

19th Sunday of the Year - Year C - 7th August 2022



Meeting preparation

When we get in the car we usually know where we are going and will make sure there is enough fuel in the tank to get us there. (Or, to keep us up to date, charge in the battery). However it may be that the journey is not straightforward and something goes wrong. Are we prepared for that eventuality? Warning triangle, first aid kit, tow rope, spare packet of Wine Gums, breakdown service number, tyre repair gadget: a short selection of the things that could help us face the unexpected.

We don't expect to have a problem when we get in the car but all of us know that it wise to be ready when it happens. Whilst Jesus is encouraging his disciples to let go of attachment to the possessions of this world he is also encouraging them to be prepared. He wants us to be ready, not for something that may happen but for what will definitely come to pass.

For us the time when the Son of Man comes to meet us will arrive. We don't know when or how but it is still a certainty and we need to be ready for that time. What we need to be ready with is not a list of things we can do or say to navigate our way through the encounter. To continue our journey with Jesus we will need treasure that will not fail us, treasure built up by completely giving ourselves to God.

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General Notices Around the Partnership

Covid Guidance: The following guidelines still apply: face coverings: Even though it is not compulsory, we recommend that people wear masks throughout our services unless they are medically exempt, and that they are particularly mindful of this if they plan to sing hymns (as we hope everyone will!).

- Hand sanitising: On entering and leaving the building is also still highly recommended.
- It is still advisable to minimise close physical contact where possible between members of separate households. Communion will continue to be given under one kind for the foreseeable future and reception in the hand is still strongly recommended.
- If you have any symptoms that may be COVID, please refrain from attending services until/unless you are able to use a test to verify that it is not COVID.

Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass: The obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days has now been re-introduced. We understand that there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: For the Consett area, St Patrick's, Consett; Saturday after 10am Mass. Our Lady and St Joseph's Brooms on Saturday's before the 5.30pm Vigil Mass 4.45pm-5.15pm

Catechists: Catechists are required for to assist in the Baptism and Confirmation programme. If you are interested please contact either Fr Tom or Fr John.

Job Vacancy: St Mary's Convent, Ebchester are looking for an Activity Co-Ordinator for their residential home. The role is for 20 hours a week. If you are interested please contact St Mary's Care Home on 01207-560288 or call in and pick up an application form.

Miracles of the Eucharist. A display of 24 boards is now in place around St. Patrick's Church outlining some of Blessed Carlo Acutis' research on verified Eucharistic Miracles - some very recent. You are encouraged to view them because they may aid/deepen your celebration of Christ's ongoing Real.

Flower Fest at Ushaw College: a celebration of County Durham through flowers. Friday 9th - Sunday 11th September. Over 35 arrangements and installations will take visitors through the County, all set within the beautiful environment of Ushaw. Tickets £8 but free with an Annual Pass. Book a time slot to guarantee admission

Carfin Wednesday 28th September 2022: St Bernadette's Relics will be on display at Carfin week commencing 26th September. St Patrick's Consett would like to invite Parishioners across the partnership to join us in a trip to Carfin on Wednesday 28th September where they will be on display. Further details will be in next week's newsletter.

Around the Diocese

Liturgical Formation and Days of Reflection: The Vicariate for Faith & Mission is pleased to share their Autumn calendar for Liturgical Formation and Days of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers. Please visit bit.ly/Liturgy2022 for further details or see the poster and information sheet on the parish notice board/website. Please book via the parish office. Further dates will be announced for other ministries.

Ushaw: Summer is officially here, we've got plenty of exciting events for you to enjoy during July! From a special 40s-Themed Day to Live Music, Ushaw is the place to be during July! See our website for more information.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2022-2023: 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. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2022-2023 and there is a short presentation shown on the Diocesan website:

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/continuing-professional-development-and-formation/#ccr>

If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

St Bernadette Relic Tour: In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes will journey on pilgrimage from Lourdes to England, Scotland and Wales for the very first time. The Relics will arrive at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on 1st October 2022 at 11.00am and will leave on 2nd October at 11.00am. The reservation system is now open and can be accessed at: stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/. ***There is a sign-up sheet to explore interest in putting on a bus from our area at the back of St Patrick's church.***

St. Mary's News

Collections: This week – No Collection

Lately Deceased: Barbara Thompson, Mary Bell and Brian Anderson, please pray for them and their families at this sad time.

Sanctuary Candle: will burn in Loving Memory of Joanne Storey

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

Communion Visits: If anyone is aware of someone who is housebound since the lockdown, and who would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Fr. Tom to arrange this.

Piety Stall: Is open in the JFK Centre on Sunday's after 9.30am Mass

SVP National Raffle: tickets will be on sale Sunday after 9.30am Mass.

1st prize, £5,000, 2nd Prize £1,000, and 15 x £100 prizes.

A small selection of books explaining Catholic attitudes to several contemporary issues- and how to respond to questions about them are available at the back of church. These can be either loaned and returned or kept permanently.

