

## 4th Sunday of Easter - 21st April 2024



### Help Wanted

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter is known as ‘Good Shepherd Sunday’ because, every year, we have a Gospel Reading on this day from Jesus’ Good Shepherd discourse in John’s Gospel. And, of course, Jesus definitely is the one master shepherd that all Christians need to look to for guidance. We must follow his teaching and example if we hope to stay on the path of salvation. As St. Peter says in our First Reading, Jesus’ name is the only name by which we can be saved.

At the same time, in our Second Reading, St. John reminds us that, as members of Jesus’ flock, we are all called to be like him ourselves. That is why this Sunday is also a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Although Jesus is the master shepherd—the one who came to save the whole world—even he never tried to do everything all by himself. He called his Apostles and other disciples to help him. And he was always recruiting. He urged his followers to pray that God the Father would send more labourers to share the work.

While we Catholics might tend to think of religious ‘vocations’ mainly in terms of clergy, or brothers and sisters in religious orders—and we **do** need more of those—the word also has a broader application. Each and every one of us is called to be a good shepherd to the people around us. We can all be like Jesus in the sense of sharing our faith with others and setting a good example by the way we live. Furthermore, if we see anyone in any kind of need, we have a positive responsibility to help them in whatever way we can. In praying for vocations, therefore, we should all pray, first and foremost, to be more attentive to our own calling.

***Fr Tom McHale***

(except Monday)

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***Fr John Bagnall***

(except Wednesday)

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***Deacon Chris Callan***

***Deacon Shaun McGee***

***Deacon David Westgarth (Retired)***

## 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.

Communion Visits: If anyone is aware of someone who is housebound, and who would like to receive Communion at home, please contact their parish priest Fr. Tom for St Mary's and OLOR and Fr John for St Patrick's, St Pius and The Brooms.

Mass Intentions: Just to remind parishioners that Mass intentions need to be requested at least '3 months' beforehand. If not using the Mass envelopes provided could you please remember to name the church in which you would like the Mass said.

Bible Group: To be held at St Pius from Monday 15th April at 6.30p.m.

St Teresa's Annfield Plain: 'Transfigure' - Holy Hour, Exposition and Private Prayer on Tuesday 23rd April at 7pm. All are very welcome to join us. Tea and coffee afterwards.

Date for your Diary: Holy Island - Saturday 27th July. More details to follow.

Carfin Grotto - Wednesday 15th May 2024: Pick up times will be as follows:

(7.15am) - Annfield Plain, opposite Tesco, (7.20am) - St Bedes school Lanchester,

(7.30am) - Leadgate Club, (7.40am) - Crown and Cross Swords Shotley Bridge,

(7.45am) - St Mary's Blackhill, 7.55am) - John Street Consett, (8.00am) - St Pius Moorside.

**Pilgrimage to Carfin now full.**

Kennedy Care Centre: 'Show Night' featuring top local artists, The Seymour Sisters, on Saturday 11th May. Homemade Broth, Stotty, Bar, Raffle and Bingo Doors open at 6.30pm.

Afternoon Tea: St Mary's convent Ebchester Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. All Welcome

Pie Peas and Bingo: at St Teresa's Annfield Plain. Wednesday 24th April 6pm £7. Come along for an enjoyable evening and bring a friend. All are welcome.

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant: Our Lady and St Joseph Brooms Catholic Primary School, Leadgate are looking to appoint two Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants, one appointment to commence as soon as possible, the other in May 2024. 6 hours 15 mins per week (Mon-Fri 11.55am – 1.10pm) Permanent, Term Time Only, Further information can be found on the School Website.

Glendale Choir: St Patrick's Church Hall Saturday 27th April 7.00pm. Soloist Pianist Helena Ritson. Tickets £6 available from Teresa Davidson 07758510333 or on the door.

## News From Around The Diocese

Youth Ministry Team: Significance Festival Weekend 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June Emmaus Youth Village, Consett DH8 9BA. Festival Fayre with Speakers, Children's Activities, Ceilidh, Live Music. Individual and Parish Groups Welcome.

For More information and to book email [nsalkeld@ymt.org](mailto:nsalkeld@ymt.org)

Public Lecture: The renowned historian and former President of Magdalene College, Cambridge, Professor Eamon Duffy FSA FBA KSG will visit The Church of the Holy Name, North Jesmond Avenue, Newcastle NE2 3JX on Saturday 4 May at 11.30am to give his lecture

*Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson and the End of the World.* Professor Duffy will discuss Fr Benson's life and work, and that of his father who was Archbishop of Canterbury.

One of Fr Benson's brothers wrote "Land of Hope and Glory", while the other wrote the Mapp and Lucia novels. All are welcome for this non-ticketed event.

Life Issues: The government's Criminal Justice Bill has two important amendments likely to be debated and voted on shortly in the House of Commons that could fundamentally change our laws on abortion. We uphold dignity and value of every human life from conception to natural end. For more information on how to contact your MP on this important issue see the web page of the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales or contact 07576 496212 for further information.

Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp: There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this Summer please visit our site <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>. If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email [holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk](mailto:holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk)

Escorted Tour to Dublin & South East Ireland: 23rd June 2024. £1199.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 6 nights' in 4\* Accommodation with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on two days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Dublin City, Hill of Tara, Slane Castle, Kilkenny, Japanese Gardens and much more. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

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

Collection: This week – Little Sisters of the Poor Next week - S.V.P.

Cafod: would like to thank the parishioners for the donation of £1203.08 raised at the recent collection

Legion of Mary: Will say the Rosary and Legion Prayers on Tuesday Evenings at 6pm.

