

✠ TWO WEEKS IN OUR PARISH ✠

Sunday 27th September 26 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10:00am MASS – The Holliday Family
Monday 28th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Tuesday 29th September <i>St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	10:00am – Geoff Boyd UB
Wednesday 30th September <i>St Jerome</i>	10:00am – In Thanksgiving H J W
Thursday 1st October <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	10:00am – Joseph O'Malley
Friday 2nd October <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	10:00am – Fr John Coyle
Saturday 3rd October <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Sunday 4th October 27 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10:00am – Mass for Healing- Alan Moody
Monday 5th October <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Tuesday 6th October <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am – Trevor Westgarth
Wednesday 7th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	10:00am – REQUIEM MASS – Pat Muse
Thursday 8th October <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am – Intention of the Priest
Friday 9th October <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	10:00am – Intention of the Priest
Saturday 10th October <i>St. Paulinus of York</i>	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Sunday 11th October 28 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10:00am – Parishioners

Please ensure all items for the bulletin are with us by 5pm on Wednesday 7th of October

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POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Lenne PP. XIV

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Rev. Fr. Anthony Hastie
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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4TH OCTOBER 2026

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✠ THE NEWS FOR THE PEWS ✠

NEW STYLE BULLETIN

This week, we're delighted to introduce our new-style parish bulletin! Our new format brings everything together in one convenient place, including all the latest parish news, the Mass diary, and two weeks' worth of readings. As always, the bulletin is available online. You can also sign up to have it delivered straight to your inbox every week, so you never miss an issue! Simply visit stmatthews-ponteland.org.uk/weekly-bulletin and scroll down to 'Sign up'. Those who subscribe will usually receive the latest bulletin on a Friday, giving you a chance to read it before Sunday morning.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Harvest Family Fast Day will be on **Friday 2 October**. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Thank you.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Muse who has died. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 7th October at 10:00am. **REQUIESCAT IN PACE.**

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The annual Mass count began at all Masses last weekend and will continue for the next three weekends. The Mass count helps the monitor Mass attendances across the Diocese.

SECOND COLLECTIONS – WITH THANKS

A big thank you to those who contributed so willingly to the many second collections we have had recently. Your charitable donations are always much appreciated,

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

If you would like to have Holy Mass celebrated for any particular Intention, then please take an envelope from the back of Church and fill in the relevant information. The envelope should be placed in the Sunday collection plate, placed in the Presbytery letterbox or handed to Fr. Hastie.

PARISH SECRETARY VACANCY – ST JOHN VIANNEY

St John Vianney Parish, West Denton, is looking to appoint a part-time Parish Secretary to support the day-to-day administration of the parish. This is a **permanent position**, working **13 hours per week**, with the working pattern able to be negotiated at interview. **Salary:** £9,498 per annum. If you are interested in this opportunity, or know someone who may be suitable, full details of the role and information on how to apply can be found on the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/parish-secretary-19/>

First reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

Thus says the Lord: ‘You say, “The way of the Lord is not just.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Remember your compassion, O LORD.

O LORD, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation.

Remember your compassion, O LORD,
and your merciful love,
for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way.

Second reading Philippians 2:1-5

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more

significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia.
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” And he answered, “I will not”, but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, “I go, sir”, but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.’

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

First reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second reading Philippians 4:6-9

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just Whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any

excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia.
I chose you out of the world, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit,
and that your fruit should abide.
Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.” And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes”?’ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.’

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