



End of Days

Whenever we seem really dejected, one of our loved ones might console us with the words: "It's not the end of the world." This weekend's readings, however, predict a literal end of the world at some unspecified point in the future. And it seems like a grim prospect. The prophet Malachi speaks of God burning up sinners in a fiery furnace. And Jesus tells us that it will be ushered in by earthquakes, plagues and famines as well as great wars and persecutions. In order to be saved, he warns his disciples, they will need the virtue of endurance.

But, really, this is only half the story. I'm sure most of us appreciate this world—and our lives here—as amazing gifts from God. Naturally, we're reluctant to think about losing those. And no one likes the prospect of being judged and, perhaps, found wanting. But Malachi and Jesus are also trying to tell us that there's a bright side. Yes, this world will end, but then God can make a new and better one. Yes, we have to leave this life behind, but that's the only way to take up the new and everlasting life of the Resurrection. If we are mainly invested in the things of this world, then we might pass away with it when it goes. If that's the case, we really do have something to worry about. But, if we are truly invested in sharing life and sharing love with God and with each other, then we have nothing to fear. Something better is waiting for us on the other side.

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Deacon Shaun McGee

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GENERAL NOTICES

Around the Partnership

Youth Sunday 2019: Next Sunday (24th Nov.) is Youth Sunday. And, as we have for the last several years, we will celebrate the occasion with a special Partnership Mass at 11am at St. Patrick's. Please note that this is the only Sunday Mass in the Consett area next weekend. As usual, however, the Vigil Mass and the Sunday evening Mass will be unaffected.

There is also a retiring collection for Youth Sunday. This is very important in terms of helping to fund YMT, our Diocesan Youth Service, which does amazing work encouraging and supporting our young people on their faith journey. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation, envelopes should be available at the back of the church from this weekend. Otherwise, please do be generous in supporting the collection whenever it happens in your parish. The dates will be announced on the parish pages.

Father Dermott Donnelly's Induction: will take place at St Joseph's Church, Stanley on Thursday 21st November at 7pm. All are most welcome to attend.

Health & Safety Briefings: The Bishop and the Board of Trustees have recently approved the new Diocesan Health and Safety policy and a revised Health & Safety Guidance Manual. All Health & Safety Reps are invited to a meeting to be held on 19th November at St Anne's, Winlaton 6pm – 8pm. Please let the Parish Office know so that they can confirm your attendance

Sacristan Course: Father Adrian Dixon will be running a Sacristan Course on Thursday 28th November 10am - 3.00pm at St Joseph's Church, Stanley. Please speak to your Parish Priest if you would like to attend please note that numbers for the Course are limited. Also please bring a packed lunch. to the Diocesan H & S Adviser.

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Vacancy: We are looking for an experienced and enthusiastic individual to take responsibility for the delivery of our Communications Strategy. You will have experience of identifying the resources and infrastructure required to take this from concept through to implementation. This new senior role is an opportunity for someone to join the charity, establish a plan and identify the team to deliver the strategy. For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk Closing date for applications: 5pm on 18th November.

York Shopping Trip: Wednesday 20th November 2019 leaving St Pius Moorside at 8:10am followed by pickups at St Mary's Blackhill and John Street Consett. Return from York at 5:30pm. Cost £12 adult and £6 children. NOW FULLY BOOKED With two buses.

Partnership Christmas Lunch: Let's get together for the Partnership Christmas Fayre at the Jolly Drivers, Leadgate on Friday 13th December at 12 Noon. Carvery £8.99, 2 Course Christmas Fayre £13.95, 3 Course Christmas Fayre £18.95. Phone Elizabeth Foreman on 01207 507267.

