

ST. JOHN'S  
HAYDON BRIDGE

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HEXHAM

ST. OSWALD'S  
BELLINGHAM



# SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 2022 | SUNDAY CYCLE: C | WEEKDAYS: 2  
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## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION FROM OUR CLERGY

August: the month of three Northumbrian Saints.

Years ago, I spoke to visitors from the East Midlands. They envied us the scenery, the local atmosphere (but not the weather!) and, not least, the Christian history of the area. They would love August, as it has the feasts of three inter-linked Northumbrian saints, Oswald (3<sup>rd</sup>), Oswin (20<sup>th</sup>) and Aidan (31<sup>st</sup>).

Last Wednesday, (3<sup>rd</sup>) we kept the feast of **St Oswald**, patron of Bellingham parish. Born in the early 600's, son of a local king, he had to flee into exile after his father's death in battle. He went to Iona, founded earlier by St Columba off the coast of Argyll, and was baptized there. He returned in 633, and, having raised an army, regained the kingdom of Northumbria by defeating the pagan king Cadwalla at the Battle of Heavenfield. You can see the spot on the Military Road, between Chollerford and Stagshaw; it is marked by a large cross. Oswald then wanted to evangelise the area, so he called on the community at Iona for help. They sent him Aidan, a Gaelic-speaking monk, in 635. Oswald gave him the island of Lindisfarne, to be the base of a new diocese. Oswald often went round with Aidan, translating what he said into the primitive form of English then used. Sadly, he did not live long to enjoy his kingdom; he was killed in battle in 642, again fighting pagan forces, this time in the south, near Oswestry. Very quickly, he was seen as a martyr, and venerated as a saint.

His friend, **St Aidan**, was a very different kettle of fish! A monk at Iona, he had been born in Ireland. Once sent here, he established his monastery on Lindisfarne (Holy Island) and began his preaching tours. As the gospel spread, he founded churches & monasteries – and helped free slaves. St Bede mentioned him as being simple-living and kind; faithful to prayer and the Bible; also, a carer of the sick and the poor. As I said above, at first he spoke only Gaelic, so he needed (and got) help from King Oswald, and later, King Oswin, (Oswald's cousin) in making himself understood by the people. Aidan died in 651, after 16 years' hard work in what is now Northumberland and the Borders.

**St Oswin** is less-well known here: after Oswald's death, the kingdom split, and Oswin took control of the southern half. (Now Yorkshire, it was then called Deira.) Sadly, that area was invaded by Oswald's successor; the result was that Oswin was killed in battle. In life, he had been popular and courteous; like his cousin, he was seen as a martyr, and quickly venerated as a saint. He is patron saint of the Tynemouth parish.  
*Fr Jim Dunne.*

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS IN OUR PARISHES, PARTNERSHIP AND VICARIATE

- **Please pray for:** Dorothy Peters recently deceased whose service is due to take place at St Mary's on Wednesday 17th August at 11.00am
- **Please also pray** for Sienna Carson whose Baptism is due to take place after Mass on Sunday 14th August and Reggie Davey whose Baptism will take place after Mass on Sunday 21st August.
- **Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Transfiguration - A Quiet Garden Day** at St John of Beverley Haydon Bridge 10.00am—3.00pm Bridgett Hewitt, from the Abbey and Christian Meditation Movement will lead the day Bring food to share- soup & hot drinks provided. Suggested donation £5 to book email [patdev48@btinternet.com](mailto:patdev48@btinternet.com) or text 07484793710
- **Ukraine Pop Up Emergency Clothing Appeal** - Mark Thompson is making arrangements to make his 5th trip to Ukraine. He is due to travel in September in an effort to distribute clothing to local people. There has been a call for Autumn clothing including T-shirts and underwear, shoes, wellingtons, trainers and slippers . They do not need shorts, swimwear, summer dresses or sandals. There are several drop off points across Hexham and these are as follows: - **The Grapes**, 1 St Mary's Chare, Hexham, 11am—11pm Monday to Thursday. Friday & Saturday 11.am—Midnight. Sunday—12noon—Midnight. **Mathias Winter**, 15 Hallstile Bank, Monday—Saturday 10.00-4.00. **Café Earth** (located behind ET Fitness &Therapy) 1 Priestopple, Hexham. Wednesday—Friday 7.30am—3.00pm, Saturday 8.00am-3.00pm. Sunday 9.00am—1.00pm.. All items to be dropped off by 26th August. Mark can be contacted on 07974356658 or [markandliz@totalise.co.uk](mailto:markandliz@totalise.co.uk).
- **Haltwhistle** 11th Aug. Afternoon Tea 1pm-4pm £3.50 at Holy Cross Church. All welcome
- **St Mary's Guild Coffee Mornings** has recommenced and will meet on second and fourth Wednesdays at 10:15 after the morning Mass.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISHES, PARTNERSHIP AND VICARIATE

- **Visitation of The Centennial Pilgrim Virgin Statute of the Immaculate Heart of Mary & The Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto** to take place at St Mary's Church, Hexham from 20-21 August 2022..