St Patrick's News

Collection: This week – No collection

Coffee morning: In hall 10.45am on Sunday 14th August all proceeds to Willowburn hospice in memory of Tom and Maureen McCory. All are welcome Thank you McCory Family

Divine Mercy Devotions: will be held every Thursday at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Our Lady of Fatima: A Day on Fatima has been arranged for Saturday, October 22nd [more details to be published soon. In preparation for this event, the Devotion of the First Five

Saturdays will commence on Saturday, August 6th in church with Rosary and prayers after the 10am Mass. All are welcome to join us.

300 Club Winners for July: £20 - (197) Mary Westgarth, £10 (181) Joan Richardson, £10 (173) Rose Wright.

Our Lady and St Joseph's News

Collection: This week - No collection

Lately Deceased: James Telford, please pray for him and his family at this sad time.

Cemetery Fund: The fund is now open for donations until the end of September. If you gift aid your contribution please add your planned giving envelope number to the cemetery fund envelope. Envelopes are available at the back of church. To date the fund has realised £445. Thank you for your support.

People's Kitchen: Thank you for your continued donations of coppers and small change which is forwarded to the People's Kitchen in Newcastle. The total amount raised so far totals £600. A thank you letter from People's Kitchen can be viewed on the notice board at the back of church.

Collections: The final total for the Church Flowers collection is £277. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Thank you: The family and friends of Mary McShane would like to thank everyone who attended her funeral and donated £210 to church funds.

St Pius X News

Collection: This week - No collection

Benediction and Evening Prayer: Wednesday evenings 5.45 - 6.45pm

Holy Rosary Hour: Last Monday of the month. The next one to be held on 22nd August.

Foodbank: Bring a tin to Mass - We will be collecting for the foodbank at Mass over the next few weeks. Please bring a tin if you can. Cash donations are also welcome.

100 Club: Eleanor Glasgow would like to restart the 100 Club. The numbers are 50p per number per week. Contact Eleanor after mass or on 01207 504090.

Our Lady of the Rosary News

Collections: This week – No Collection

Lately Deceased: Herdman Armstrong, please pray for him and his family at this sad time.

70th Anniversary: On Thursday 8th September Our Lady of the Rosary will celebrate its 70th anniversary of opening with Mass at 10am and a coffee morning afterwards. If anyone has any other ideas as to how the anniversary can be celebrated please contact Penny Barron. Maybe a few people could get together to discuss options.

ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: William Kennedy, Raimund Johan Miiros, Monica Clifford, Margaret Lisle, Stuart Campbell, John Pearson Welsh, Baby Sarah Ann Holt, Thomas Boyle, Dianne Johnson, Patricia Felthan, William Miller, Raymond Penman, Freda Hagan, George Jones, Thomas Kennedy, John Naisbitt, George Kevin Roberts, John William Bell.

Our Lady of the Rosary: John Winch, James Bertram Nicholson, Patrick Healey Jnr.

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, James Stanyer, John Rossi.

St Pius: Mary Patricia (Pat) Collins and Raymond Penman.

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

Our Lady of the Rosary: Patrick Healey (snr), Joseph Clifford, Margaret Bowery, Irene McKie, Fr. John F Gunning, Teddy McKie, John Rossi, Margaret Healey.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN OUR PARISHES

We keep in our prayers

St Mary's: Paul Wass, Ryan McBeath, Kieran Richard Atkinson, Amelia Burns, Ethan White, James Thomas English, David Sizmy, Eileen Fannon, Mary Barnes, Arron Armstrong, Freya Simpson, Maddy Kennedy, Mark Adams, Jack Nugent, Donna Philips, Tom Slane, Julianne Kennedy, Eileen Haughey, David Oliver Jimmy McGuigan, Catherine Hester, Sarah June Quinn, Thomas Eccles, John Ross, Simon Quinn, Philip Robinson, Audrey Johnson, Adrian Hepplewhite.

Our Lady of the Rosary: James Baker.

St. Patrick's: Eileen Fish, Margaret Heslop, Anna Bradley, Martin Rogan, Cheryl Reilly, Judith Hindmarsh, Nora Robson, Geraldine Donnelly, Michael Shaw, Andrew Bates

St Pius: Ivy Agnew, Joseph Agnew, Gerry Akers, Marie Atherton, Martin Daly, Rita Daly, Paul Hunt, Joan McGee, Danny Morton, Robert Nixon Jr., Charlie O'Donnell, Teresa Philipson, Margaret Smith, Jade Telford, Derek Hicks

Our Lady and St Joseph's: Sue Robertson, Elizabeth Foreman, Ted Richardson.

Pope Francis – For The Ukraine

O God, In this time of violence. We call on you to draw near.
Draw near to the people of Ukraine.
Draw near to the terrified children.
Draw near to the terrified parents.
Draw near to those who have nowhere to go.
Draw near to the elderly, the infirm,
the disabled, the displaced, the orphans.
Draw near to the caregivers and aid workers
Draw near to the helpers.
Draw near. Draw near. Draw near.
In this time of violence-Draw near.
Jesus taught us that the diabolical evil of violence
is answered with the weapons of God, with prayer and fasting.
May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

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