Operation Christmas Child: needs your support in donating any of the following. Toothbrushes, Soap & Sponges, Hats, Gloves or Socks, Paper & Pens/Pencils, Small Cuddly Toys. A box will be

left at the back of church for any donations. Closing date is Sunday 17th November. Thank you. Contact Julie 01207 591762

Thursday Lunch Club J.F.k. Centre: has now been running successfully for a number of years. Up to 30 people attend each week for lunch. There are at any time 8 helpers. Their combined ages are approximately 5901 It is now necessary to look to the future and hopefully encourage more helpers. To this end we would invite anyone interested to call in to the hall on any Thursday between 10/10.30 to have a cup of coffee and see the set up and hopefully to volunteer to help.

The Crafty Ladies Group, the Lounge, St Patrick's Church Hall: would be most grateful if you could donate any odd balls of wool you have no use for, especially double knitting and chunky, as our stock of wool is very low. We knit blankets for the Red Cross, trauma teddies, shoe box gifts and knitted goods for our Stall at the Christmas Fayre to raise funds for the Church. Wool can be left at the presbytery, the office or Piety Stall. This is a well attended group but new members are most welcome. We meet every Monday, except Bank Holidays, 10.00am-12noon. Look forward to seeing you there! Thank you. Margaret McArdle.

Good News Choir Concert: In Consett Methodist Church on Sunday 17th November 2019 at 2.30pm all are welcome. Proceeds for Crawford House RVI Newcastle.

Bingo Night 29th November: with Pie & Pea Supper at Leadgate Cricket Club 7pm Tickets £3 each to support Helen O'Rourke who is running a marathon on 17th November with Impact the causes to be supported are Childreach Nepal and Burns Violence Survivor for more information telephone Helen on 07932 956694.

St. Mary's Convent's Christmas Fayre: have had to change the date of their Christmas fayre to December 1st 2019. Starts 1.30 until 3.30. Santa will be visiting us as well as our stalls and refreshments. We are still in need of items for the raffles and stalls all donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance. We can collect too. Just ring us on 01207 560288.

Around the Diocese

Diocesan Altar Servers Mass: St Mary's Cathedral on 23rd November 2019 at 11am. Servers are asked to wear: Alb & Red Band, Cassock & Cotta and of course any Guild Medal. Parishioners and Parents are most welcome to join. Please let your Parish Office know to book your place by Friday 9th November.

Diocesan Church Music Association: The Diocesan Church Music Association have set up a link on their page of the Diocesan website, asking parish musicians to sign up to give them an idea of the resources around the Diocese and to keep people up to date with news of workshops etc. If you would like to sign up the form can be found on the Diocesan website, clicking on 'Departments', then 'Liturgy', then Diocesan Church Music Association. Scrolling down will reveal a paragraph headed 'Join our mailing list'.

Some Definite Service: A retreat day for men discerning a vocation to priesthood. 10.30am-3.30pm Saturday 30th November at Our Lady and St. Columba's Church, Carville Road, Wallsend, NE28 6RJ. To confirm your attendance, please email: vocations@rcdhn.or.uk

St Mary's News and Notices

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday 17th November 2019: Joe Anderson, Patricia Anderson, Michelle Parker, Julie Stephenson, Anthony Gardiner.

Sunday 24th November 2019: Mary O'Connor, Michael O'Connor, Kath Bowman, Tina McAloon, Elizabeth Murray.

Retiring Collections: This Week: SVP

Sanctuary Candle: Anyone wishing to sponsor the Sanctuary Candle at a cost of £10, for one week, in memory of a deceased relative or a special intention, please leave information at the presbytery, with Margaret Alderson. This week the candle will burn in loving memory of Dermot & Ethel Cain.

Sponsor a Light: Sponsor a Light on the Christmas tree in memory of a loved one @ £2 per light. All names will be read out on Sunday 22nd Dec. after Mass. All monies to parish funds. Please contact Joan Devanney on 506784.

Breakfast Club: In hall after 9.30am Mass. Tea, Coffee, Toast, Sausage/Bacon Sandwiches, Raffle. Everyone welcome.

The Breakfast Club: would like to thank everyone who attended the tribute event "Tommy Gunner". Thank you to Rosie & Michael for the bar and to the people who donated raffle prizes. To the 30 parishioners from St. Teresa's, Annfield Plain, St. Joseph's Stanley for their support. £300 has been donated to the church for the repair of the kneelers.

