

## 22nd Sunday Of The Year - 3rd September 2023



### Salvation through the Cross

What does it really mean to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God? Did Peter really understand what this meant when he made his declaration in last Sunday's Gospel? Do we really understand what it means to believe in Jesus as Christ?

The Jews believed that the Christ, a descendant of the house of David, was going to be a great king in the tradition of David. The Christ's role was to set the people of Israel free. Jesus wanted to clarify what his role was. His role was indeed to free the people of Israel, and all the people of the world, not from any earthly power, but from the power of sin, making them children of God. This was not to be achieved by power and strength, but on the cross, through his suffering, death and resurrection.

To be a follower of Christ, we too need to take up our own cross: *"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me!"* There is no other way to salvation except through the cross.

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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 St Mary's 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

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 (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)

'Eucharistic Miracles of the World' Exhibition:The Association of the Eucharist will be hosting an exhibition about Blessed Carlo Acutis and his documentation of Eucharistic Miracles from around the world. The exhibition will be held at St Joseph's, Gateshead, NE8 1LX from Saturday 14 October to Saturday 28 October. On Saturday 14 October, Bishop Emeritus Séamus Cunningham will celebrate Mass to mark the opening of the exhibition; there will also be a guest speaker and a time of Adoration. More details about the launch day and timings to follow. Event details can be found at <https://bit.ly/DHNCarloAcutis>. Parish groups are welcome to attend.

Job vacancies: **Dept. for Education** Deputy Director of Education (Inspection) – Full-time, term-time. Closing date: 18 September. Senior Administrator – Full-time, permanent. Closing date: 11 September

**Vicariate for Faith & Mission** – Administrator – full or part-time, maternity cover. Closing date: 4 September. All roles are based in the diocesan Offices in Newcastle. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

Rosary Rally: A Rosary procession will be held on Saturday 7 October 2023 from St Joseph's Church, Gateshead to Northumberland Street, Newcastle followed by public Rosary in Northumberland Street. The day will start with First Saturday Mass and devotions at 11.00am at St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead (near to Gateshead Metro Station), then the Marian procession will start with a statue of Our Lady from the church at 12.30pm, walking over the Tyne Bridge before assembling in Northumberland Street to pray the Rosary starting at 1.15pm. All are welcome and anyone can join at any stage of the event.

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

Collection: Next week – Catholic Education

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.

300 Club Winners – August: £20 – (81) a Turnock, £10 – (36) B Hird, £10 – (131) P Andrews, £10 – (114) M McCoy, £10 – (158) A Spooner. Thank you for your support.

S.V.P. Monthly Conference Meeting: this Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 12 Noon.

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                      Next Week - Catholic Education

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

Welcome: To Fr Benneth Okeoma who will be saying Mass at 9.30 am on the 10th September.

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers for the following Roles

Parish Council: we meet on a monthly basis to discuss events and services for St Patrick's.

Finance: we are looking to expand our finance committee which meets twice a year where we discuss the finances for the church and make decisions on purchases and maintenance that is required.

Counters: we are looking for counters to count the Sunday Collection ideally to set up a rota on a Monday morning

Readers: to read on a Sunday morning training will be given and will be on a rota basis.

300 Club: Payments are now being taken for the next 12 months. Envelopes for payment can be found at the back of the church. For further information contact Clare 591842, Christine 504870, Josie 588718. Thank you to everyone who supported the 300 Club in 2022/23.

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.

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

Collection: This week - Social and Welfare    Next Week - Catholic Education

The collection for Church flowers realised £103. Thank you for your generous support.

Volunteers: We have a shortage of Readers among those people who regularly attend the Saturday Night Brooms Vigil. We would be grateful if you would like to volunteer as a Reader. Training will be given if required. See Fr John in person or telephone 01207 502196.

We are also looking to expand our finance committee which meets twice a year where we discuss the finances for the church and make decisions on purchases and maintenance that is required.

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.

Cemetery Fund: The fund is 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 News**

Collection: This week – Social and Welfare    Next Week: Catholic Education

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 25th September at 6pm.

300 Club Winners – August: £30 – (46) Sue McGee, £20 – (49) Lisa Elliott, £10 – (2) Fr John Bagnall. There are still some numbers available. Thank you for your support.

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 contacting Imelda Slane. 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 – Catholic Education

Monthly Morning Mass: will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 10am.

Collection for church flowers: raised £61. Many thanks to all who donated.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

St Mary's: Jean Smith, Jane Johnson, George Batey, Gerard McElhone, Hilda Eve Davis, Wilfrid Barry Britten, Patricia Bell, Robert Parkinson, Catherine Leighton, Ellen Hanlon, Helen Marie Murphy, Kathleen Comiskey, Jane Guest, Brian Patrick Lavery, Raymond McIntyre, Anne Robson, James Francis McGurk, Joseph Thompson, Jenny Welch, Mary Agnes Cudden, Thomas Donaldson, Marion Telford, Gerald Campbell.

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, Denis McNally.

St Pius: Billy Cosgrove, Hazel Cousins, Hilda E Davis, Arthur Donaghy, Jane Haughey, Ella Kerr, Margaret E Newton, Thomas Phillips, Gerard Pinkney, Paddy Thorpe, Nicholas Townson, Ann Watson, Jenny Welsh.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Hilda Mary Greash, Mary Underhill, Agnes Telford, Anne Robson, Margaret Healey, Elizabeth Haggon, Peter Paul Smith, Margaret Corr, Vincent Farrell, Maurice Paul, Denis McNally, Marian Golightly, Fr. David Condon, Jim Haggon, Bridie 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, 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, Sheila Henderson.

