

FROM FR LIAM'S DESK

When I was training to be a priest, I studied at Saint Cuthbert's Seminary, Ushaw College, in Durham. It was a lovely big old building, with beautiful chapels, some of which were designed and built by Pugin, an architect shared with Saint Oswald's Church. The gospel today reminds me of Ushaw, but not in a profound religious or spiritual sense! One of the chapels that we would regularly use, Saint Joseph's Chapel, was just about big enough for the college community to fit in, but sometimes its heating would not work; and in the winter months, the North East can be a very cold place indeed. It could be so cold that 6 foot snow drifts were often seen, and icicles could be found hanging from the windows during the very coldest months. It would often happen that during these bitter months, the heating would sometimes fail, and in that chapel the cold was felt in the early mornings at prayer, it was then that we would often paraphrase the gospel to say that in Ushaw "many were cold, but a few were frozen!"

Our First Reading and Psalm this Sunday can often be found read at funerals, as they convey a wonderful sense of hope in that which is to come. The Lord of Hosts preparing a banquet, pointing us to the Prodigal Son's Father who would have a party at the return of the wondering son. What joys await us when we see the Lord, who wipes away the tears from every cheek, and who leads us to peaceful waters so that we may be well rested. Most of us have experienced a painful loss of a loved one in our lives, and in my experience of losing loved ones, those words have been a great comfort during a time that was confusing, dark, sad, and very painful. The fact that we can follow the Good Shepherd, who the one "in whom hoped for salvation", the one we can bring all our grief and sadness to, is a comforting thought. I often tell people at funerals that our loved ones have gone to God, and God is very close to us. This coming week, let's make sure that we come to know the Good Shepherd, not just the 23rd Psalm, and that we feel the closeness of God, because the Good shepherd will always be with us.

God bless, and stay safe.

Fr. Liam

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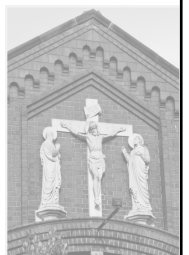
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Sunday 11th October 2020 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Services

Sat 10 th	4.30	Parishioners — StS
Sun 11 th	9.30	Isaac Taylor (RIP) — StO
	11.00	Sheila Owens — StO
Mon 12	10:00	Marianne Large (Bday) — StS
	12:00	Funeral Service: Joseph Roche — StO
Tues 13	10:30	Claire Lawson (RIP) — StO
Wed 14		Private Mass
Thurs 15		Private Mass
	12:15	Funeral Service: Robert Moore — StS
Fri 16	10:30	Mass Association — StO
Sat 17	4:30	Wendy (Special Int) — StS
Sun 18	9:30	Louise Simms (RIP) — StO
	11:00	Parishioners — StO

StO: Saint Oswald's Church
StS: Saint Sebastian's Church

PLEASE TAKE NEWSLETTER HOME

PARISH PRAYER LISTS

LATELY DEAD

Claire Lawson; Mgr. Austin Hunt; Joseph Roche; Robert Moore;
Dcn. Eric Moore; John McCoy; Christopher Brennan.

We remember in our prayers all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Peter Benson; Gemma; Doreen Navin Snr; Sheila Owens; Thomas Brennan; John MacDonald; Harry; Geraldine Mullan; Joseph Keaveney; Marilyn Brandon; Gary, Alma, & Alf Thomas; Danielle, Tom & Baby Luke; Pdraig Egan; Ann Tyrrell; Mary Murphy; Baby Anthony Bowman and Family; Lily Thomas; Josh Thomas; Wally & Kath; Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life; Jean Farrington; Chloe; Peter Elliott. **If you wish to have a name put on our prayer list, please contact the office**

PRAYER LAMPS

Prayer Lamps may be offered in our churches for an intention that you wish to be remembered. We ask for a donation of £5 a lamp. Thank You.

SAINT OSWALD'S LAMPS

Marian Lamp — Peter Purcell (RIP)
Sacred Heart — Claire Lawson (RIP)

SAINT SEBASTIAN'S LAMPS

Marian Lamp — Religious Vocations
Sacred Heart — Margaret (Peggy) Burke (RIP)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CLATTERBRIDGE CANCER CARE NHS FOUNDATION

David Lee is the Volunteer Co-Ordinator for the new Clatterbridge Cancer Centre in Liverpool, and he is looking for volunteers to assist at the hospital. Duties will include way-finding and general assistance around the wards. If you, or someone you know, would like to become a volunteer, or for more information, please contact David by emailing: David.Lee3@nhs.net

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: 9 OCTOBER

On Friday 9th October, CAFOD held its "Family Fast Day" to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. Please pray for all those affected. You can donate using the envelopes provided or by going online, where you can find out more information on the work of CAFOD and other ways to donate: www.cafod.org.uk/give

TIMETABLE CHANGES

From Monday 19th October 2020, our Mass timetable will be changing slightly, in order to reflect more closely to our pre-Covid timetable. This will mean that **all** weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10:00am, with Saint Oswald's no longer open for Private Prayer during the week. Saturday's 4:30pm Vigil Mass will be moved back into Saint Oswald's Church (with usual COVID restrictions; including social distancing, reduced numbers at Mass, and phoning to book a place). Our Mass timetable will be:

Monday — Saint Sebastian's

Tuesday — Saint Oswald's

Wednesday — no public Mass

Thursday — no public Mass

Friday — Saint Oswald's

Saturday (4:30) — Saint Oswald's

Sunday (9:30) — Saint Oswald's

Sunday (11:00) — Saint Sebastian's

My ongoing thanks to all of our volunteers who have enabled us to open both of our churches during these uncertain times.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC)

Pro-abortion MPs in Parliament want to stop pregnant women from getting help outside abortion clinics, by calling for buffer zones. SPUC is campaigning to save the right for peaceful pro-life vigils to take place. Hundreds of children are alive today in this country because their mother met a loving pro-life person just before they walked into the abortion clinic. We must protect this vital work. Please sign our petition to protect the right to save lives. It only takes a minute of your time, but it could mean a lifetime for an unborn baby. You can sign the petition at: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/SaveTheRightToSaveLives>

