

***Spiritual Digest* Habakkuk 1:2- 3; 2:2-4, 2 Timothy1:6-8, 13-14 , & Luke 17: 5-10.**

The readings of this 27th Sunday invite us into the nucleus of our faith amidst tribulations and pains. Habakkuk in the first reading cries out, “ Oh Lord, how long, shall I cry for help, and you shall not hear?”; a question that is often accustomed to every soul, that has agonized in silence. Yet God replies with a vision, that “awaits its time,” rather than proffering an immediate answer. We are encouraged here, to possess patience and trust, which are the essential elements of faith, and not passive resignation. In the second reading , Saint Paul exhorts Timothy to “rekindle the gift of God entrusted to him through the laying on of hands”. And in the gospel passage, the disciples ask for more faith, and Jesus redirects them to obedience. Faith, therefore, should be nurtured, guarded, and lived with courage, rather than fear. Let us live as faithful servants, trusting in the unseen, and walking the narrow path with steadfast hope. And as we profess our faith with our lips, may the Lord increase it, and help us in moments of challenges, anxiety and doubt, Amen. God loves you and so, do I, wishing you a blessed and fulfilled week. Fr. Vernatius

GENERAL

October: the month of our Lady, the mediatrix of all graces! I welcome you my dear parishioners to this Sacred month, dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are encouraged to turn our hearts to our caring Mother and powerful Queen of Heaven, in prayers. Her love is a living and maternal presence that shelters, intercedes, and guides us towards her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. The Blessed Virgin Mary’s promises, especially through the rosary, are not mere words, but a covenant of grace and mercy. She assures peace, protection, and salvation to those who cling to her with confidence. Bearing in mind that in her humility, she magnifies the Lord, and in her faith, she crushes the serpent. As we contemplate the mysteries of Christ through her watch, we are drawn into a deeper communion with God. Let us not neglect this divine gift; for as we honour Mary, we honour God’s masterpiece, who is our sure REFUGE, our ADVOCATE, and the MORNING STAR that leads us through the darkness of this world towards eternal light. Feel free to join us in our devotion as we pray the rosary every Saturday evening before mass (from 3:55pm to 4:15pm at St. Teresa’s) and Sunday morning before mass (from 9:00am to 9:20am at All Saints).

RCIA Program continues on Sunday 5th October 4.30-5.30pm at All Saints Presbytery. Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or seeking a deeper understanding of your faith? We offer a welcoming and relaxed space to anyone wanting to explore what it means to be a member of the Catholic Church. Please see Fr Vernatius, Deacon Peter, or Thomas Gillingham for further information. ALL are welcome.

The Parish Priest would like to meet with all the Eucharistic Ministers from Both Parishes on Wednesday 8th October at 5pm in the Presbytery at All Saints

Mass Attendance for last week: All Saints:115, St Teresa’s: ?

Readings for the 28th Sunday of Year C: 2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19

ST TERESA’S

Thursday 16th of October at 7pm. St Teresa's will host the **Ministries Mass** for all in formation for the Permanent Diaconate. Bishop Stephen will preside over this Mass with priests and deacons from across the diocese. Seven men are in formation for our diocese, including Thomas Gillingham. All are welcome to attend. Please keep these men in your prayers as they discern the Lord’s call.

Foodbank: Please leave any donations on the table in the porch. This is a permanent feature. Thank you for your continued generosity.

"St Teresa's Autumn Fair - 8th November Please put the date in your diary for our upcoming fair. We are also asking for donations of toys, bottles, gifts and tombola/raffle items. These can be left in the porch. Thank you in advance."

Transfigure. Join us for an hour of prayer, reflection and music on Tuesday 14th October at 7pm, followed by coffee and cake.

ALL SAINTS

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Parish 100 Club: the winners for the **July** draw are (1) Pat Spry; (2) Alma Kelly; and (3) Dave Smith; and the winner for **August** are (1) Mike and Andrea Stoddart; (2) Stella Hewitson; and (3) Eileen Brown.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the 100 club the 2024/25 year. We raised a total of £432 for the Parish, which is much needed and appreciated.

I am now collecting for the 2025/26 ‘100’ Club (still just £12 per number for the year) - renewals and new members both warmly welcomed. Rachel.

All Saints Feast Day Celebration. Please join us for an evening of friendship, food, and music from ‘The Whistle Testers’ on Saturday 1st November at 7pm Lanchester Social Club. Tickets are now on sale, £10 Adults and £5 Children. Please see Joanne Kelly or Lestrine Kelly for tickets.

Coffee after Mass on Sunday: Today will be hosted by Kate and Henry Edwards, all money raised will go towards the Village Bus which will be relaunched next month. Next week’s host will be Emma Bond and family. Come and join us for coffee and a chat.

Autumn Centenary Raffle: Tickets are on sale now at £1 each. **Please support this and help to get our Centenary year off to a good start.**

Churches Together. Harvest Service of prayer and reflection at All Saints RC Church on Sunday 5th October at 6.30pm. Please come along and join us, ALL are welcome.

Communion Reflection ‘Albinoni Adagio’ Hauser

Counting: 5th October—Team 6—Stella Hewitson & Karen McVeigh
12th October—Team 1—Mark Symonds & Graham McVeigh

Retiring Collection 5th October—Family Fast Day (CAFOD)
12th October—SVP
19th October—World Mission Sunday