

Our Lord Jesus Christ The King - 26th November 2023



Serving Christ through others

On this feast day of Christ the King, we hear the account of the judgement of the nations, where Christ will separate the sheep and the goats. Jesus clearly outlines what criteria he is looking for, in order to determine which side we fall into. This criteria boils down into love and discipleship.

Jesus says *“just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.”* He beautifully teaches us that when we serve the hungry, the stranger, the naked, the sick or the poor, we are not solely serving humans. Rather, we are serving Jesus himself. This is the extraordinary call of all Christians. We are called to share our time and gifts with those around us, and in doing so, display charity towards God himself.

We can choose to use our time in this life to be selfish, or to be generous to others. The *‘blessed’*, used their time here and now, to care for those in need. That is true discipleship, and we are called to do likewise. Let us take some time today to ask ourselves, how well are we living up to this call of serving the *“least of these brothers and sisters”* in our own parish community. There are many ways in which we can all contribute. How are we playing our part for Christ?

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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.

"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: This weekend we launch the 2023 Love Christmas campaign. It is across the whole partnership this year and collection envelopes are available in all our churches. 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. Last year, in 5 out of 10 of our parishes we raised over £2,400 and from this provided 39 "Love Christmas Dinner" bags, 8 "Love Christmas Hampers" to our Residential Care Homes; 13 toiletries gift bags for young people living in temporary accommodation, 11 gift bags for adults with learning needs and lastly, helped the mothers of 15 children in our local Women's Refuge with something extra for Christmas.

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.

Consett Citizens's Annual Christmas Concert: Sunday 10th December at 2.30pm in St Patrick's Church Hall. Followed by Festive Treats.

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"

"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 Social Events

Christmas Shopping Trip to York: On Thursday 7th December, a trip has been organised by St Joseph's, Stanley, to York Christmas Market (leaving 8.30am, various pickups). The cost of the trip is £15pp. If you would like to go, please contact St Joseph's Parish office 01207 299012

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.

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 the church and the full money must be paid before the space is booked.

Dick Whittington & His Cat: Invites you to St Patrick's Hall Consett for a Pre Christmas Pantomime 25th/26th November and 2nd/3rd December Tickets £9 each or Special Offer 4 Tickets for the price of 3. Telephone St Patrick's Hall 07517 929658 to book tickets.

Lourdes Fundraising: St Mary's Church Hall Saturday 9th December doors open at 6.00pm for St Bedes 6th form pupils. Quiz, Refreshments, Live Music. £5 Ticket.

St Mary's News

Collection: This week - Catholic Youth Next week – Advent Alms

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

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: This week the candle will burn 'In Loving Memory of John and Nell McGough and Dms of McGough and Smith Families.

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 or phone 07821601684.

Men In Black: Thank you to all who supported the 'Men in Black' show, a grand total of £758.40 was made for our K.C.C. funds. Also thank you to all who sold and bought tickets for the 'Lions Club Town Raffle'. We received a cheque for £752.50 as our share for St Mary's funds. A list of winners are posted on the notice board.

Christmas afternoon Tea: Monday 4th December. Tea, Raffle, Bingo > Live Music. Doors open 12.30pm Close 2.45pm.

Blessing of the Tree: Saturday 9th December at 4pm. In Hall afterwards 'Santa Claus' and refreshments.

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 - Catholic Youth Next week – Advent Alms

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

Lately Deceased: Margaret McArdle aged 91. Please pray for her and her 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. Volunteers to help on the day will be greatly appreciated.

Raffle Tickets are on Sale from this weekend.

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

Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to donate a Poinsettia plant to decorate Our Lady's Altar for Christmas, please leave it near OLA between **Wednesday 21st December and the morning of Saturday 23rd December**. Many thanks.

Red Boxes: We have recently banked £505.00 for this cause.

Our Lady and St Joseph's News

Collection: This week - Catholic Youth Next week – Advent Alms
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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.

Red Boxes: Recent collection has raised £850.00.

St Pius News

Collection: This week - Catholic Youth Next week – Advent Alms
The collection of the Clergy Training Fund remains open until the end of November.

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.

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

100 Club November Winners:

£30 Ann Warnaby (24) £20 Marie Thompson (35) £10 Margaret Alderson (79)

Poppy Appeal: An amount of £31.25 was raised by the Parish for this year's appeal.

Red Boxes: We have recently banked £338.00 for this cause.

Our Lady of the Rosary News

Collection: This week - Catholic Youth Next week – Advent Alms

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.

Lately Deceased: Joseph Walton. Please pray for him and his family at this sad time.

ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: Edward Ryans, Sheila Patricia Hoy, Martha Grimes, Margaret Grayson, Mary Murphy, Wilfrid Quinn, Jennie Winter, Kathleen Hillery, Gerard Irving, Clara Winifred Anderson, Veronica Bradley, James Daly, Jennifer Ann Gallagher, James McGee, Thomas Heslop, Ann Astin, John (Jacky) Byrne, Patrick Glancy, Eugene McArdle.

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: Molly Williamson, Catherine Boyle, John Donnelly, James Brown, Robbie Vallely, Cathy Lumb, Kathleen Page, John Rogan, David Cameron, Finbarr Taylor, Rose Jackson, Catherine McDonald, Teresa Winifred Rogan, Edward Patrick Murray, Doreen Donaghy, Maureen McCrory, Freda McNicholas, Terence O' Rourke, Eric Cheeseman, Laura McCann, Michael Shaw, Peter Crinnion, Michelle Johnson.

St Pius: Thomas Cooke, Thomas Creegan, Arthur Donaghy, Harry Graham, Marie Matthews, Gerald (Gerry) McArdle.

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.