

Pentecost Sunday - 19th May 2024

the Rosary, Stanley, St Joseph

Annfield Plain - St. Teresa, Blackhill - Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Brooms - Our Blessed Lady & St. Joseph,

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Partnership

Byermoor - Sacred Heart,

Consett - St. Patrick, Dipton - St. Patrick, Moorside - St. Plus X, Lanchester - All Saints, Shotley Bridge - Our Lady of

The coming of the Advocate

In the Year B Gospel Reading for Pentecost, Jesus speaks to his disciples at the Last Supper to predict the coming of 'the Advocate'. The Church believes that the Advocate—or 'the Spirit of truth' which Jesus also refers to in today's Gospel—is no less than the Holy Spirit of God, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. And we also believe, therefore, that this prophecy was fulfilled when the Holy Spirit descended on the first Apostles and the other disciples at Pentecost, at which point it both inspired and empowered them to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the whole world.

The dictionary defines the noun 'advocate' as: "a person who speaks on behalf of, or in support of, another person." This raises the question: If the Holy Spirit is an advocate, who is it speaking to and who is it speaking for? It is certainly not the devil's advocate! But there are some other possibilities worth considering. On one level it may be our advocate with God. There is some scriptural support for the idea that it pleads to other persons of the Trinity for our salvation and for our other needs, and that it prays for us when we struggle to pray for ourselves. But, perhaps on another level, as St. Paul suggests in our Second Reading, the Spirit is also God's advocate within us. When the world tells us: "No, you can't bear witness for Christ.", the Spirit might be gently saying: "Yes you can." When the world tells us: "You're all alone. You're powerless" the Spirit might be gently saying: "God is with you. Trust his power." If we learn to listen to that voice, not just once a year, but every day, maybe we'll rediscover some of that holy fire that so empowered the early Church. And maybe we'll find the capacity to burn brighter and brighter as we go along.

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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.

Bible Group: Is held at St Pius every Monday at 6.30p.m.

Raised on Songs and Stories: The Demi, Consett on Wednesday 22nd May 12-3pm. A great afternoon with Music, Dancing Songs and Food. Please come along, everyone is welcome. Singers and music – Dermot Hegarty and Tony Cochrane.

Tea on Tuesday: Come along and join us on Tuesday 4th June 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.

St Mary's Convent: Afternoon Tea Thursday 30th May at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

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Partnership Confirmation Mass: We would like to congratulate all our Confirmation candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 23rd May at 7.00 St Joseph's Stanley. All are welcome to attend.

Partnership Trips and Pilgrimages

Six Musical 3rd July 2024: We have negotiated a special Meal Deal from the Seaburn Grand Hotel for Supper at approximately 7pm. They are offering a Fish and Chip Supper plus Apple Crumble with Custard, Tea and Coffee for the price of £12. There is a sign up sheet at the back of St Patrick's Church with envelopes for a £5 non-refundable deposit if you wish to book the meal. Thank you Christina 07719 018193

Holy Island Trip: Saturday 27th July Places are £15 per adult/£5 for children. We have booked two buses so there should be plenty of places available.

News From Around The Diocese

Youth Ministry Team: Significance Festival Weekend 28th – 30th 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

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.

Job Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies: Parish Secretary, Our Lady & St Philip Neri, Gateshead and St Anne, Winlaton – 26 hours per week. Closing date: 21 May. HR Administrator, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – 15 hours per week. Closing date: 21 May Cleaner, St John XXIII, Washington and St Joseph, Birtley – 12 hours

per week. Closing date: 22 May Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

Faith Events - Ushaw

Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On Sunday 2nd June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You don't need a ticket for this event, but please sign up at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. Or you can sign up at the back of St Patrick's Church, Consett please indicate how many cars are likely to be coming to Ushaw, this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirements.

