

12th Sunday Of The Year - 25th June 2023



Be not Afraid

“Do not be afraid!” These words from Jesus in today’s Gospel, should be a source of reassurance for all of his followers. These same words were echoed by St. John Paul II at his inaugural homily as Pope. He said: *“Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power. Help the Pope and all those who wish to serve Christ, and with Christ’s power, to serve the human person and the whole of mankind. Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ.”*

As followers of Christ, it is easy to succumb to various fears. The fear of financial burdens, family crises, health complications, as well as the spiritual fear of not being a “good” enough disciple. It is to these fears and more, that Jesus, and St. John Paul II says, to be not afraid.

But how do we fight these temptations of fear? We fight them through prayer and trust in God. Whenever fears or worries take hold of our lives, whenever we doubt the fruits or importance of our Christian lives, let us turn to him to prayer. It is in those quiet moments before the Lord, that he will slowly reveal his love for us, which *“casts out fear”* (1 John 4:18). Let us take a moment today to intentionally pray to God, asking him to fill us with greater trust in his goodness.

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Deacon David Westgarth

Deacon Shaun McGee

Deacon Chris Callan

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.

Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2023: The annual pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place from Friday 18th to Monday 21st August 2023 The cost will be approximately £310.00 standard and £360 ensuite. Apologies for the late notice (due to hospitals etc.). Because I am late with the notice, could those wishing to take part in the pilgrimage please contact me Jim McArdle on 501938 as soon as possible. We have been offered a special deal so I need to give numbers quickly. A deposit of £70 is payable when booking your place. HURRY AND BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLY TWO PLACES LEFT

Listening Exercise Invitation: Archbishop Malcolm would like to invite you to attend one of the three Initial meetings dates and venues below. All venues are from 7pm - 8.30pm.

- 1) 11th July at St Bede's RC Church hall, Bedlington, NE22 5TZ
- 2) 12th July at St Michael RC Church hall, Houghton-Le-Spring DH5 8NF
- 3) 13th July at the Catholic Church of the English Martyrs and St Peter and Paul's, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 9BY.

Saints of the Eucharist Exhibition: To coincide with the Feast of Corpus Christi (and the weeks after) there is an exhibition at St. Patrick's Church of Saints associated with the Eucharist. It is made up of reflections on certain Saints written by seminarians of Hexham & Newcastle diocese and illustrated by Fr. John Bagnall. Please visit this exhibition if you haven't already and pray for seminarians Paul Kilduff and Endre Kormos who will be ordained to the priesthood in Hexham & Newcastle diocese on July 8th at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle.

Family Day Trip to South Shields: This Saturday 1st July leaving at 10.30am from St Patrick's Consett then picking up from St Mary's Blackhill. Returning at 5.30pm. We hope you enjoy your day.

Tea on Tuesday: Come along and join us on Tuesday 4th July 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

A Day for Catechists: A Day for Catechists is to be held on Saturday 15th July 2023 10am - 3pm at St Robert of Newminster Catholic School, Washington NE38 8AF Are you involved with Baptismal Preparation, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Marriage Preparation, RCIA, Children's Liturgy or other faith sharing initiatives? Whether you are a seasoned catechist or just considering becoming one, we want you to join us. We will be sharing key principles from the New Directory of Catechesis and affirming good practices, as well as providing new ideas

and inspiration. Individuals and parish groups are welcome. To register your interest/book a place, please visit bit.ly/DHNDOC23. refreshments are included, please bring a packed lunch.

Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy:

Senior Administrator, Dept for Safeguarding Diocesan Offices, full-time. Closing date: 26 June.

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

Vocations Discernment Evening: planned for Tuesday 18th July is cancelled.

Little Sisters of the Poor Summer Fayre: There will be a Summer Fayre at St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor), Westmorland Road, Newcastle on Saturday 1st July from 1pm-4pm. All are welcome.

Vocations Discernment Evening: planned for Tuesday 18th July is cancelled.

Invitation to Emmaus Youth Village Open Day You are warmly invited to the Emmaus Youth Village on **Saturday 1st July** for a unique opportunity to learn about our new initiatives and redevelopment plans. The day is also a celebration, remembering Fr Dermott Donnelly's significant ministry on the first anniversary of his death. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm by Bishop Emeritus Seamus Cunningham and young attendees will share inspiring stories about the impact of Fr Dermott's ministry. With a barbecue, a bar and music entertainment, it's bound to be a fantastic day out! Barbecue tickets: £10 (free for children under 16). Proceeds for the day will support Fr Dermott's charity "Significance," ensuring his work continues. Please confirm attendance for the Mass and/or barbecue tickets. Accommodation can also be booked. Contact: admin@ymt.org or 01207 592244.

CAFOD are hiring: Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, by working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle? Are you good at inspiring and working with volunteers? Then you might like to become our Community Participation Coordinator. Click the following link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested. Closing date 25 June 2023: [CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator Hexham and Newcastle](#)

Minsteracres

Walking Retreat: 3 Day Residential walking retreat from Tuesday 4th – Thursday 6th July 10.am – 5pm. Cost £175

Rosary Rally: Saturday 12th August 10am – 2pm. Donations welcome

Book online email info@minsteracres.org or call 01434 673248.

