

30th Sunday Of The Year - 29th October 2023



Love until it hurts

One of the most commonly used words in today's culture is "love." It has become so familiar in our regular language, that people use the same word to describe their sentiments towards pizza, their pets, and their children. Clearly a different level of love exists between those three things, but this common use of the word, can slowly lead us to lose the meaning of love in its truest sense.

In the Gospel today, Jesus sums up all of the commandments into loving God with all our being, and loving our neighbour as ourselves. In order to fully love God and our neighbour, we need to remind ourselves what the true definition and expression of love is. Love is ultimately a sacrifice. It is willing the good of the other, which involves us foregoing our own interests for theirs.

St. Teresa of Calcutta beautifully says that for "love to be real, it must cost—it must hurt—it must empty us of self." As true followers of Christ, we should always keep this understanding of love in our minds, because Christianity is essentially a life of love. With this true understanding, we will not be surprised when we face difficulties or suffering in our ministry. Likewise, it helps us ask ourselves if we're being too comfortable in our generosity, and challenges us to give even more of ourselves. Let us seek to constantly serve God and our neighbour in our parish community, out of a deep love for them.

Fr Tom McHale

(except Monday)

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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 Is held every Thursday at St Pius X, Moorside from 6.45pm until 8.30pm. Places are still available. 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.

Mass Intentions: Just to remind parishioners that Mass intentions need to be requested at least three months beforehand, and at present there are no spaces available until after the new year in St Mary's, Brooms and St Pius with very few available in St Patrick's.

Alpha Course at St Teresa's: If you want to know more please email Helen at helenmargarethunt@gmail.com or lanchester.allsaints@rcdhn.org.uk for more information or check out the alpha website – www.alpha.org.uk To sign up please see the information at the back of Church

"Calling all knitters!: Christmas will be upon us before we know it! This year, there is a choice between 3 knitting patterns: Christmas Trees; Christmas Bells and Christmas Stockings. Be as creative as you like! If we get enough, we can share completed items with our parishioners who are in hospital, or in local care homes. You can collect free knitting patterns from Wendy.

Tea on Tuesday: Come along and join us on Tuesday 7th November 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. in the Parish Office. Many thanks". Maggie Quinn.

Around The Diocese

Vacancy: "The Emmaus Village are hiring staff to be part of our Catering Team. We have position for an Assistant Catering Coordinator and Kitchen Technician. For more information, please email admin@ymt.org or give us a call at 01207592244. Please also see our advert posted in your parish board. We look forward to hearing from you. Be part of a team that serves the young people of our Diocese for Without you we are Youthless"

Partnership Social Events

Partnership Christmas Lunch: Tuesday December 12th 12.30pm to be held at the Jolly Drivers, Leadgate £5 deposit per person on booking. 2 Courses £17.95 or 3 Courses £23.95. Menus are available (starter to be chosen when paying deposit) at the back of church along with envelopes which can be handed into the Parish Office at St Patrick's and St Mary's. Please Book Early Number of Places are Limited.

Book Launch Life Lines: Humorous Poems By Lorraine Weightman. The book launch is to be held at Consett Library on Thursday 2nd November 2pm onwards. Admission is Free and the nominated charity is Brain Tumour Research Biking Vikings North East.

Partnership Pantomime Consett Empire – Jack and the Beanstalk: We have made a block group booking at the Consett Empire for the Pantomime “Jack and the Beanstalk” on Friday 29th December Matinee at 3pm. Tickets are £13 each and are on a first come first served basis. Envelopes are available at the back of church and the full money must be paid before the space is booked.

St Mary's News

Collection: This week – Clergy Training Fund

Communion Visits: If anyone is aware of someone who is housebound 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.

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.

First Holy Communion Programme: If you have a child in the Parish who would like to join the programme please contact Collette on 07955 284076.

300 Club Winners: £20 - G Golightly (145), £10 - B Stobbs (250), £10 - J Quinn (149), £10 - P Pollard (174), £10 - A Spooner (158).

KKC - St Mary's Church Hall Blackhill: Presents 'The Men In Black' On Saturday 18th November at 7pm. Bar, Raffle, and Bingo. tickets £5.

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.

St Patrick's News

Collection: This week – Clergy Training Fund

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

Volunteers: Thank you to all the volunteers who have come forward to help in the various roles throughout the Church. We are looking for even more volunteers to enable us to have a rota so please let Fr John know if you can help in any way.

300 Club: LAST CHANCE 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

Christmas Fayre Saturday 9th December from 1pm: We would be grateful for any items to make our annual Christmas Fayre a success. We are particularly looking for donations of wines and spirits for our bottle draw, toiletries and gifts for the tombola and good quality (complete) new or used toys and games. Donations can be left in the box in the church porch or handed in to the presbytery on a Monday, Thursday or Friday 9am – 4pm. Cakes and baked goods for the cake stall can be brought on the day. Thank you.

St Nicholas Candles for the Holy Souls: Available in Church £3 each

Our Lady and St Joseph's News

Collection: This week – Clergy Training Fund
The collection for World Mission Sunday raised £209. 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. Thank you for your very generous support.

St Pius News

Collection: This week – Clergy Training Fund

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

Holy Rosary: Will be said in Church on the last Monday of the Month. Next one will be on 30th October.

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 – Clergy Training Fund

Readers: We are looking for volunteers to read at the Sunday Mass. Please contact Fr Tom.

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ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: Mary Toner, Margaret Black, Steven Black, Rose Ellen Agnew, Nicholas Boyle, Elizabeth Page, Peter Cassidy, Genevieve St Clare Clarke, Maureen Connor, Brian Mckean, John McDonald, Mary Croney, Toole, Kevin Boyle, Anthony Murray, Sheila Williams, Annie Kelly, Vera Longhorne, Mary Page, Edward McKie, Elsie Shannon, Ann Dodd, Christina Corr, Bridget Alderson, Alan Willis.

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: Dominic McGurk, Catherine Connelly, Hugh Malone, Catherine Donaghy, Richard Forbes, Terry Burns, Mary Burnage, Mary Theresa Hughes, Joseph Raw, Flora Nimmons, Tommy O'Neill, Mary Donaghy, Alan Foley, Gerard Slavin, Moira Reed, Brian Rogan, James Fail, Thomas Kerr, Ellen Parker, Nancy Collins, John Harpin, Stephen Fenwick, John Haggon, Bill Kennedy, Betty Mitcheson.

St Pius: Leonard Crawley, Sheila Gibson, Catherine Teresa Hall, Nancy McCourt, William McCurley, James Christopher Walker.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Ged Doughan, Sydney Fountain, Norman Henderson, Laura Mallon, Graeme Dimmick

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, Austin Lawrie.

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, Sienna Jane McNestry, Olive Robinson.

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.

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 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 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.