Christmas Afternoon Tea: on Monday December 2nd in St. Mary's hall. Doors open 12.30pm. More information at a later date.

Lighting of Christmas Tree: Will be on Saturday December 7th.

Consett Lions Club: Please hand counterfoils and money to Jimmy a.s.a.p.

Thank you: Stella Atkinson & Family would like to thank Father Tom for a wonderful service, kind, caring and thoughtful words and all his help in making this a special farewell to Morris. Thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards and support during this sad time. Thank you.

Donations for Christmas Flowers: Anyone wishing to make a donation for Christmas Flowers, please hand into the parish office. Thank you to all for your continued support.

SVP Sudan Annual Appeal Sunday 17th November: As in previous years, our SVP November collection is for the suffering people of Sudan and South Sudan. All money raised will go directly to SVP Feeding & Medical Centres in that country. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Newsletter items to be in office by Tuesday evening please.

Office

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10am-2pm Tel: 01207-502320

Email:stmarysblackhill@outlook.com.

Our Lady's News and Notices

Readers:

R Fenwick & C Waby

Eucharistic Ministers:

For the Altar, M Jopling & S O'Neil

For the sick, M Jopling & S O'Neil

Cleaners:

M McNally & C Gray

Retiring Collection:

This Week: S.V.P. . Next Week: Youth Sunday

Coffee Mornings: on Monday mornings after after Mass or the Service of the Word.

Service of the Word and Communion: will continue every Tuesday.

Church Hall Hire:

If anyone wishes to hold a function in the church hall over the Christmas period please contact R Fenwick.

Items for the Newsletter Items for the newsletter to be in the church post box or by e mail to rayfenwick@talktalk.net by 10.00am Tuesday morning.

St Patrick's News and Notices

Readers: 17th November: M Slee

24th November: S Reed

Ministers: 17th November: R Wright, D Barrass, B Bowley, G Brown, J Dimambro

24th November: M Dimambro, R Huntley, M Lenaghan, M Walton, J McMenamin

Retiring Collections: This Week: Church Flowers Next Week: Youth Sunday

Services this week: Service of the Word and Holy Communion Monday 10am. Novena to Our Lady Monday 7.00pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: is said every first Friday of the month at 9.30am followed by Holy Mass.

Bishop Thank You 60th Jubilee Anniversary Mass: A lovely letter arrived from Bishop Robert with the following: "What a splendid evening! Thank you so much for your invitation to join you for the 60th Anniversary of your parish. It was a splendid occasion, the church looked magnificent and your people were obviously thrilled to be part of the celebration. It was good to see a number of clergy present and a large congregation which is in no small part due to your hard work and dedication. Please be assured of my prayers and support for your ministry in Consett. With every good wish and blessing." *Rt Rev Robert Byrne CO*

60th Jubilee Anniversary Events: •23rd November 12 Noon Mass for the Bereaved.
•13th December St Patrick's School Christmas Carol Afternoon (time tbc).

Salvation Army Celebrating Christmas: 13th December at 7.00pm. Tickets on Sale Now £5 proceeds in aid of "Food 4 U" Consett Food Bank. Featuring Children from The Grove County Junior School and Consett Junior School. Supported by Consett Salvation Army Band and Songsters.

Jubilee Flowers: Many thanks to everyone who generously sponsored the flowers to make St. Patrick's look so special for our Jubilee. Also many thanks to everyone who kindly gave their time and help to create the Bench End Flowers. It was much appreciated and an excellent example of many hands make light work!

Christmas Fayre: To be held on Saturday 30th November. Tombola prizes (cosmetics and gifts), raffle prizes and bottles of wines and spirits will be greatly appreciated. Raffle Tickets are on Sale Now.

300 Club winners for October:

£20 No.150 J Tait

£10 No. 9 P Walls & Family

£10 No. 176 J McMenamin

Notice Board: All items for the Church notice board must first be shown to Fr John.