St. Mary's News

Collection: Next week – Peter's Pence

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.

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

Sanctuary Candle: If you would like the candle to burn in memory of a loved one please contact the Parish office

Little Sisters of the Poor: Thank you for the donation of £396.27 taken at the recent collection.

Welcome Thursday: The church hall will be open from 10.30am on Thursday's for anyone to pop in for a coffee after Mass. Lunch from 12 noon normally consists of soup with fresh baked bread rolls, Corn beef pie, sausage or bacon sandwiches as well as cakes, biscuits, tea & coffee. Transport can be provided if needed. We are also looking for more volunteers.

Thank You: The family of the late Therese Dixon deceased would like to thank all who sent sympathy cards, Mass cards and attended her Requiem Mass which has helped her family through her sudden and unexpected death.

St Mary's Summer Fete: Sunday July 23rd 1pm. Donations please for Tombola (Bottles, Cakes, Bric- a- Brac but No Jumble). Ticket/Lottery. Help needed to look after stalls please see Jimmy. Box at back of church for donations.

St Patrick's News

Collection: This week - Day for Life Next Week - Peter's Pence

Lately Deceased: Bernard McGuinness and Stephen Breen. Please pray for them and their families at this sad time.

Divine Mercy Devotions: The Divine Mercy Devotions are held every Thursday at 3pm.

Used postage stamps: Any nationality is welcome. They are sent off and sold to help the Little Sisters in Newcastle continue their caring work. They can be left at the back of the church. Many thanks to the parishioners who are already donating stamps.

Our Lady and St Joseph's News

Collection: This week - Day for Life Next Week - Peter's Pence

Lately Deceased: Joan McNally. Please pray for her and her family at this sad time.

Collections: The collection for Day for Life totalled £133. 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 church.

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 the church. Thank you for your support.

Pie and Pea Supper and Bingo: Raised £726.73 on the evening thank you for everyone's support

St Pius X News

Collection: This week - Day for Life Next Week - Peter's Pence

Lately Deceased: Dorothea Cooke. Please pray for her and her family at this sad time.

Benediction and Evening Prayer: Wednesday evenings 5.45pm - 6.45pm

Holy Rosary: Will be held in Church on the last Monday of the month - next one Monday 26th June at 6pm.

Statue of Our Lady: Have the Statue of Our Lady in your home. Anyone interested in having the Parish statue in their home for a period of time please indicate your interest by placing your name and address on the list in the porch. When numbers are known a rota will be arranged together with the length stay in each home.

Our Lady of the Rosary News

Collection: Next week – Peter's Pence

Little Sisters of the Poor: Thank you for the donation of £78.55 taken at the recent collection.

ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: James McNally, Barbara Burns, Harold Worrall, William McGee, Frank Harrison, Leslie Hannant, Charles Johnson, Owen Longhorn, Ann Mulhearn, Joseph McElhone, Robinson Lenaghan, Francis Beard, Katie Cassidy, Monty Hopton, Rose Hopton, Janet Kennedy, Norah McBride, Ann Parker, Michael Outerside Leonard Corrigan, Irene McArdle, Ellen (Nell) McGough, Baby Megan Hobkirk.

Our Lady of the Rosary:

St. Patrick's: Jim Crozier, Rose Mary Moran, Roy Garvin, Ann Wall, Jerome Hillas, Patrick McNicholas, Michael Pearson, Vera Teasdale, Margaret Haggarth, Teresa Clark, Christopher Langdon, Agnes Fowler, Frances Ann Sloane, Mary Murray, Ned Joyce, Mary Graham, Jason Peter Thorpe, Charlotte Irwin, Martin Young, William Miller, James Edward Hunter, Bill Hunter, Maureen Hughes, Joyce Price, Clive Robson, Terry Dumigan, Catherine Ann Patterson.

St Pius: Charles Akers, Yvonne Carter, Alice Elizabeth Collins, James Creegan, Robert Glasgow, Joseph McElhone, William McGee, Rosemary Murphy, Thomas Murphy, Catherine Nixon, Rosemary Murphy, Thomas Murphy

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Charles Cullen, Ralph Wilks, George Fountain, John Clark, Rita McCabe, Pat Matthews, Rosa Matthews, Kenneth Lowerson, Fr. Michael Keoghan, Marie McShane, Mary Bell (nee Grogan).

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, Ged Hester, Terry Curran, Peter Doherty, Jakob English, Catelyn Howe, Ann Hester, Betty Wears

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, Andrew Bates, Patrick Lynch, Jean Walls, Seamus Doran and Sienna Jane McNestry

St Pius: Ivy Agnew, Joseph Agnew, Gerry Akers, Marie Atherton, Martin Daly, Rita Daly, Keith Elliott, 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