Planned Giving Envelopes: are available to pick up from the back of the church.

Breakfast Club: After Sunday Mass. Tea, Coffee, toast, bacon and sausage sandwiches.

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.

St Mary's Summer Fete: will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July. More information later.

SVP Coin Boxes: Please return coin boxes for Sudan. Thank you for your continued support.

Welcome Thursday: Although we offer a healthy 3 course meal to all our guests it was not set up necessarily to feed those in need. The majority of our guests are not in this category. We offer a meeting place for all age groups to come and spend time & make new friends in a comfortable friendly environment. For some of our guests it is the only time they leave their homes during the week and they look forward to coming. We can also arrange transport for anyone who needs it.

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

Collection: This week – Little Sisters of the Poor

Lately Deceased: Joseph McGuigan and Gerard Storey. Please pray for them and their families at this sad time.

Thank You: Thank you to everyone who came to the Lenten Soup Lunches we raised an amazing £601 which includes a kind donation from the Crafty Ladies of £117 raised from their raffles during the lunches. The money raised will be shared between St Patrick's Church and Cafod.

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

Tea on Tuesday: Come along and join us on Tuesday 7th May 2pm at St Patrick's Church Hall for Tea, Coffee and Cake bring your friends and family too as there will be bingo and a raffle everyone is welcome.

Sunday Coffee Morning: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April after 9.15am mass all welcome in the Church Hall. Bacon Sandwiches, Tea and Coffee.

Piety: Wide variety of Mass, Bereavement, Communion and Birthday Cards. Please come along after Mass and browse.

Holy Infant of Prague: Items associated with The Holy Infant of Prague Devotion will be on sale after 9.30am Mass on Sundays at St. Patrick's, Consett at the front of the church.

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

Collection: This week – Little Sisters of the Poor

Planned Giving envelopes: have been distributed over the last week, please look on the table at the back of church if you have not received your box of envelopes. Those parishioners wishing to receive a box of envelopes please add your name and address to the list at the back of the church and we will get your box of envelopes as soon as possible. Thank you

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.

Reader's Rota: 1st Saturday of the month Anne Temperley, 2nd Saturday Kevin Walls, 3rd Saturday John Nixon, 4th Saturday Pauline Parker. Any 5th Saturday and any time someone is unable to fulfil their turn Christine Wilks.

### **St Pius News**

Collection: This week – Little Sisters of the Poor

Holy Rosary Hour: The next one will be held on Monday 29th April 2024 at 6pm

Service of the Word and Holy Communion: Wednesday at 10am. Tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards.

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

Children's Liturgy: is held every Sunday.

100 Club Membership: Renewal from 1st May payment is £12 for one year (you can pay every 6 months). There are also numbers available if you wish to take one. Contact Christina Parkin on 07719 018193.

### **Our Lady of the Rosary News**

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## ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: Mary Katherine McArdle, Elizabeth Mildred Lenaghan, Gerald Rogan, Rose Toner, Honor McDonald, Ann Rafferty Mary Christina Watson, Basil Whitfield, Angela Bell, Mary Anne Donnelly, (Baby) Jennifer Theresa Young, Peter Robson, Edwin Rimmer, Agnes James, Hugh Harper, Ann White, Thomas McGovern, Florence Ashton, Jean Mary Dawson, Ann Loughran, James Conney, John Devanney (snr), John Campbell.

Our Lady of the Rosary: Fr. Paul Harrison, Tom Cowie, Mary Florence Nicholson, Arthur Denis Nicholson, Mary McKie, Thomas Bell, William Devlion.

St. Patrick's: James Conney, James Darroch, Arthur Page, Virginia Rossi, Bernadette McAloon, Patrick Dent, Brian Murray, Lawrence Watson, Francis McGuigan, Keith Hutton, John Donoghue, Janet Robson, David Adams, Gerard Lydon, Jim Brolly, Margaret Naughton, Teresa Maughan, Francisco Rodrigues, Sylvia Dimambro, Mary Owens, Jean Huntsman, Angela Mackin, Mary Ramsden, Veronica Morgan, Peter Young, Catherine Lee, Maureen Rodgers, Anthony Price, James Keith Connelly, Nora Robson.

St Pius: Thomas Carney, Father Jim Doherty, Father Higgins, Denis Holliday, Margaret A Johnson, Gerard W McDonald, Joseph Watson

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Catherine Cullen, Tony Williamson, Tommy Fountain, Kate Liddell (O'Donnell), Kathleen Appleby, Mary Ramsden, Bridie McWilliams.

## 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, 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, Mary Guy, Joan Whitfield, Lynda Telford.

Our Lady of the Rosary: James Baker

St. Patrick's: Eileen Fish, Margaret Heslop, Anna Bradley, Martin Rogan, Cheryl Reily, Judith Hindmarsh, Geraldine Donnelly, Andrew Bates, Patrick Lynch, Jean Walls, Sienna Jane McNestry, Austin McDonald, Joan O'Keefe.

St Pius: Ivy Agnew, Joseph Agnew, Gerry Akers, Marie Atherton, Martin Daly, Rita Daly, Paul Hunt, Danny Morton, Robert Nixon Jr, Jade Telford, Bob Parkin, Muriel Steele, Ethan O'Neil (12 yrs old).

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.'

### **A Prayer for Peace by Pope John Paul II**

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence  
among individuals and nations.

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer  
when people put their faith in weapons and war.

Hear my voice when I beg you to install into the hearts of all human beings  
the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship.

Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country  
and in every period of history who do not want war are are ready to walk the  
road of peace.

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond  
to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice,  
to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.

O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world Your everlasting peace.

Amen'