Newsletter items: All items for the newsletter to be in by 6pm Tuesday evening to stpatricknews@aol.com

St Pius News and Notices

Christmas Raffle: We are looking for donations of prizes for our Christmas raffle. Sign up sheet in in the porch. Tickets on sale now. (Printers permitting).

Save the Day: December 7th – Children's activity from 1pm – 3pm. Raffle draw, bingo and quiz from 7.30pm at Castleside Club. December 15th – Annual advent service in Church at 4pm.

Gift Aid: An amount of £1721.09 has been received by the Parish.

Red Boxes: All holders of Red Boxes please bring them to church for counting. Thank you.

Clergy Training Fund: Collection for this will remain open until 24th November.

Food Bank: A box is now permanently available in the entrance foyer for donations. Should you wish to donate money for food, or help with the taking of donations to Glenroyd House, please speak to Maria Devlin. Thank you.

Service of the Word & Holy Communion: Wednesday 10 am (Also Monday 10 am if no Mass)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: From 9.30 am before 10 am Mass each Thursday.

Benediction on Wednesday Evenings: Each Wednesday evening from 6.00 pm there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Evening Prayer at 6.45pm followed by Benediction. Please take this opportunity to come and spend some time in prayer at the midpoint of your week.

100 Club: Please consider joining this club. Numbers are 50p per week and all profits go to Church Funds. Winning numbers are on the notice board. Prizes of £50, £20 and 3 x £10 awarded monthly

Coffee Mornings: After 9.30am Mass on Sundays and 10am Mass on Mondays – always a great way to catch up.

Parking: Please consider our neighbours when parking your car.

Statue of Our Lady: With Mrs Irvine .

There are vacancies on the rota to have the statue of Our Lady for one week at a time. If you want to join there is a list at the back of Church.

Church Cleaning Rota: 18th November – Group D – M Welch and M Davey

Ministries: 24th November 2019: Mass at St Patrick's for Christ the King – Youth Sunday
Reader:

Extraordinary Minister:

Newsletter Items: By 6pm Tuesday to 7, Consett Park Terrace or
susan.j.mcgee@btopenworld.com

Our Lady and St Joseph's News and Notices

Eucharistic Ministers: **November 16th** J. Fenwick, R. Dixon, C. Wilks,

November 23rd M. Harker, J. Carr, M. McCabe,

Readers: **November 16th** J. Carr **November 23rd** R. Naylor

660 Club Winning Numbers:

(£20) – 172 (£10) – 530 (£5) – 645

Brooms Coffee Morning:

Beginning in the season of Advent, there will be tea and coffee served after 10am Mass at St. Joseph's Hall, Leadgate on a Tuesday. Come along and enjoy a cuppa and a get-together.

Rosaries:

Rosary beads are needed for use in Brooms primary school. If you have any spare can you please pass them to Father John or leave them at the piety stall in church. Thank you to those who have already kindly donated.

1p and 2p Sudan SVP Appeal at Brooms:

Please keep donating your 1p and 2p coins to this worthy cause. £1.00 worth of your copper feeds a baby for a week. Thank you for your generous contributions so far, which makes a total of £1,567

Justice and Peace Refugee Project (Our Lady of Lourdes Centre, Newcastle):

Thank you for your continuing donations. Items which the centre is currently low on are tinned fish and biscuits.

Future Collections:

Brooms church will hold its final retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund today, November 17th. Next week's retiring collection will be for Catholic Youth Ministry.

Thought for the Week:

Sign seen outside a church: 'If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.'

Partnership Newsletter Rep for Brooms All newsletter items must be received by Tuesday evening. Contact Christine Wilks on 01207 501869 or wilksc68@yahoo.com

Anniversaries:

St Mary's: Kathleen Million, Francis J. Routledge, Bill Gilliland, Mary Ellen Lawrie, James McCusker, Audrey Stobbs, Mary Kennedy, George Norman Sennett, Peter Longhorne, John Batey, Shannon Cassidy, Mary Davison, John Toner, Shaun McElhatton, J.J. Welsh, James Donaghue, Annie McKenna, Dennis Rowan, Peter Walls, Susan Boyle, Ellen Kiernan, Thomas Page, Philomena Jackson, Roseanne Lavin, Ellen Willis, Joseph McKie, Margaret Higham, Mary Margaret Loughran, Jean Eva Hunter.

