

## 20th Sunday Of The Year - 20th August 2023



### Perseverance in prayer

There will be times that will test our faith. Times when we feel our prayers are going unanswered. Sometimes we look at events taking place in our world and we ask the question; Where is God, how can he allow this to happen? What should our response be; do we have the faith to trust in God that his purpose will be fulfilled in our lives? When we have these doubts maybe we should revisit the story of the Canaanite Woman in this week's gospel.

She presented her request to Jesus not for herself but on behalf of her daughter who was sick. Jesus' answer was not a word, silence. The woman however was not silent and continued to shout and appeal to Jesus to listen to her and act upon her problem. His response was unexpected from one who had healed many people, who constantly showed compassion to the poor, who had raised the dead to life.

However, Jesus knew what he was doing, by firstly staying silent and then making seemingly provocative statements he was testing her faith.

The woman could have given up, left in despair but she didn't, she continued to press Jesus for healing. She entered into an argument with him. Her responses demonstrated she had great faith and, by persevering, and not giving up and walking away, her request was granted.

This passage tells us that every time we pray for something the answer is already on its way, even before we make the request. We just need to trust in God's timetable and infinite wisdom that he will answer us according to his will and purpose, not ours.

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## **General Notices Around the Partnership**

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.

RCIA – Journey in Faith: Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith? Are you wanting to deepen your understanding of Faith? Whether you are a practising Catholic, non Catholic, or just curious about Jesus. The above course could be for you!

For St Patrick's, Our Lady and St Joseph's and St Pius we are starting on Thursday 7th September at St Pius X, Moorside where we will meet from 6.45pm until 8.30pm. Please contact the parish office at St Patrick's on 01207 502196.

For St Mary's and Our Lady of the Rosary please contact the parish office on 01207 502320 for further information.

Bible Study Group: This new group will meet on a monthly basis at St Pius X on a Monday evening at 6.30pm.

In Need of Support: If you are in need of support from the SVP Society please put your name and telephone number in a sealed envelope marked SVP and place it through the presbytery door. A member of the SVP will contact you.

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

Homes for Ukraine: Would you be able to open up your home to welcome people fleeing Ukraine? Please contact [www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk](http://www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk).

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

Charity Concert in aid of Church Clocks: The Lions Club of Consett are presenting a Charity Concert in aid of Consett Town Clocks (St. Mary's, Blackhill and Christ Church, Consett) featuring Consett Citizens Choir and artists with An Enchanted Evening of Songs from the Musicals and Movies. This will take place in St Patrick's Church Hall Consett on Friday 22nd September. 2023 at 7pm. Tickets £5 or pay at the door. Raffle and refreshments.

St Patrick's Quiz Saturday 23rd September: St. Patrick's Quiz will take place on Saturday 23rd September at 7.30pm in 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](mailto:ted_young27@hotmail.com) (underscore between 'd' and 'y') to book a team. Teams from all Partnership Parishes are Welcome.

Tea on Tuesday: Come along and join us on Tuesday 5th September 2pm at St Patrick's Church Hall for Tea, Coffee and cake bring your friends as there will be bingo and a raffle. Everyone is welcome.

## **Around The Diocese**

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries: Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries, (AFCM) Newcastle is organising a Youth Retreat with specific focus on 17-24 year old students who are embarking on the journey to Universities and Higher Studies. The 3-day residential retreat 8-10 Sept, 2023 held at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett DH8 9BA will be facilitated by AFCM ministers from

Birmingham. The retreat starts at 10am on Friday and wraps up at 4pm on Sunday. Please register your interest at <https://afcmuk.org/register/> or get in touch with Santhosh Joseph 07545-861400 or Deacon Alison Rebello 07931-136243 for more details.

### 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.

Rainbows Bereavement Support Great Britain (GB): is a well-respected National Charity which supports Children and Young People who have experienced a significant loss through death, relationship breakdown or any other Adverse Childhood Experience. Volunteers are needed to join the North East Team. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Ruth Higginbottom, Rainbows North East Secretary, on 01670 518546 or

[rainbows.northeast@btconnect.com](mailto:rainbows.northeast@btconnect.com)

### **St. Mary's News**

Collection: This 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.

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 Patrick's News**

Collection: This week - Social and Welfare

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

Used postage stamps: The Little Sisters of the Poor are very grateful for the used postage stamps. To date they have been able to donate over £20,000 to the Sisters which more recently has provided them with much needed funds. Many thanks to the parishioners who are already donating stamps.

## **Our Lady and St Joseph's News**

Collection: This week - Cemetery Fund

The collection for Social and Welfare, last week, realised £109. Thank you for your generous 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. Your donations can be deposited in the named tin at the back of the church. A deposit of £150 has been sent to the charity. Thank you for your generous support which to date totals £2,250.

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.

## **St Pius X News**

Collection: This week – Social and Welfare

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 28th August 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: This week – SVP

Next week: Flowers

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

St Mary's: Elizabeth Louise Elliot, Bryan Michael Dixon, Thomas Paterson James, Peter Grogan, Monty Hopton, Ellen Black, Rose Batey, John McKenna, Thomas Whitfield, Raymond Hanley, Arthur Robinson.

Our Lady of the Rosary: Patrick Healey (snr), Joseph Clifford, Margaret Bowery, Irene McKie, Fr. John F Gunning, Teddy McKie, Cassie McKie, John Rossi

St. Patrick's: Marie Campbell, Thomas Murray, David Lumley, Theresa Askew, Joan Butler, John P Sheekey, Mary Fortunato, Joseph Kileen, Elizabeth Quinn, Maureen Green, Anita Fulford, Sean Melody, Martin Jennings, Marie Therese Joyce, Aileen Marie Reilly, Larna Hobson, Gus McArdle, Andrew Hanson, Maureen Fox, Ronald Harris, Brian Murphy, Margaret Joan Furness, Oswald Johnson, Dennis McDonagh, Moira Dyer, Patricia Colburne, Kathleen Goldsmith, Rose McElhatton, James Stanyer, James Bramwell.

St Pius: James Bramwell, William Fairbairn, Mary Fortunato and William Young

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Noel Clarke, Mary Williamson, Betty Dodds, Jimmy Hayes, Kirsty Dixon.

## **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, Simon Quinn, Philip Robinson, Audrey Johnson, Ged Hester, Terry Curran, Peter Doherty, Jakob English, Catelyn Howe, Ann Hester, Fiona Bell, Cecelia Moore, David Urwin.

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.

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, Jade Telford.

Our Lady and St Joseph's: Sue Robertson.

**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