed by Refreshments in the Becket Suite