

22nd Sunday of the Year - Year B - 29th August 2021



Returning to the sources of our faith

Today's readings, invite us as a church, and as individuals, to keep returning to the sources of our faith, in particular, the scriptures, the Word of God. In the second reading, St. James calls on us, *'to accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you'*. Such submission to God, he goes on to say, involves not just listening to that word, but doing what that word tells us. For James, central to God's word, is the call to show care and concern for the needy and most vulnerable. In returning to the sources of our faith, we will always hear afresh, the call to serve each other, and to build each other up.

It is clear from today's Gospel reading, that Jesus was much more concerned about how people were relating to each other, than about food regulations. Today's reading remind us, that for us as Christians, the real traditionalists, those most faithful to our Christian tradition, are people who live in ways that give expression to the healing, compassionate, and life-giving presence, of the Lord!

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Deacon Shaun McGee

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GENERAL NOTICES AROUND THE PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESE

COVID Update: In accordance with the Diocesan policy announced by Bishop Robert prior to 19th July, all the parishes in the Consett area are maintaining their existing COVID precautions until at least the 10th September when an update will be given:

- 1) Capacity remains capped for all services according to the total number calculated as part of the risk assessment for each individual Church building—approximately 70 for St. Patrick's, St. Mary's and Brooms, and 40 for St. Pius'.
- 2) It is still necessary to pre-book for all public Masses by phoning the dedicated booking line on 07907 369233 between 12 noon and 2 pm from Monday to Saturday.
- 3) Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings continue to be private services open only to those who have been invited by the families involved.
- 4) All attendees are still required: a) to check in with the stewards upon arrival; b) to sanitise their hands upon entering and leaving the building; and c) to wear masks, covering both nose and mouth at all times, unless medically exempt.

We extend our sincere thanks to all our parishioners for continuing to follow the guidelines and we apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause. We also owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to all our volunteer stewards, cleaners, booking assistants and other helpers. Without their generous assistance we wouldn't be able to have nearly as many services as we do under the current circumstances.

RCIA-- Journey in Faith: Are you thinking of learning about the Catholic Faith, or deepening the understanding you already have? Are you a baptised Catholic who never received the other sacraments or who would like to pick up your faith again after a long time away? Or are you a Christian from another denomination, or someone who's never been baptised, but who would like to explore joining the Catholic Church? Then this course might be for you!

If you're interested in joining St. Patrick's Consett, St. Pius' Moorside or Our Lady and St. Joseph's Brooms, contact Fr. John at St. Patrick's on [\(01207\) 502 196](tel:01207502196). The course for those parishes will be starting at St. Pius' Moorside on Thursday 2nd September with sessions generally running from 6:30 to 8:15pm.

If you're interested in joining St. Mary's Blackhill or Our Lady of the Rosary Shotley Bridge, contact Fr. Tom at St. Mary's on [\(01207\) 502 320](tel:01207502320). The course for those parishes will be starting at St. Mary's also in September. More details about the time and date will be announced soon.

Christmas Angels: Calling all knitters! This year, all the knitted angels will be placed near the Christmas Crib for our younger children to take home. Patterns are available from St. Patrick's Parish Office, where completed angels can be left. It's never too early to start because we need quite a few! Angels can be of different colours so you can be as creative as you want! Many thanks.

Ongoing Faith Witness Against Hassockfield: A monthly prayer vigil will be held at the barrier to Hassockfield on the first Sunday of each month at 3pm. This will last for about 30 minutes and will incorporate a time of silent witness. Please support this with your prayer and, if at all possible, come along. For further information, please contact lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com

Abortion Law: The local MP Richard Holden is inviting Constituents to complete a survey on attitudes to Abortion provision and possible amendments to current legislation. This will inform him of public opinion and help him when voting in future. This is an opportunity to register opinion in line with the Church's teaching on the subject and participation is encouraged via the link set out below.

<https://www.richardholden.org.uk/form/abortion-law-lo>

Hospital Chaplain's: If you wish a visit from a Priest for a family member who is in hospital please contact the hospital chaplain for that hospital.

Shotley Bridge Hospital - Fr Paul Tully 01207 583583 or 01913332183

Hexham General - Fr Christopher Warren 0844 8118111 or 01434 603119(church)

The University Hospital Durham - Fr Paul Tully 0191 - 3332333 or 0191 - 3332183

Freeman Hospital and RVI - Fr Mariadass Pagyasamy 0191 2336161 or 0191 2733903 (church)

Around The Diocese

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

Diocesan Dept. for Education

Senior Administrator – permanent, full-time

Administrator (maternity cover), full-time

Closing date for applications – 2 September

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Sunderland

Cleaner – 16 hours per week

Newcastle (based at St Teresa's, Heaton)

Parish Secretary – 12 hours per week

Closing date for applications – 8 September

Sunderland, Lay University Chaplain – full-time

Closing date for applications 12 September

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301

Day of Reflection for Leaders of RCIA Groups: Saturday 11th September 2021 10.30am -3.30pm in St Joseph's parish Hall Gateshead. Registration & refreshments from 10.00am. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

Day of Reflection for Readers "Breaking the Word": Saturday 9th October 2021 10.30am - 3.30pm at Ushaw College Durham. Registration from 10m. A light lunch and tea and coffee will be provided. Places to be booked through your Parish Office no later than Thursday 23rd September.

