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Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 30 August	Mass 11:00	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Tim & Rosie Strickland 50 th Wedding Anniversary
Monday 31 August		Monday of Week 22 St Aidan & Lindisfarne Sts	
Tuesday 1 September		Tuesday of week 22	
Wednesday 2 September	Mass 10:00	Wednesday of week 22	Priest's Intention
Thursday 3 September		St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor	
Friday 4 September		Friday of Week 22 St Cuthbert	
Saturday 5 September		Saturday of Week 22	
Sunday 6 September	Mass 11:00	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Richard Byrne

Readings for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time year A Psalter week 2

Ent antiphon I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord. You are good and forgiving, full of love for all who call to you.

1st reading Jeremiah 20:7-9.

Response For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

2nd reading Romans 12: 1-2.

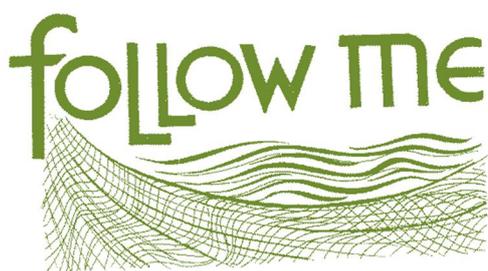
Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16: 21-27.

Comm ant O Lord, how great is the depth of the kindness which you have shown to those who love you.



Gospel Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'



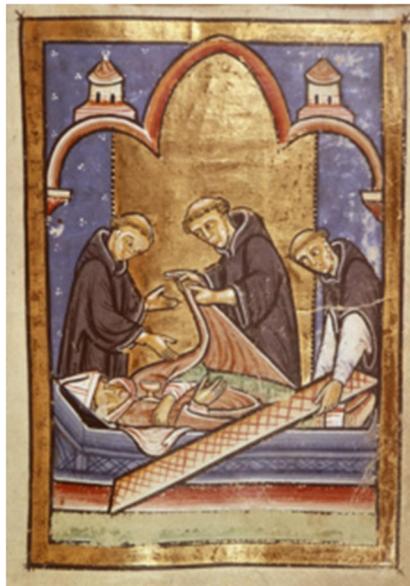
Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when

he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Commentary *The Way of the Cross that Jesus outlines for himself is the way of renunciation which his followers are called to tread. This way passed through streets and markets, by houses and palaces, by windows and doors. While it happened people went about their business. Suffering must run the course of the familiar. As Christians we live in the assurance that our way of the cross does not go unnoticed. Jesus is our suffering companion; he proves to be our strength; his power is mighty in our weakness. If the cross is the price to be paid for love, then carrying it is love's proof in action, For Jesus, that is enough.* Denis McBride CSsR

Please remember in your prayers Richard Byrne, Christine Pritchard, Sheila Bloxham, John McGrath, Doreen Dodd, Faye Hargreaves, Mary Goodwin, Beryl Dutton, Julian and Dawn Huxley, Sheila Minnery, Emmie Justice, Shane McGroggan, Doreen Warrilow, Sylvia Mary Stanworth, and all the sick and housebound of the parish.

SAINT OF THE WEEK St Cuthbert c. 634 – 20 March 687 was an Anglo-Saxon saint of the early Northumbrian church in the Celtic tradition. He was a monk, bishop and hermit, associated with the monasteries of Melrose and Lindisfarne in what might loosely be termed the Kingdom of Northumbria. He decided to become a monk after seeing a vision on the night in 651 that St. Aidan, the founder of Lindisfarne, died. He was quickly made guest-master at the new monastery at Ripon, soon after 655, but had to return to Melrose when Wilfrid was given the monastery. About 662 he was made prior at Melrose, and later went as prior to Lindisfarne. He was made bishop of Lindisfarne, but by late 686 he resigned and returned to his hermitage as he felt he was about to die, although he was probably only in his early 50s. After his death he became the most important medieval saint of Northern England, with a cult centred on his tomb at Durham Cathedral. Cuthbert is regarded as the patron saint of Northern England.



The illustration shows his incorrupt body being transferred to Durham Cathedral

PRAYER CORNER



St Cuthbert's last words to his brothers were:

**'Always keep God's peace and love among you...
Live in mutual good-will also with Christ's other servants.
Never think you are superior to other people
who do not share your faith and way of life'.**

Image – St Cuthbert's cross

Tim and Rosie Strickland

Many congratulations to Tim and Rosie Strickland who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary this weekend!!



Market Drayton Foodbank Appeal

Thank you to everyone for your recent donations. If you are donating, please can we ask you to donate the following items of which we have no stock at the moment:

Tinned Fruit, Tinned Rice Pudding, Sponge Pudding/Cake THANK YOU

Please keep on supporting us through these difficult times. Further information can be found at: <https://marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/>

If you are coming to mass, please come in good time and please note the church should not be entered outside mass times. A maximum of 40 people will be allowed in Church – please do not be offended if you are turned away when we have reached this number.

- **Face masks are mandatory**
- **On arrival use hand sanitiser in the Church Porch**
- **Please give your name and contact details to the Steward**
- **A Steward will escort you to your place**
- **Please observe 2 metres social distancing**
- **Please avoid talking in Church**
- **Please do not kneel**
- **Mass will be short, Holy Communion will be brought to your seat**
- **At the end of Mass please follow the directions of the Steward**
- **The collection will be taken at the back of church following Mass**
- **No toilets will be available**
- **The illustrated Weekly Newsletter is available online –give a copy to anyone you know not online?**