

33rd Sunday Of The Year - 19th November 2023



The Hard Yard

The central message at the heart of the Parable of the Five Talents we hear in Matthew's Gospel this week is very straightforward. Whatever gifts we have been entrusted with we need to use for a good purpose, God's purpose. If we do it well we will be rewarded. If we don't even try then we can expect deep trouble, eternal trouble. So it is worth paying attention to.

Our difficulties arise when we struggle to recognise our gift or, if we do, start thinking it isn't good enough compared to what others can do. That can then lead us to not trying at all to wasting our gift when we actually have a lot to give. We should do our best to overcome this tendency and instead find our own best way forward. This brings to mind a quote from that footballing philosopher Micky Quinn. Perhaps not the most athletic of centre forwards, he said: "I might not have been the fastest out on the pitch.....but I was quicker than anyone over one yard." Somewhere along the line he had found and worked on the thing he had that he could use to best effect.

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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.

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.

Life Lines: Humorous Poems By Lorraine Weightman. Book on Sale Now £5 Each with donations to the nominated charity Brain Tumour Research Biking Vikings North East.

Love Christmas: We will be running the Love Christmas campaign across the whole partnership this year. With the help of your generosity we aim to make Christmas a little bit better for those across our community who need a helping hand. There will be more information and collection envelopes available next week.

Around The Diocese

Vacancy: "The Emmaus Village are hiring staff to be part of our Catering Team. We have a 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"

Little Sisters of the Poor – Christmas Fayre: The Little Sisters of the Poor are having a Christmas Fayre at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle at 1pm-4pm on Saturday 25th November. All are welcome to attend.

"CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal: Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers."

Partnership Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024: We are planning a Pilgrimage to Lourdes for 2nd - 7th September for 5 nights full board staying at the Hotel Padoue, flying from Stansted Airport. We will be announcing an information meeting for those interested soon.

Lately Deceased: Francis Ronald Lovett (Ronnie). Please pray for him and his family at this sad time.

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

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 Next week – Catholic Youth

The collection of the Clergy Training Fund remains open until the end of November.

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. Thank you for your very generous support.

Parking: Please be considerate when parking your car on a Saturday Evening for the Vigil Mass as there is often a gridlock caused due to bad parking. Thank you.

Pie and Pea Supper and Bingo: To be held at Leadgate Cricket Club on December 8th 2023. Tickets cost £3 and are available at Brooms Church. Donations of prizes would be gratefully accepted.

St Pius News

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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 Monday 27th November 2023.

Parish Meeting: Tuesday 21st November at 6pm - To discuss plans for Christmas

Children's Liturgy: will start on the first Sunday of Advent - 3rd December

Our Lady of the Rosary News

Collection: This week - S.V.P. Next week – Catholic Youth

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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.

S.V.P. Sudan: Our monthly S.V.P. collection today is to be sent directly to 'SVP Baby Feeding Centres' in war torn Sudan. Thank you for your support.

Sea Sunday: thank you for your kind support of the work of Stella Maris through our Sea Sunday collection which raised £89.94.

ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: George Norman Sennett, Peter Longhorne, John Batey, (Baby) Shannon Cassidy, Mary Davison, John Toner, Shaun McElhatton, J.J. Welsh, James Donaghue, Annie McKenna, Dennis Rowan, Peter Walls, Susan Boyle, Ellen Kierman, Thomas Page, Philomena Jackson, Roseann Lavin, Ellen Willis, Joseph McKie, Margaret Higham, Mary Margaret Loughran, Jean Eva Hunter, John McGough, Sadie Seaton, Teresa Georgina McNally, Betty McArdle, John Corr, Rose Hodson, Elizabeth Joyce Gibson.

Our Lady of the Rosary: Anne Graham (nee Barron), Ted McKie, Annie Kelly, Lyndsay Morton, Ray Watson, Eileen Mary Carr (nee Nicholson), Joseph McKie, Mary Davison, Theresa Devlin

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: Michael Agnew, Alfred Bennett, Susan Boyle, James Clark, Gerald Clarke, Richard Forbes, Mary Hicks, Margaret Murphy, Thomas Murphy, Flora (Flo) Nimmons, Athena Rose Osborne, Patricia Pipe, Bill Robson, Ray Watson, Ella Willis, Joan Wray, Edward Young.

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, Mary Guy, Joan Sewell.

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

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.