

THORNLEY

Please remember especially in your prayers: Gerry Thompson who sadly died last Saturday. May he rest in peace. We remember his family especially in our prayers at this sad and difficult time.

Also: BLACKHALL

Please remember especially in your prayers: Terry Mearman who sadly died last Friday. May he rest in peace. We remember his family especially in our prayers at this sad and difficult time.

Funeral arrangements: to follow.

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Cafod Family Fast Day. Cafod envelopes can be returned **this weekend**, Via the Offertory Baskets!!

Many thanks for your continued generosity!!

St. Joseph's School Foodbanks. **Thank you** for your recent donations of non-perishable items; tinned meat, soup, fruit etc. also cereals and toiletries. The Mini Vinnies (S.V.P) are distributing these items to those in need. This is an ongoing project so if **you can help please bring your items to the Vigil**

Mass for collection. Thank you!

Reflection on the readings this week:

Being able to reassure people when things are getting difficult is a tremendous gift; Paul, writing from prison to his friends in Philippi, can see past his own problems and find time to give solace to those who need his strength in their infant church communities. What gives him the power to do this? From somewhere he finds the only answer he can give them; they must pray for those things that worry them and the God of compassion will come to their aid. Prayer is the great consoler; it gives us hope, it frees us from anxiety, and it strengthens those around us. It leads us to the peace of God which, as Paul assures us, is much greater than we can understand.

Today's passage from his letter to the Philippians shows Paul at his best; when faced with overwhelming odds he always brings us back to the simple truth; If we live in the way that Jesus taught us then no matter what we face we can go forward with hope and the love of God and those around us will circle us and give us peace and strength. He urges us to be true, be noble, be good and pure; these Christian virtues are the only real things of value in life, hold to them and by your example others will find strength and consolation.

The first reading and the Gospel both have a common theme; the creation of a vineyard. In Isaiah the vineyard is built for the benefit of the people of Israel. They however will not look after it; they leave it to the briar and the thorn. Instead of the vineyard being a source of wealth it becomes a source of division, and it is laid to waste. In the Gospel the vineyard is rebuilt this time by an owner who wants desperately for it to succeed. However, those who work within, for the owner, mistreat his servants and, when the owner sends his son to them, they seize him and kill him. Jesus foretells his own death through the parable of the vineyard. He warns the people of Israel that if they reject the vineyard once again then it will be taken from them. In our day this story still runs true; we are now the workers in the vineyard; we too must work to ensure only good wine is created for the warning in the parable applies to us today.

David Frank

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The Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year.

8th October 2023

ST. JOSEPH'S, BLACKHALL.

Sat. 7th Vigil	6.00pm	Christine Hall (R.I.P) (L.D.) & Barbara Richardson (R.I.P) & People of the Parish
Mon. 9th(Private Mass)	9.15am	Fr. Michael Chambers (R.I.P) (L.D)
Thurs. 12th	9.15am	Vera McClure (R.I.P) & Kathleen Young (R.I.P)
Sat. 14th	9.15am	John Austin O'Connor (R.I.P) & Private Intention (M.T.C)
Vigil	6.00pm	Moya Wood (R.I.P) (L.D) & Harry Anderson (R.I.P) & Dcd. Laing & Anderson Fams.

ST. PETER & PAUL, HUTTON HENRY.

Sun. 8th	8.30am	Margaret & Bill Carter (R.I.P)
Wed. 11th	10.00am	Bill McMann (R.I.P) (L.D)
Fri. 13th	10.00am	Brian Devine (R.I.P)
Sun. 15th	8.30am	Tom & Maureen Lenehan (R.I.P) & People of the Parish.

SACRED HEART & ENGLISH MARTYRS, THORNLEY

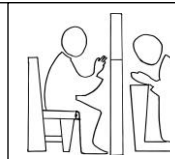
Sun. 8th	9.15am	In Thanksgiving (St. Anthony) (Latin Mass)
	11.00am	Philip Dove (R.I.P) & Jane Ann & Arthur Scott (R.I.P) & Thursa Smith (R.I.P)
Tues. 10th	9.15am	Angela Morley (R.I.P) (L.D)
Wed. 11th	7.00pm	Fr. Michael McKenna (R.I.P) (Latin Mass)
Thurs. 12th	6.30pm	Mary Margaret Waller (R.I.P)
Sun. 15th	09.15am	Ronnie Wright (R.I.P) (Latin Mass)
	11.00am	Anne (Nancy) Francis (R.I.P) & Winnie & Freddie Baldasera (R.I.P)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Blackhall: Saturdays at 10.00am.

Hutton Henry: Fridays before and after morning Mass.

Thornley: Thursdays at 6.00pm.



Feasts of the Week.

Monday: St. John Henry Newman.

Tuesday: St. Paulinus of York.

Thursday: St. Wilfrid.

Next Sunday:

The Twenty - Eighth Sunday of the Year.

Please note: Hospital chaplain: Fr Paul Tully, tel. 01388 818544/ 0191 3332183 - Please telephone the chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit. If you phone the hospital, please make sure they know the message is for the RC chaplain.