

33rd Sunday of the Year - Year C - 13th November 2022



The end of time

At this time, the Church invites us to think about the end of time. The world, in which we live is only temporary, our life in this world will not last forever. The plans we make must always take our final destiny into account.

As the COP 27 talks get underway in Egypt we are being warned that unless we take action on climate change we will face devastation and destruction, suggesting our final destiny might be getting closer than we think. Are we ready for the end of time, which the readings this weekend invite us to consider?

In the gospel Jesus is in Jerusalem, near the end of his public life, with his disciples awestruck at the beauty of temple in front of them, yet Jesus warns them "All these things you are gaping open-mouthed at now the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed,"

St Paul rebukes the disciples for waiting for the coming of Jesus in judgement to stop being idle and continue to work for the kingdom. The first reading from Malachi also focuses on the end of time coming, burning like a furnace.

There is only one effective way to prepare for the end of time: to live each day at a time, in the company of Jesus. We do not prepare for the end by guaranteeing our future but by living fully with God, and, for God at every moment of every day.

Then, no matter when Jesus calls time on us, we will be more than ready.

We will meet together, not as strangers, but as dear and intimate friends who know each other well.

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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.

Partnership - Sacrament of Reconciliation: 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.

Hospital Chaplain: Fr Paul Tully, tel: 01388 818544/ 0191 3332183. Please telephone the chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit.

Mass Intentions: Please be aware that up to Christmas we are currently fully booked for Masses in all five parishes and when a Requiem Mass is held we most often need to cancel the Mass intention booked for that day and transfer it to the nearest vacant date. If you have a query about a Mass intention please contact Margaret at St Mary's on 01207-502320.

Love Christmas 2022: Envelopes for donations will be available at the back of our Churches from the weekend of 13th November. Once again we will be reaching out to show love to those at the margins of our community.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal: If you are hoping to contribute to the appeal this year, Your Move estate agents in Consett have agreed to act as the drop off point for completed shoeboxes. They are already accepting shoeboxes and will continue to do so until mid-November.

St Bede's Quiz & Bingo Night: A group of students from St. Bede's are hoping to go to Lourdes in 2023 and, in order to help raise funds, are holding a Quiz and Bingo night at St Mary's Church Hall on Saturday 19th November. Doors will open at 6pm for 6.30pm start. Tickets (including the cost of quiz entry and light refreshments) are £5 per person and are available now from Isobel English at St. Mary's Blackhill, Christine Byrne at St. Joseph's Stanley, or directly from St. Bede's School.

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'.

A Celebration for Christmas: We are delighted to announce that St Joseph's Church will be hosting the Ushaw Chapel Choir on Saturday 10th December from 7-8pm for A Celebration For Christmas. Tickets available to purchase from St Joseph's Parish Office. Adults £5 and Children (6-16 years) £2. We hope you join us for what promises to be a most memorable evening. The retiring collection will be for Father Dermott Donnelly's charity Significance.

Around the Diocese

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Can you help the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year? We need nurses, healthcare assistants, doctors and volunteers to provide care to the assisted pilgrims who travel with us. Previous helpers have found it is a rewarding and spiritually uplifting week. We plan to travel on Friday 28th July. If you would like to find out more information please email or look at our website

<https://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk/> or email lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk

HOLY ISLAND VINNIES CAMP 2022-23 URGENT APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS: Have you got some time spare to help out our Term Time Camp? We urgently need volunteers to work in the kitchen or do a bit of cleaning/ caretaking at Holy Island Camp, washing dishes, serving food and clearing /cleaning the dining hall. Commitment involves training, a DBS check and the choice of anything from a few days to a week helping on the beautiful island itself. We also need volunteers to work as part of a team of helpers to supervise and look after children, All roles can be applied for, on line at <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/>

Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following permanent vacancies: **Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Chester le Street** – 6 hours per week Closing date for applications: 18 November. **Cleaner, St Cuthbert, North Shields** - 3 hours per week. Closing date for applications: 24 November. **Parish Secretary, St Charles, Gosforth** – 12 hours per week. Closing date for applications: 30 November. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301

First Friday For Life: Bishop John Keenan, St Mary's Cathedral, Paisley is asking us to join him in fasting and prayer on every First Friday for the next 9 months, to protect the unborn child, to help promote the pro-life movement and to build a society with an authentic culture of life.

Prayer Vigils at Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre: A short monthly prayer vigil has been held on the first Sunday of each month at 3 pm outside the barrier to Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre since August 2021 co-ordinated by the Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council. This is an opportunity to give witness and pray for the women detained there. You are very welcome to join us there or to pray with us from home. The address of the centre is Corbridge Road, Medomsley DH8 6QY .Future dates planned are December 4th, February 5th, March 5th (there will not be an in person vigil in January). For more details including a copy of the prepared liturgy please contact Liz Archibald at lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com

Caritas: Social Action Network, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

St. Mary's News

Collections: This week – None

Next week – Catholic Youth

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.

