

25th Sunday of the Year - Year C - 25th September 2022



Lazarus Squared

There are two memorable figures named Lazarus in the New Testament. One is the poor man in Jesus' parable from this weekend's Gospel. When the rich man sees that he's doomed to suffer for eternity precisely because he spent his earthly life neglecting Lazarus and others like him, he begs Abraham to send Lazarus back from the dead to warn his brothers to be more charitable. But Abraham refuses, observing that, if all the warnings already given in the Law and the Prophets go unheeded, even someone rising from the dead won't make a difference.

This brings us to the story of the other Lazarus, who actually does rise from the dead—called back from the tomb by Jesus. And surely, if the Pharisees and Jesus' other enemies had open minds or hearts at all, this amazing miracle should have convinced them that he really was speaking for God. Sadly, just as Jesus prophesied in the parable, it made no difference. They weren't about to let Jesus undermine their position of authority and wealth. They weren't prepared to do the kind of work required to build the truly just and loving society that Jesus' Gospel called for. So, they simply refused to believe in the miracle and went ahead with their plan to silence Jesus by killing him.

Of course, as we know, Jesus, too, rose from the dead. But—even two thousand years later—have we taken God's message to heart any better than the Pharisees did? There are still a lot of poor people in our world suffering just like Lazarus from the parable. Are we doing anything to help them? Are we doing enough, personally, to avoid the rich man's fate?

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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.

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: Anyone interested should contact the parish office at St Patrick's Consett on 01207 502196.

Refresher Formation Session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: will be taking place this month at St Joseph's, Gateshead, NE8 1LX on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 7.00pm - 9.00pm. tea/coffee will be provided. More Information on notice board.

Carfin: Wednesday 28th September. The bus will leave at 8am from St Patrick's Church. We will travel to Carfin with a short toilet break on the way. Mass will be celebrated at 1.00pm. We will leave at 3pm and stop off at Gretna Retail Outlet for 45 minutes. There is food and drinks available at the Xavier Centre.

St Bernadette Relic Tour St Mary's Cathedral Newcastle 1st October 2022: All names have been taken and seats have been booked on the bus for the visit to St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 1st October. The bus will leave St Patrick's Church at 12.30pm we have reserved a viewing slot for 1.30pm. The bus will return back at 3.00pm. The cost is £6 per person return. If you could please put your payment in an envelope with your name on through the presbytery door. Thank you.

The chaplaincy at St Bede's: has started a Knit & Natter Club with year 7 students. Our aim is to create awareness for Alzheimer's and Dementia and create sensory lap blankets for parishioners in our parish communities. It would be wonderful if parishioners would like to contribute knitted squares of approx 20 stitches - they will be warmly received. Please leave finished knitted squares in presbytery at you local parish and they will be forwarded on. Also, can parishioners please keep our invitation to year 7 & 8 students to form a Youth SVP group in prayer please.

The Youth Ministry Trust Job Vacancies: The YMT are looking for an Administrator to cover for maternity leave and a Maintenance Person. Please contact admin@ymt.org for more information and an application pack.

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.

St Patrick's Hall Tabletop Sale Sunday 23rd October: St Patrick's Hall are having a tabletop sale on Sunday 23rd October at 12noon. Tables available at £15 per table (limited quantity). Refreshments available. If you want to reserve a table please contact Jim Walls on 07517 929658.

St Patrick's Hall Keep it Real Computer Course: Free course to help improve computer skills from the beginner to those wanting to learn a bit more. To be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10.45am till 12.30pm.

CAFOD's campaign: Fix the food system presents challenges in different ways, for people in poor countries like Zimbabwe and Bangladesh it can mean adapting to different ways of farming, for farmers in the UK maintaining soil fertility without using large quantities of imported fertilisers and pesticides and for us, the consumers reducing waste and buying local

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 ouronline shop. **(Use coupon code: SUB10 at checkout).**

St. Mary's News

Collections: This week – SVP

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.

Lately Deceased: Michael Corrigan please pray for him and his family at this sad time.

Sanctuary Candle: will burn In Loving Memory of Robert, Mary and Vincent Farrell and Mary Davison.

St Marys Children's Liturgy is BACK! We are pleased to inform you that Children's Liturgy is starting back up on Sunday 2nd October at the 9.30am Mass. It will then take place the first Sunday of the month, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming the children. Get the date in your diary, we can't wait to see you.

Caritas Hexham and Newcastle Fund: Publication of information regarding the charities supported by the fund can be found on the notice board at the back of church.

St Patrick's News

Collections: This week – Social and Welfare Fund

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 October 1st, November 5th and December 3rd after 10am Mass, in church with Rosary and prayers. All are welcome to join us.

300 Club: Payments are now being taken. 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. Envelopes for payment can be found at back of church. For further information please contact, Clare 591842, Christine 504870, Josie 588718.

Our Lady and St Joseph's News

Collections: This week – People's Kitchen

Collections: The collection for Home Missions realised £102. Thank you for your support.

Cemetery Fund: The fund is 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. 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. Another cheque for £150 has been sent, bringing the total contribution so far to £900. Thank you for your continued generosity.

St Pius X News

Collections: This week – Flowers

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 3rd October at 6.00pm. All are welcome.

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 – S.V.P.

ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: Edward Shannon, Amy Margaret Jones, Stuart Aitchison, Francis Connor, Teresa Morris, William Glancy, Catherine Akers, Lloyd Nixon, Christopher Dodd, Alice May Daly, Robert Sedgewick, Marian Golightly, Bridget Platt, John Luck, Joseph Malone, Robert Bell, Margaret Copeland, Ethel Maud Munro, Canon Francis Kearney, Sylvia Walters, William Norman Black, Mary Lisle, Thomas Edward Davis, James Clifford, Thomas Lisle, Mona McGuckin, Joseph Anthony Cattermole, Joseph MCCarte, Mary Bennett, John Edward Foy.

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:

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, Jean Walls.

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