**St. Anne’s Parish Bulletin**

**25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)**

**18th SEPTEMBER 2016**

**TIMES OF SERVICES: Mon. 10.00 am Eucharistic Service; Tues. 10.00 am Mass; Weds. No Service; Thurs. 10.00 am Mass; Fri. 10.00 am Eucharistic Service; Sat. 10.00 am Mass; Sunday Mass 10.30 am & 5.30 pm.**

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist; St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio); St. Theodore of Canterbury (Bishop); The Korean Martyrs.**

**CYCLE OF PRAYER [September to Advent]:** During this time we are asked to pray for the following intentions: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work; the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and Their Families.

We welcome into our Parish Oscar Benjamin Swider, who will be baptised tomorrow following Mass. Many congratulations to his parents, Pawal and Charlotte.

**SICK CLERGY:** Your continued prayers are asked for Fr. Leo Coughlin and Fr. David Tanner who are quite ill at the moment and all our clergy who are suffering ill-health at this time.

**RETIRING COLLECTION** today is in aid of Home Mission Sunday and will be taken at both masses.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

 Sunday, 18th September 10.30 am Pat Elliott; Mary Stacey

 Charlie Rafferty

 5.30 pm Joan Limer

 Sunday, 25th September 10.30 am Nicola Cant; John Consterdine;

 Bob Errington

 5.30 pm Andy Hayes

**MASS READERS:**

 Sunday, 18th September 10.30 am Christine Hodgkinson

 Sunday, 25th September 10.30 am Peter Hardesty

**PRAYER GROUP:** Due to Fr. Brendan’s commitments, the Prayer Group will be held every

second Thursday, starting on 22nd September at 6.30 pm in the Chapel. All are most

welcome.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE:** The Holy Father has requested that a Day of Prayer for Peace

be promoted in our parishes on Tuesday, 20th September 2016. On this day there will be an

Inter-Religious gathering in Assisi presided over by Pope Francis.

**FORMATION OF PARISH PASTORAL GROUP:** At a recent parish meeting it was decided that

St. Anne’s would benefit from a group of people who could meet regularly in order to

discuss the needs of the parish. A list has been drawn up of representatives selected from

each group involved in the work of the parish and this will form the Parish Pastoral Group.

The purpose of the group will be to help Fr. Brendan take St. Anne’s forward into the future

 in preparation for the deeper involvement and responsibility of lay people in the Church.

The group will discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the parish and think of ways

forward, especially those involving younger people (and also discuss other important issues such as who pays for the wine!). The first meeting of the P.P.G. will take place in the near future.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR HARVEST:** We will offer this prayer next Sunday and ask the Lord for a good harvest and for many fruits of man’s labour.

**THE ANNUAL MASS COUNT:** Mass attendances will be taken on the 1st and 2nd October and will continue for four Sundays.

**YOUTH SUNDAY PREPARATION:** An afternoon to prepare for Youth Sunday will take place at St. Joseph’s School, Hebburn on **Sunday, 9th October, 3.00 pm to 5.15 pm**. This year’s Youth Sunday, which falls on the Feast of Christ the King in November, is also the closing of the Year of Mercy. A variety of resources will be available to explore the theme “**HE IS MERCY”.** All adults and young people (Year 9 and above) are invited – please see Fr. Brendan if you wish to go along. Further details are available from the Youth Ministry Team on 01027 592244 or admin@ymt.org.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM:** Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas Aquinas, Darlington on Wednesday, 28th September at 7.00 pm. All welcome.

**CHARITY CONCERT AT ST. MARY’S CATHEDRAL:** The Simon Bates Foundation is organising a Charity Concert at St. Mary’s Cathedral on Saturday, 22nd October at 7.00 pm. The concert features the Felling Male Voice Choir, Glynwood Primary Choir, the Swing Bridge Singers and Flotsom and will be hosted by Paul Mooney. See poster on noticeboard at back of church for further details.

**SVP URGENT APPEAL:** The SVP shop at Wrekenton is urgently in need of new stock. Donations can be taken direct to the shop or if you wish these can be collected by contacting Andy Hayes on 07786531712. Thank you for your support and generosity.