

14th Sunday Of The Year - 9th July 2023



Come To Me

Jesus was a man of the people. Today's Gospel reminds us how he cherished ordinary people. Those ordinary people had no status in the eyes of the movers and shakers of the world. They coped daily with the complexities of survival. Those ordinary people were open to change. They carried no torch for the ruling status quo. They were the salt of the earth and Jesus told them so.

The Lord welcomed and continues to welcome all who bear burdens too heavy to carry alone. "Come to me", he invites. The image he gives is powerful. Oxen and strong farm animals were yoked together to pull ploughs, carts and much else. He invites us to be yoked with him so that we don't have to do the work on our own. He takes the lead, like an experienced animal linked with a younger one. "Learn from me", he says, watch what I do. You're not on your own.

Jesus also says, "Be gentle, be humble". Can we be gentle with ourselves and one another? Can we be humble, accepting our neediness as well as our strengths? We still have a lot to learn. It's his main request - learn from me, follow me, you're a disciple, a learner, a student.

Jesus doesn't walk too fast for us. We need to try and stay with him. We need to try to stay with the Gospel. Hear Jesus talking to you, personally. Feel the gentle and humble man of the people, the Son of God. Live with his words and apply them to you. Let him teach us.

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Deacon Shaun McGee

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General Notices Around the Partnership

From Deacon David - RETIREMENT: This weekend I celebrate my thirteenth anniversary as a Deacon, and this year also marks 60 years of service to St Patrick's since becoming an "Altar Boy" at the age of ten, in 1963.

After a long period of soul-searching, prayer and discernment I have decided that now is the right time to step back and as a result I tendered my resignation to Archbishop Malcolm during May and which was accepted a few weeks ago.

I have advised both Fr John and Fr Tom that from the end of August I will retire from active service as a deacon.

I would like to place on record my thanks and appreciation for all your help, support and prayers over the years, especially the last 13 as Deacon.

Although retired, through Ordination I will always be a deacon, but not active, however, I will remain available to help and support our priests as and when necessary.

When I was ordained the congregation acclaimed "Thanks be to God" so I think now is the right time to go before that acclamation changes to "Thank God".

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.

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.

Partnership Holy Island Trip: Saturday 5th August picking up at 9am Leadgate (main street bus stand), 9.10am Moorside (St Pius church), 9.20am Consett (John street), 9.30am Blackhill (St Mary's church) and 9.35am Shotley Bridge (bus stand on main street). There's also a sign up sheet at the back of the church. Places are £11 per adult/£5 for children. First come first served.

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. Only 3 places left please let me know as soon as possible.

Pray to end abortion: Don't lose hope in the power of prayer 'Abortion Recovery Care Helpline (ARCH)' 0345 6038501

Items for Newsletter: If you have an Item to go into the newsletter please send no later than Thursday morning. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Around The Diocese

Days of Reflection and Liturgical Formation Courses Autumn 2023:

DAYS OF REFLECTION

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

23 September | 10:30am-3:00pm | St Joseph's, Gateshead

Liturgical Leaders of the Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion (Lay Leaders)

7 October | 10:30am-3:00pm | St Joseph's, Gateshead.

COURSES

New Readers of the Liturgy of the Word

Commencing 9 October | 2 sessions | St Aidan's, Benton

Liturgical Leaders of the Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion (Lay Leaders),

Commencing 26 October | 6 sessions | St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne.

The Church's mission – an event with Cardinal Tagle: The Church has a mission but what is it?

And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for

evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and was President of Caritas International (a global network of Catholic relief and development agencies) and is a fantastic speaker. We invite you

to join us online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation** in

which Cardinal Tagle will speak on the Church's mission and the fundamental links between

evangelisation (sharing Christ and his Good News) and social action. **14 July 7:00-8:30 pm**

Please go to www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation for more information and to book a

place for this webinar hosted by CAFOD.

Minsteracres

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

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

Walking Retreat: Saturday 19th August 2023 10am – 5pm. Cost £15. Walking around the beautiful countryside around Minsteracres for seven to ten miles making time for prayer and reflection.

St. Mary's News

Collection: This week – Stella Maris Next week – SVP

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. This week the candle will burn 'In Loving Memory of Joanne Storey and Dms of Storey and Hannah Family'.

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 consisting 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

St Mary's Summer Fete: 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 - Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)

Recently Deceased: Frederick McAloon. Please pray for him and his family 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 – Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)

Collections: The collection for Peter's Pence totalled £202. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Brooms School Summer Fayre: We are holding our Summer Fayre at Brooms School on Monday 10 July 2023 from 2.15pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for the whole community to come together and have some fun whilst raising funds for our school. We would love it if members of our parish could join us to make it a real community event.

Thank you: The family of Joan McNally would like to say thank you to Fr John for conducting such a lovely requiem service for their mother last Friday and reading the eulogy on our behalf. Thank you to the organist and altar server. Also thank you to all friends and family who came to the funeral and for the generous donations which raised £400 for the Marie Curie Nurses.

St Pius X News

Collection: This week – Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)

Polish Mass: Will be held this Sunday 9th July at 1.00pm.

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

Holy Rosary: Will be said in Church on the last Monday of the month. The next one will be on Monday 31st July at 6pm.

100 Club June Winners: £30 Charlie Smith £20 Maureen Collins £10 Maureen Elliott

There are still some numbers available if you are interested please see Christina Parkin.

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: John Athey, David Wainwright, Sister Bernarde, Hazel Richardson, David Oliver, Irene Mary McDonald, Robert Eccles, John Carney, Thomas Seaton, Helen Swan, James McKenna, Nellie Lynch, Esme Winch, Irene Worrall, Mary Ward, Patrick O'Hanlon, Celia Dempey, Anthony Gerard Loughran, Edwin Tyerman, Joseph Campbell, Michael Murphy.

Our Lady of the Rosary: James Dixon, Gerry Corr, Larry McKie, Ellen Clifford, David Barron, Vincent Robson.

St. Patrick's: James Crozier Snr, Josephine Darroch, Matthew Hall, John Westgarth, Jordan Graham, Molly Glancy, Arthur McArdle, Margaret Calvert, Joe Conroy, Theresa Hutton, Maurice Byrne, Mary Hannant, Mary McArdle (Burns), Bernadette McGurk, Ada Lister, Catherine Milner, Margaret Railton, Billy Pledger, Peter Harpin, Rita Hughes, John Crawley, Anthony Bough, Ann Dickinson, Malcolm Wright, Joanne Storey, Andrew Rowlands, John Bell, Marjorie Whitton, Elizabeth Carr, Mary Innes and Vincent Vallely, Thomas Williamson, Hugh Thompson, Veronica Naisbett.

St Pius: Mary Carney Snr., Helen Coultard (nee Daly), John Henry Glasgow, Marie Mohan, Richard Pinkney, George W Robb.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: June Williamson, Catherine Williamson, Paul Richardson, Teresa Toole, Peter Grogan, Billy White.

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, Fiona Bell.

Our Lady of the Rosary: James Baker.

St. Patrick's: Eileen Fish, Margaret Heslop, Anna Bradley, Martin Rogan, Cheryl Reilly, Judith Hindmarsh, Geraldine Donnelly, Andrew Bates, Patrick Lynch, Jean Walls, Seamus Doran, Sienna Jane McNestry, Fiona Bell

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