

## 23rd Sunday Of The Year - 10th September 2023



Speak now or answer later...

A lot of the time, it may seem to us that our faith is a private, personal thing, and that our main objective in this world is to find the path of salvation for ourselves. Through following the teachings and example of Jesus, we can build up a good and close personal relationship with God. And then, when we meet him at the end of this life, we can have a confident hope that he will invite us to share in his everlasting life.

But this weekend's readings remind us that our faith also has an important collective dimension. In our Second Reading, St. Paul observes how vital it is, if we want to please God, that we keep his commandment to love others as we love ourselves. So, our faith—and our salvation—is not just something that's between us and God. If we're not loving others well, we're not loving God well. Indeed, our First Reading and our Gospel Reading make it very clear that, if we see other people going astray—doing evil or drifting off the path of salvation—we have a positive responsibility to speak out, and challenge them to mend their ways. They may not heed us. But, if we fail to make the attempt, God will hold us at least partly liable for their sins.

In this very materialistic culture, we probably all have people in our lives who are endangering themselves by neglecting their spiritual wellbeing. We may not want to confront them about this. But, if we are serious about trying to follow the example of Jesus, we should remember that he never hesitated to call people to conversion. And he didn't come to save himself. He came to save as many other people as possible.

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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: For St Patrick's, Our Lady and St Joseph's and St Pius began on Thursday 7th September at St Pius X, Moorside 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.

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 Mary's Convent Care Home: The Grandson of the late Bill and Chris Storey is trying to raise funds for the outside areas of St Mary's Convent in order to make the outdoor areas more accessible for the residents and will be doing a trek in the Himalayas in October. If you would like to sponsor him with a donation please go to [WWW.gofundme.com](http://WWW.gofundme.com) and search for 'St Mary's Convent Residential Care Home' where all the details are available.

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.

## **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.

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. 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: This week – Catholic Education      Next week - Mission Sunday

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.

Lions Club Town Raffle: Tickets will be on sale over the next few weeks £1 Ticket or £5 a book. Please could you take a few books for friends and family. Proceeds will go to parish funds.

### **St Patrick's News**

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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.

Church Hall - to help with social events making teas, coffees, waiting on tables and the bar.

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**

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The collection for the Social and Welfare Fund realised £110. Thank you for your generous support.

Recently Deceased: Bernadette McKenna and Sheila Imelda Henderson. Please pray for them and their families at this sad time.

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 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 church. Thank you for your support.

### **St Pius News**

Collection: This week – Catholic Education      Next week - Mission Sunday

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.

Discovering the Bible Course: Will begin on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Statue of Our Lady: 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: This week – Catholic Education      Next week - Mission Sunday

Monthly Mass on Tuesday: will be celebrated on Tuesday 12th September at 10.00am

## ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: Frank Kearney, Fr. Wayne Roxburgh, Kathleen Margaret Longhorn, Brian Winter, Hilda Ward, Pauline Smith, John Joseph Smith, Maurice Page, Eugene Clifford, Benjamin Townson, Theresa Kegan, Michael Joseph Corrigan.

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: Nancy McGurk, Sheila Campbell, David Agnew, Audrey Whales, Denis McNally, Lily Loughran, Alan Ramsden, Joan Holliday, Theresa Hudson, Maurice Rose, Peter Lockeron, Thomas Henderson, Yvonne Clare, Catherine Smith, Christina Scott, Ivan Wright, Mary Lydon, Alma Byrne, Denise Hunter, Winifred Gettings, Joseph Rennoldson, Joan Malpass, Mary Hutton, Dorothy Convery.

St Pius: Doreen Brown, Matthew Carter, Benjamin Townson.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Catherine Clark, Joseph Gill, Alby Allen, Ann Lucy, John Price.

## 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, Bob Parkin, Muriel Steele.

Our Lady and St Joseph's: Sue Robertson, Sheila Henderson.

### **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

### **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.'

### **Prayer For Ukraine**

O God in this time of violence. We call you to draw near.

Draw near to the people of Ukrainians.

Draw near to the terrified children.

Draw near to the terrified parents.

Draw near to those who have no where to go.

Draw near to the elderly, the infirm,  
the disabled, the displaced, the orphans.

Draw near to the care givers 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.