St Mary's News

Collection: This week – Lay Training Fund Next Week -SVP

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

Planned Giving Envelopes: If you have not picked up your envelope yet please collect **SVP - Ushaw Corpus Christi Procession 2nd June:** the SVP is providing a bus for the procession, leaving St Mary's at 2pm. If you would like to go please add your name to the list at the back of St Mary's church.

Breakfast Club: Please Note there will be no Breakfast Club after Mass on 26th May.

Memorial Garden: if you would like to purchase a memorial stone in memory of a loved one, please fill in an envelope available from the back of church and hand it in to Joe Anderson. Cost £80.

In Need of Support: If you are in need of support from the SVP 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.

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. Many 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.

Show Night: Many thanks to all who helped out and supported the Show Night at the Kennedy Care Centre. £829 was raised for K.C.C. funds.

Summer Fete: St. Mary's annual Summer Fete will take place on Sunday 14th July, starting at 1pm. Any donations for the Bottle Stall, Tombola, Bric-a-brace, Toy Stall, etc., please leave in the porch at the back of church. Thank you.

Thank you: St. Mary's Special Needs Club would like to thank the family and friends of the late Catherine Richardson for the generous donation of £617 raised from the retiring collection at her Requiem Mass.

St Patrick's News

Collection: This week – World Communications Day Next Week - Lay Training fund

St Patrick's Children's Liturgy: We are hoping to revive the children's liturgy during 9:15am Mass at St Patrick's on a monthly basis. If you would be interested in supporting or leading the liturgy please see Fr John. Thank you

Piety: We have a wide variety of Mass, Bereavement, Communion and Birthday Cards along with other gifts, rosary beads etc. 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.

Sunday Coffee Morning: Sunday 26th May after 9.15am mass all welcome in the Church Hall. Bacon Sandwiches, Tea and Coffee.

Our Lady and St Joseph's News

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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.

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 – World Communications Day Next Week - Lay Training Fund

Holy Rosary Hour: The next one will be held on Monday 27th May 2024 at 6pm.

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

Children's Liturgy: is held every Sunday.

Red Boxes: Please bring your red boxes to church for counting. Thank you Sue McGee

Our Lady of the Rosary News

Collection: This week – Lay Training Fund Next Week - SVP

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.

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

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ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: Margaret Ward, Rose Ann Nelson, Margaret Edgar, Patricia Marie Ganning, Gerard McCabe, Francis Conney, Henry Reather, John nesham, Andrew Byrne, Veronica Christina Wynn, Leslie Stuart Campbell, Mary Elizabeth Farrell, Agnes Creegan, George Saunders, Ethel Malpass, peter John Storey, Margaret Jennings, John George McNally, John Richard Watson, Mary Patricia Gowland, Hilda McGeoghan, Yvonne Morgan, Austin Hillas, Mary Marie Kenny, Josephine McElrue, Anne Shannon, Mary Page, Catherine Bewick.

Our Lady of the Rosary: Fr. Jim Hughes, Mary Watson, Ambrose Walls, Fr. Noel Donnelan, Minnie Bell

St. Patrick's: Rose Campbell, Cathy Page, Albert Huntley, Margaret Page, Ernest Gill, Peter Killeen, Vincent Page, Margaret McCann, Peter Hughes, Veronica McKenna, Norah Ward, Teresa Adams, David Stobbs, Hayden Coyle, Jean Cartmel, Kathleen Finnegan and Patricia Hutchinson, Dennis Aubrey, Valerie Glynn and Anthony Burns, James Martin, Mary Cosgrove, Therese Dixon.

St Pius: Jane Bell, Elsie Donaghy, Hector Hughes, William Kane, Catherine Mullen, Michael Murray, Doreen Wilkes.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Mary E. Suddick, Robert Fountain, Jack Appleby, Kathleen McCabe.

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, 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, Katelyn Howe, Ann Hester, Fiona Bell, Cecelia Moore, David Urwin, Mary Guy, Mary Mitcheson (nee McGuigan), Marian Williams, Margaret Robinson (nee Denham), Margaret McDonald.

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, Joan Wilson.

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'