Our Lady of the Rosary: Joseph McKie

St Patrick's: Mary Naughton, Jimmy Arthur Clarke, Mary Teresa Stevens, Sheila Elder, John O' Neill, Catherine Rafferty, Catherine Connelly, Hugh Malone, Dominick McGurk, Catherine Donaghy, Richard Forbes, Terry Burns, Mary Burnage, Mary Theresa Hughes, Joseph Raw, Flora Nimmons, Tommy O'Neill, Mary Donaghy, Alan Foley.

St Pius X: Alfred Bennett, Susan Boyle, Mary Hicks, Ella Willis and Edward Young.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Ged Doughan and Sydney Fountain.

Those who are sick in our Parish

We keep in our prayers

St Mary's: Paul Wass, Ryan McBeath, Tilly Lockey, Kieran Richard Atkinson, Amelia Burns, Norman Riches, Ethan White, James Thomas English, David Sizmy, Eileen Fannon, Mary Barnes, Arron Armstrong, Rita Atkinson, Freya Simpson, Maddy Kennedy, Mark Adams, Jack Nugent, Donna Philips, Joan Kennedy, Tom Slane, Tony Quinn, Julianne Kennedy, John Winch, Eileen Haughey, Catherine Murphy, Jimmy McGuigan, Catherine Hester, David Oliver. Teresa Rogan, Sarah June Quinn, Thomas Eccles, John Ross.

Our Lady of the Rosary: James Baker

St Patrick's: Eileen Fish, Margaret Heslop, Anna Bradley, Martin Rogan, Cheryl Reilly, Judith Hindmarsh, Nora Robson, Veronica Naisbett, Geraldine Donnelly, Bob Thomas, Margaret Naughton .

St Pius: Ivy Agnew, Joseph Agnew, Gerry Akers, Dot Atherton, Marie Atherton, Martin Daly, Rita Daly, Stuart Forster, Ann Hodgson, Paul Hunt, Nancy Malone, Gerry McArdle, Joan McGee, Danny Morton, Robert Nixon Jr., Charlie O'Donnell, Jade Telford.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Sue Robertson, Rose Jackson, Thomas Williamson, Doreen Peveller.

Partnership Prayer

Risen Christ, from your abundant grace,
pour out afresh your Holy Spirit upon our Diocese.
As we build on the deep foundations of faith
laid by the countless saints of these Northern lands,
by Aidan and Cuthbert, Hilda and Bede
may our Partnerships continue the mission
of building your Kingdom on the earth:
to give living witness to your love,
and to your compassion and hope for our world.
We pray in trustful confidence
that your power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Patrick's: every Saturday 11am - 11.50am or by appointment or on request.

Our Lady and St Joseph's: Saturday evening from 4.45pm - 5.15pm

St Pius X: Thursday morning from 9.30am - 9.55am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St Mary's: every Tuesday morning 10.30 - 11.30am.

Our Lady of the Rosary: every Friday 9.30 - 10.00am

St Pius X: An hour before Mass on Monday, Wednesday at 6.00pm and half an hour before communion services on Wednesday.

St Patrick's: Half an hour before each weekday mass with recital of morning prayer of the church. Saturday 11.00am - 12 Noon exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Saturday of the month from 11.00am - 12 Noon and after Mass until 4.00pm.

Novena to Our Blessed Lady: St Patrick's Monday at 7.00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Is said every first Friday of the month at 9.30am

Baptism Preparation Form

Please deliver the completed form to St Mary's or St Patrick's Presbytery. If you have any queries ring St Mary's 502320 or St Patrick's on 502196