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## AROUND OUR DIOCESE, AND FURTHER AFIELD

- **Churches Together, Haltwhistle** Prayers Together: 10 30am Mondays in Holy Cross. We pray for local issues, world issues as well as individual requests. We give thanks for the good things that happen in our lives. We hope that you will join us. (No prayer groups on bank holidays).
- **Holy Island Children's Vinnies Camp 2022** There are still some places at this year's Holy Island Children's Camp, particularly in the last week of the School Summer Holiday. If you have a child/children in school years 5-7 who would like a week's residential holiday on Holy Island or you know of any children who would benefit from going to Camp this year please email [christinej@svp.org.uk](mailto:christinej@svp.org.uk) for further information

- **Stella Maris Update** - Hugh and Mary Ward will provide an update following Mass at Haydon Bridge on 14th August in respect of their work. Please pray for the work of the Apostle of the Sea. Mary and Hugh will visit Bellingham in the Autumn.
  - **Calling all Parish Volunteers** Do you carry out any of the volunteer roles within our parishes? Do you have to drive your own car as part of this role? If the answer to both of these questions is YES, then please don't forget to make a quick phone call to your Motor Insurance Policy Holder, to obtain written confirmation that you are covered for any driving you undertake on behalf of the church.
  - **MA in CATHOLIC THEOLOGY by Distance Learning**: This exciting new venture led by the Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS) and the Department of Theology and Religion is designed so that participants can work through material at their own pace, studying equally well in any time zone and in many different life situations, alongside work, ministry, family or caring obligations. Further Information For full details please visit the website: [durham.ac.uk/study/courses/v8k807](http://durham.ac.uk/study/courses/v8k807) For details about the Centre for Catholic Studies visit: [centreforcatholicstudies.co.uk](http://centreforcatholicstudies.co.uk)
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- **Baptism** - Would you like to have your child baptised? Please contact the parish office to request a baptism form, complete and return it to the parish office and one of our priests will contact you.
  - **Year of the Eucharist - Encountering the Son**: The Vicariate for Faith and Mission has now produced the 'Encountering the Son' booklet, which is the second of a series of three booklets to accompany the Year of the Eucharist and our Diocesan Synodal reflection. The booklet is available on the Diocesan website <https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Year-of-the-Eucharist-Encountering-the-Son-reflection-booklet.pdf>
  - **Reading Board St Mary's Hexham** - Fr. Luke has put together a recommended Reading Board in the Narthex
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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### Times for Confession this week:

- **Monday** (St Mary's, Hexham) after 9.30am Mass
- **Wednesday** (St Oswald's, Bellingham)
- **Thursday** (St Wilfrid's, Haltwhistle) after 9:30 am Mass
- **Saturday** (St Mary's, Hexham) - 16:30 - 17:15



## NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Items for inclusion in the Weekly Newsletter should be forwarded to St. Mary's Parish Office ([admin@stmaryshexham.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmaryshexham.org.uk) or 01434 603119) before 09:00 each Wednesday.

# MASSES THIS WEEK

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	6 Aug	9.30	Hexham	Priest's Intention	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Vigil	6 Aug	17:30	Hexham	In Thanks giving Deacon Martin & Family	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Sun	7 Aug	9:00	Haydon Bridge	People of our Parishes	19th Sunday of the Year
Sun	7 Aug	10:30	Hexham	Jim Armstrong RIP	19th Sunday of the Year
Sun	7 Aug	11:00	Bellingham	Holy Souls	19th Sunday of the Year
Sun	7 Aug	18:00	Hexham	Ann Gibbin RIP	19th Sunday of the Year
Mon	8 Aug	9:30	Hexham	William Hudson RIP	St Dominic
Tue	9 Aug	9:30	Swinburn	Holy Souls	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Wed	10 Aug	9:30	Hexham	No Mass	St Laurence Deacon
Wed	10 Aug	9:30	Bellingham	Priest's Intention	St Laurence Deacon
Thur	11 Aug	9:30	Haltwhistle	Priest's Intention	St Clare of Assisi
Fri	12 Aug	9:30	Hexham	Jacob & Gretel Mueller RIP	St Jane Frances de Chantal Re
Fri	12 Aug	12:00	Otterburn	Holy Souls	St Jane Frances de Chantal Re
Sat	13 Aug	9:30	Hexham	Priest's Intention	Saturday Mass of our Lady
Vigil	13 Aug	17:30	Hexham	Armstrong Family RIP	
Sun	14 Aug	9:00	Haydon Bridge	Harding Family RIP	The Assumption
Sun	14 Aug	10:30	Hexham	Dominic Broadey RIP	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Sacrament of Confirmation
Sun	14 Aug	11:00	Bellingham	People of our Parishes	The Assumption
Sun	14 Aug	18:00	Hexham	John Steele RIP	The Assumption

**THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS** (7/8/2022)

**First Reading:** Book of Wisdom 18:6-9

**Responsorial Psalm:** 32

**THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS** (14/8/2022)

**First Reading:** Book of Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

**Responsorial Psalm:** 39