March For Life: Saturday 4th September 2021 in London. Contact Us: info@marchforlife.co.uk. Isabel - 07773501721 or Den - 07885505116.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2021-2022: The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2021-2022 and there is a short presentation shown on the Diocesan website:
www.edurcdhn.org.uk/courses/courses_ccrs.php

ISC Glasgow at Minsteracres: This retreat is held in silence and will be led by members of the Ignatian Spirituality Centre from Glasgow in collaboration with the team at Minsteracres. This retreat starts on Friday 3rd September at 6.30pm and ends on Friday 10th September at 10.00am. Suggested donation £595.

St Mary's News

Collection: This week - S.V.P. Next week - No collection

Lately Deceased: Joseph Bell. Please pray for him and his family at this sad time.

Resumption of Communion Visits: If anyone is aware of someone who was not housebound before the lockdown, but who is now and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Fr. Tom to arrange this.

Legion of Mary: Will say the Rosary and Legion Prayers on Tuesday Evenings at 6pm.

Cafod: would like to thank everyone who contributed to the collection at Barbara Burns funeral which raised a total of £80.

300 Club: August winners: £20 No 35 – L Smith, £10 No 22 – John McCrory, £10 No 165 – C Creegan, £10 No 143 – G Devaney, £10 No 91 – M Corr.

St Patrick's News

Collection: This week - No collection

Lately Deceased: Jimmy Staney. Please pray for him and his family at this sad time.

Holy Face Prayer Group: The Holy Face Prayer Group meets on Tuesday evenings, in church, from 6pm onwards. For further details telephone 01207 506425. the latest Holy Face Youtube video link is:- <https://youtu.be/JKx92PvhQI>

St Pius X News

Holy Rosary Hour: Holy Rosary Hour every last Monday of the month from 6pm to 7pm. Next meeting is the 30th of August. All are welcome.

Our Lady and St Joseph's News

Lately Deceased: Maureen Metcalfe. Please pray for her and her family at this sad time.

Sudan Feeding Station: The collection for the SVP Sudan Feeding Station to date has raised £2,410. Thank you for your continued generosity.

ANNIVERSARIES

St. Mary's: Peggy Grayson, Brian Anthony Skelton, Dominic Johnson, Margaret Byrne, Lawrence Armstrong, George Fisher, Frank Sheekey, Joanne Hird, Thomas Seaton, Theresa Marie Hutchinson, Richard Nevin, Patricia Brittan, Bernard Mullen, Jean Smith, Jane Johnson, George Batey, Gerard McElhone, Hilda Eve Davis, Wilfrid Barry Britten, Patricia Bell

St. Patrick's: Marie Campbell, Thomas Murray, David Lumley, Richard Lumb, Theresa Askew, James Colin Laidlaw, Leonard Stephenson, Hilda Grimes, Joan Butler, John P Sheekey, Mary Fortunato, Joseph Kileen, Elizabeth Quinn, Maureen Green, Anita Fulford, Sean Melody, Martin Jennings, Marie Therese Joyce, Aileen Marie Reilly, Larna Hobson, Gus McArdle, Andrew Hanson, Maureen Fox, Ronald Harris, Brian Murphy, Margaret Joan Furness, Oswald Johnson, Dennis McDonagh, Moira Dyer, Patricia Colburne, Kathleen Goldsmith, Rose McElhatton.

St. Pius: Billy Cosgrove, Hazel Cousins, Hilda Eve Davis, Gerard Pinkney.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Noel Clarke, Mary Williamson, Betty Dodds, Kirsty Dixon

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, Freya Simpson, Maddy Kennedy, Mark Adams, Jack Nugent, Donna Philips, Joan Kennedy, Tom Slane, Tony Quinn, Julianne Kennedy, Eileen Haughey, Jimmy McGuigan, Catherine Hester, David Oliver, Sarah June Quinn, Thomas Eccles, John Ross and Simon Quinn.

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 and Michael Shaw.

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

Our Lady and St Joseph's: Sue Robertson.

Pope Francis – Prayer To Mary For Protection During The Covid - 19 Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves
to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test –
and deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

'My Jesus I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament, I love you
above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this
moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you, never
permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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 forever and ever.

Amen