Sanctuary Candle: this week the candle will burn In Loving Memory of Michael Corrigan.

Light A Light On The Christmas Tree: If you would like a light in memory of a loved one 'cost £2' please put the name of the person and the donation into an envelope and hand into office or contact Joan Devaney.

Lion Club Raffle: list of winners on notice board at back of church.

St Patrick's News

Collections: This week: Clergy Training Fund Next Week: Catholic Youth

Recently Deceased: Audrey Bewick. Please Pray for her and her family at this sad time.

Our Lady of Fatima Devotion: In connection with the Fatima Visitation, the Devotion will continue on the following date December 3rd after 10am Mass, in church with Rosary and prayers. All are welcome to join us and any help on the day would be greatly appreciated.

Advent Quiz: To be held on Saturday 10th December from 7.30pm at St Patrick's Church Hall: Over 16's only. 6 Players per team £2.50 a head. Please note only drinks bought at the bar may be consumed. Email: ted_young27@hotmail.com (underscore between 'd' and 'y') to book a team. Teams from all Partnership Parishes are Welcome.

People's Kitchen: The People's Kitchen supports homeless and vulnerable people and helps fight hunger and loneliness for locals in need. They might be at risk of homelessness, unemployed, lonely or living in poverty. For people who experience these difficulties. Your donations can be deposited in the cream urn at the back of the church.

Calling all Knitters: This year we hope to distribute knitted/stuffed stars to parishioners for them to hang on a Christmas Tree Mantlepiece via an attached ribbon. Two patterns are available at the back of the church please be as creative as you like!.

Our Lady and St Joseph's News

Collections: This Week: Clergy Training Fund Next Week: Catholic Youth

The Priest Clergy Training Fund will continue until November 27th.

Recently Deceased: William Peter Johnson. Please Pray for him and his family at this sad time.

Collections: Last week's retiring collection for Church Flowers raised £68. Thank you for your generosity.

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 the church.

Reception Children - September 2023: If you or anyone you know has a child due to start school in September 2023, we would love to show our lovely new Early Years environment. It's a fantastic opportunity to meet with staff and ask any questions you may have. Please contact the school on 01207 503979 or email ourladystjoseph@durhamlearning.net to make an appointment.

Remembrance Sunday 13th November: We have cleaned and cleared the area around the War Memorial in the Church grounds. We have also had a brass plaque made with the poem that Lorraine Weightman wrote during lockdown honouring our soldiers. There will also be poppy crosses available (for a donation to the poppy appeal) after mass on Saturday if you wish to put them in the ground to pay your respects on Remembrance Sunday around the War Memorial.

St Pius X News

Collections: This week: Clergy Training Fund Next Week: Catholic Youth

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 28th November at 6.00pm. All are welcome. The Rosary will be said in Church every Wednesday at 10am.

Our Lady of the Rosary News

Collections: This week: None

Next Week: Catholic Youth

ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: Joseph Page, Clint Ronald Woodland, Theresa McCoy, Florence Teresa O'Hanlon, David Shotton, Michael Welsh, Thomas Beckham, Margaret Preston, Richard Kilion, Theresa Marie Morgan, John Francis Smith, Lillian Metcalf, David Walton, Mary (Polly) Brown, David Richardson, Mary Clarke, John Joseph Cheeseman, Andrew Dempsey, John Grant, Thomas Bell, Jane Roberts, Francis Gerard Rafferty, Sarah Corr, Jimmy Mulhearn, Kathleen Million, Francis J Routledge, Bill Gilliland, Florence Mary Siddoway, Mary Ellen Lawrie, James McCusker, Audrey Stobbs, Mary Kennedy, George Norman Sennett, Peter Longhorne

St. Patrick's: Dominic McGurk, Mary Theresa Stevens, Sheila Elder, John O'Neill, Catherine Rafferty, Catherine Connelly, Hugh Malone, Catherine Donaghy, Richard Forbes, Terry Burns, Mary Burnage, Mary Theresa Hughes, Joseph Raw, Flora Nimmons, Tommy O'Neill, Mary Donaghy, Alan Foley, Gerard Slavin, Moira Reed, Brian Rogan, James Fail, Thomas Kerr, Ellen Parker, Nancy Collins, John Harpin, Stephen Fenwick, John Haggon, Bill Kennedy.

St Pius: James Clark, Thomas Murphy, Athena Rose Osborne, Patricia Pipe, Bill Robson, Ray Watson, Edward Young.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Ged Doughan, Sydney Fountain, Norman Henderson, Laura Mallon.

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, Ged Hester, Terry Curran, Peter Doherty, Jakob English, Catelyn Howe.

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, Seamus Doran.

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, Jade Telford.

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

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