

## 24th Sunday of the Year - Year C - 11th September 2022



### All Is Not Lost

There are many aspects to loss. In different ways we all experience loss; there are some losses we just cannot avoid but others we can do something about. Those unavoidable losses are all through our life. Some are necessary, we lose our baby teeth in order to gain our adult teeth (and an ever increasing levy by the tooth fairy.) Others are less welcome; we will have to say goodbye to grandparents, parents and then brothers, sisters and friends until our own time comes. Part of life's journey is learning to deal with these events.

Then there are the situations we could do more to avoid. Keep your fences and gates secure, keep an eye on what you are responsible for so it doesn't go missing and you then have to start searching. We have all played that fun game: "Where's the car keys!"

Much more damaging to us and the focus of the parable we know as the Prodigal Son is the loss of contact, the loss of relationship with someone we love. It can happen in many ways, it may be in a deliberate way as we see in the parable. Often it just happens in small steps that we don't notice and there we are, a relationship we once had has been lost. Once broken we can find it hard to mend. We find it incredibly hard to own up to our part in the fracture and seek reconciliation. That could be because we expect the response, the refusal to reconcile, displayed by the older brother.

Our relationship with God can also get lost along the way. We see this writ large as the people of Israel journey out of Egypt. They lose heart and lose faith and we find Moses pleading with God to have mercy upon them. Thankfully for us God, the loving Father, is always waiting for us with open arms when we appear on the horizon, heading towards him and wanting to make a new start.

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*Deacon Shaun McGee*

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## General Notices Around the Partnership

Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass: 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.

To all Confirmation candidates: Our Confirmation preparation programme for 2022 will be launching soon. We would ask all potential candidates from Year 10 and above, and their parents, to attend one of two meetings that will be held to launch the programme, register the candidates, and provide details concerning the times and venues for the preparation sessions and the other elements of the programme. These meetings will take place as follows:

7pm Saturday, 17 September 2022, at All Saints Church, Lanchester.

or 7pm Sunday, 18 October 2022, at St. Patrick's Consett.

RCIA – Journey in Faith: Are you wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Please see information below.

*Parishes of St Mary's, Blackhill and Our Lady of the Rosary, Shotley Bridge:* please contact Fr Tom McHale at St Mary's Blackhill on 01207 502320.

*Parishes of St Patrick's, St Pius and Our Lady and St Joseph's:* are starting RCIA / Journey in Faith on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at St Pius X Church, Moorside where we will meet from 6.45pm until 8.30pm. Anyone interested should contact the parish office at St Patrick's Consett on 01207 502196. or, explore the Catholic Faith online please see information below.

St Bernadette Relic Tour: The Relics will arrive at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 at 11.00am and will leave on 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 11.00am. The reservation system is now open and can be accessed at: [stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/](http://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.

In addition the Relics are on display at Carfin, and we would like to invite Parishioners across the partnership to join us in a trip to Carfin on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The cost to travel to Carfin will be £18 per person. If you wish to go there is a sign up form at the back of St Patrick's Church and money must be paid as soon as name is given. Hurry only 10 places left on the bus.

CAFOD - Fix the food system: There are farmers in the UK who are looking at different ways to manage their land e.g. growing a variety of crops which can help with soil fertility rather than the monoculture which demands fertilisers and pesticides, often having to be imported;

grazing cattle with daily movements to a new pasture; restoring wetlands to encourage wildlife. Taken collectively these measures can go towards the problems experienced with St

Mary's Special Needs Club: A special Mass will be celebrated for our group on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm in St Mary's Blackhill. We'll be remembering those from our group who died during the 2 years of covid lock-down.

St Patrick's Church Hall Cleaner: St Patrick's Church Hall are looking for a Cleaner to work 6 hours per week. The role will include cleaning the hall and the kitchen. Applications in writing

addressed as: Cleaning Position, St Patrick's Presbytery, Victoria Road, Consett DH8 5AX Closing date by Friday 30th September 2022.

### Around the Diocese

#### Statement from Bishop Robert Byrne on the news of the death of Her Majesty The Queen

We have heard the very sad news that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth has died at Balmoral Castle. Our prayers, thoughts and condolences are with the Royal Family and with all those who mourn her passing..."

Bishop Robert will lead a Diocesan Mass at St Mary's Cathedral for the repose of the soul of the late Queen Elizabeth as well as a Requiem Mass on the day before Queen Elizabeth's state funeral. Details will follow on the Diocesan website as they become available.

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.

