

27th Sunday of the Year - Year C - 2nd October 2022



A Little Faith

The apostles in today's gospel are worried about their faith. Maybe it is beginning to dawn on them, how much strength they will need if they are to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth. Whatever the reason, they are feeling short on faith. So they say to the Lord, "Increase our faith." They are not confident that the faith they have is enough.

The apostles' fear is ours as well. When we look forward to the challenges we will have to face, the problems that lie on the horizon, how can we be sure that our faith will be strong enough to get us through?

Faith is not a thing, but a relationship with God. Like any relationship, it can grow stronger and deeper. When we entered into our relationship of faith in the Lord it was not fully grown from the start. Faith grows and as it grows it changes. Faith does not remain stationary, no more than any of our relationships remain stationary.

The good news is that in today's gospel Jesus tells the apostles that their faith need only be as big as a mustard seed. That will be sufficient. That makes today's gospel one of confidence and hope. If you are facing a crisis in your family, for which you can see no solution—a marriage coming apart at the seams, a child or a grandchild who has lost their way—Jesus asks to pull together just a little faith.

Sometimes we think that our faith has to be like that of Mary and the angels in heaven in order to cope with life. Jesus tells us today that it does not. Our faith need only be as big as a mustard seed. That will be enough, because God will make up the difference.

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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.

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 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: The Fix the Food System has been looking at different aspects of food both grown here in the UK, feeding people and waste, much part of Climate Change and CAFOD working with overseas partners. This week is Harvest Fast Day, a chance to show solidarity with the hungry across the world by giving up a treat or eating a simple meal and bringing the money saved to next week's collection.

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).**

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: Helping you get the 'big picture' of the Bible in an eight week course. £35 for the course book. If you are interested please put your name on the list at the back of St Patrick's Church Consett.

Tea on Tuesday: Come along and join us on Tuesday 4th October 2pm at St Patrick's Church Hall for Tea, Coffee and cake bring your friends as there will be bingo and a raffle too everyone is welcome.

Around the Diocese

Vocations Enquirers Evenings: The Vocations Team extends an invitation to men aged 18+ who might be thinking about a vocation to the Priesthood to an enquirers evening. We start at 6.00pm with a period of prayer, talk/discussion, followed by a meal together finishing around 8.00pm. The evenings will take place at the Cloister Cafe, St Mary's Cathedral Newcastle on Tuesday 25th October and Tuesday 6th December 2022. If you would like to attend, or for more information please contact the Promotions Co-ordinator - Father Shaun Purdy vocationspromoter@hiocesehn.org.uk or by telephone 01670 812 200.

St. Mary's News

Collection: Next week: CAFOD Family Fast

CAFOD Family Fast Day: on Friday 7th October. Please place your offering in the envelope and put on collection plate on Sunday 9th October.

Lately Deceased: Pauline Toner, please Pray for her and her family at this sad time.

Sanctuary Candle: Will burn In Loving Memory of Danny, Liza and Joe Hagan.

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.

St Marys Children's Liturgy is BACK! We are pleased to inform you that Children's Liturgy is back today. It will then take place the first Sunday of the month, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming the children.

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.

300 Club Winners September: £20 – (218) Mrs Cassidy, £10 - (61) Mrs Edwards, £10 – (40) M Robins, £10 – (187) M Richardson, £10 – (187) J Anderson.

St Patrick's News

Collections: This week: Social and Welfare Fund Next Week: CAFOD Family Fast

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: Last chance to join the 300 Club. 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 Next Week: CAFOD Family Fast

Lately Deceased: Clara Ann Brunton please pray for her and her family at this sad time.

Collections: The final total for the cemetery fund is £790. Thank you for your help in raising funds to support the work of keeping Brooms Cemetery in such good order.

Retiring Collection: Last week's collection for The People's Kitchen realised £150. Thank you for your generosity. This is a separate collection and not part of our ongoing parish support for the charity.

People's Kitchen: Thank you for your continued donations of coppers and small change which is forwarded to the People's Kitchen in Newcastle. Your donations can be deposited in the named tin at the back of church.

Pie & Pea Supper: Friday 28th October at Leadgate Cricket Club 7.30pm. Tickets £3 each money raised for Our Lady & St Joseph Brooms Church Funds.

St Pius X News

Collections: This week: Flowers Next Week: CAFOD Family Fast

Benediction and Evening Prayer: Wednesday evenings 5.45 - 6.45pm

Holy Rosary Hour: Last Monday of the month. The next one is 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

Collection: Next week: CAFOD Family Fast

ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: Joseph Anthony Cattermole, Joseph MCCarte, Mary Bennett, John Edward Foy, Hannah Conney, Philip Murray, John Storey, Marjorie Carey, Richard Benedict Breslin, Mathew Storey, Lenny Guy, Malcolm McAloon, Catherine Norton, Hilda McCusker, Hugh Toner, Lily Clifford, Louise Chivers, Rose Ellen Cullerton, Ian Stuart Waites, Rose McCarte.

St. Patrick's: Madge Davis, Richard Harrop, Nancy McCourt, Mary Hogg, John Andrew Boyle, Hannah Conney, Michael Slee, Elizabeth Burns, John Lee, Margaret Hughes, Dennis Smith, Annie Rowell, Jimmy Hagan, Kevin Curley, Kitty Westgarth, Bryan Woods, Sheila Gibson, Terry Carr, Jane Pratt, Terence Sewell, Maria Rodrigues, Horace George Burr, Marie Rafferty, Michael Byrne, Joseph McKenna, Mary Wilson, Philomena Lee.

St Pius: Martha Bushby, Sylvia Patricia Merton, Alvena Murphy, Bernard White.

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

Our Lady of the Rosary: John Wilfred Smith, David Bradley, Neil McKie (snr), Desmond McNally, Alice Bell, Bill Storey, Jenny Clark, John Jack 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, Ged Hester.

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