Days of Reflection: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: To be held at English Martyrs, Fenham, NE5 3JR on Saturday 25th September or St Michael's Houghton le spring DH5 8NF on Saturday 15th October 2022 10am - 4pm. The cost will be £15 per attendee (invoiced to the parish/individual as per request). Participants to provide their own packed lunch - tea/coffee will be provided. Please visit the [course page](#) and click on 'Register Here' to book your place, or contact the admin team. (Booking deadline: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September)

The Diocesan Church Music Association (DCMA): invite you to attend a short workshop led by Alison McLean (Director of Music at St Cuthbert's, Durham) and Paul Berry (Director of Music at St Mary's, Hexham) on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 3.00-5.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church, Durham, DH1 3HL. The workshop will explore new music for the communion procession. For more information about the workshop and to book your place, please visit the Diocesan website. Advanced booking is essential, please book by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/music-for-communion/>

Universe Catholic Weekly: We are happy to let you know that despite inflation rising to 10.1% that the **Universe Catholic Weekly** subscription will remain at the current price of £20 for 3 months or £80 for the year. We **guarantee** that there will be no increase at all until the end of this year. We hope you continue to enjoy your weekly read and don't forget your **10%discount** on everything (except subscriptions) when you order from our online shop. (**Use coupon code: SUB10 at checkout**).

### St. Mary's News

Collections: This week –Catholic Education      Next Week - Mission Sunday

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.

Cafod Collection: Amount collected for the emergency appeal for Pakistan raised £342.02. Many thanks to all who donated.

Sanctuary Candle: if you would like the Sanctuary candle to burn in memory of a loved one please contact the office. Cost £10.

## **St Patrick's News**

Collections: This week – Catholic Education      Next week - Mission Sunday

Lately Deceased: Joan Malpass, please pray for her and her family at this sad time.

Divine Mercy Devotions: Due to unforeseen circumstances the Divine Mercy Devotions will be cancelled resuming again on Thursday 22nd September at 3pm. Everyone is welcome.

Our Lady of Fatima: A Day for Our Lady of Fatima has been arranged for Saturday, October 22nd more details to be published soon. In connection with this event, the Devotion will continue on the following dates September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th and December 3rd after 10am Mass, in church with Rosary and prayers. All are welcome to join us.

Cafod Collection: Amount collected for the emergency appeal for Pakistan raised £636.53  
Many thanks to all who donated.

300 Club winners for August:

£20 No. 3 Wendy Simmons £10    No. 151 Flo Robson £10    No.12 Chris Richardson

300 Club: Payments are now being taken for the next 12 months. Please put your payment of £12 per year, per number in either cash or cheque and post through Presbytery letterbox asap. Cheques to be made payable to St Patrick's. The more members we have the bigger the prizes. Envelopes for payment can be found at back of church. For further information please contact one of the organisers, Clare 591842, Christine 504870, Josie 588718.

## **Our Lady and St Joseph's News**

Collections: This week – Catholic Education      Next week - Mission Sunday

Thank you: for your kind donations to the CAFOD special collection for Pakistan. The amount raised was £325. Thank you to St Patrick's Consett for the bag of small change and copper donated to help raise funds for the People's Kitchen in Newcastle, your support is much appreciated.

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.

## **St Pius X News**

Collections: This week – Catholic Education      Next week - Mission Sunday

Cafod Collection: Amount collected for the emergency appeal for Pakistan raised £145.60.  
Many thanks to all who donated.

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 26th September.

Consett Lions Raffle Tickets: now on sale in the Porch after Mass. Please see Eleanor Glasgow.  
£1 a Ticket. £5 a book.

## **Our Lady of the Rosary News**

Collections: This week – Catholic Education      Next week -Mission Sunday

Cafod Collection: Amount collected for the emergency appeal for Pakistan raised £96.19. Many thanks to all who donated.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

St Mary's: Kathleen Margaret Longhorn, Brian Winter, Hilda Ward, Pauline Smith, John Joseph Smith, Maurice Page, Eugene Clifford, Benjamin Townson, Theresa Kegan, Thomas Watson, Mary Thatcher, Catherine Waggott, Kathleen McCusker

St. Patrick's: Nancy McGurk, Sheila Campbell, David Agnew, Audrey Whales, Denis McNally, Lily Loughran, Alan Ramsden, Joan Holliday, Theresa Hudson, Maurice Rose, Peter Lockeron, Thomas Henderson, Yvonne Clare, Catherine Smith, Christina Scott, Ivan Wright, Mary Lydon, Alma Byrne, Denise Hunter, Winifred Gettings, Joseph Rennoldson

St Pius: Matthew Carter, Benjamin Townson

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Catherine Clark, Joseph Gill, Alby Allen, Kirsty Dixon

Our Lady of the Rosary: Hilda Mary Greash, Mary Underhill, Agnes Telford, Anne Robson, Margaret Healey, Elizabeth Haggon, Peter Paul Smith, Margaret Corr, Vincent Farrell, Maurice Paul, Denis McNally, Marian Golightly, Fr. David Condon, Jim Haggon, Bridie Walker

## **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, Penny Barron.

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, Patrick Lynch.

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

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