

13th Sunday of the Year - 30th June 2024



Same Destination, Different Journeys

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, great saints who are fundamental in beginning the spreading of the Gospel over the last 2000 years, bringing it from Jesus all the way to us.

When you look at their life stories it is clear that they were very different people although there were similarities. Both were devout Jews and both practical men: Peter a fisherman and Paul a leather-worker and tent-maker. However their journeys to Christ though were very different.

Peter, typical of his nature, leaps in feet first, and although we see him struggle to understand what is going on he has simple insight. We hear this in the Gospel when he says 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' He became the rock on which Jesus founded the Church and became a model of leadership.

Paul is much more resistant, putting it mildly, to this new teaching of Jesus. He became a persecutor of the early Christian community but God had different work for him. After his dramatic conversion he was able to use his strength of purpose, overcoming understandable distrust, to spread the Gospel beyond the Jewish community.

The growth of the early church is in large part the story of the work of these two very different men working on the same mission: to spread the Gospel to the world. They show us that the Holy Spirit will work with each of us, with the gifts we have, to do the work of the Father. And if it is true for them then, it is true for us now: we can all use our own diverse gifts along the road to Heaven.

Fr Tom McHale

(except Monday)

01207 - 502320

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.

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

Tea on Tuesday: Come along and join us on Tuesday 2nd July 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.

Vacancies: St Mary's Convent Care Home are looking to fill the following positions; Bank Night Shift worker, 12 hrs per week, could lead to permanent position. Cook 24 hrs per week which would include some weekend work. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact Kelly on 01207 560288.

Little Sisters of the Poor: As you will be aware from a recent 'Ad Clerum' we raise funds for the Sisters at St Joseph's Home in Newcastle. We do this by collecting & sorting used postage stamps (any period or country) foreign currency (notes & coins from any country or period), old, broken or unwanted pieces of gold & silver (even earring backs) & military medals which no longer have meaning for the families. Thank you.

Partnership Trips and Pilgrimages

Six Musical 3rd July 2024: Sunderland Empire PLEASE NOTE pick up times are as follows; 3:15pm. John street Consett, 3:25pm. St Mary's Church Blackhill. Coach fare £10 will be collected on the bus. We have had an unfortunate cancellation and we have one ticket available if anyone wishes to go please telephone St Patrick's on 01207 502196.

Lourdes: The deadline date for payment for Lourdes is Monday 1st July to be paid either by cheque made out to St Patrick's or by cash. The balance (after £300 deposit) is Double/Twin Room per person £560 and for Single Room the balance is £710 per person. We have had 3 cancellations this week due to unfortunate circumstances. We can change the names free of charge if anyone wishes to go please let Wendy Simmons know as soon as possible on 01207 502196.

Partnership Holy Island Trip: Saturday 27th July. THIS IS NOW FULL. Could all people who have booked please make their payments as soon as possible. We also have a reserve list in case of any cancellations.

Trip to Whitby: On Wednesday 11th September, Stanley, Dipton and Byermoor parishes have organised a day trip to Whitby. The coach will pick up at Stanley (around 8.15am) and then pick up at Dipton, Byermoor and Consett. We will leave Whitby around 4.30pm/5.00pm and the cost is £20.00pp. If you would like to go, please contact St Joseph's office on 01207 299 012 (*Tuesday - Friday between 9.00am and 3.00pm*) letting us know where you would like to be picked up. All monies need to be paid by August 31st.

News From Around The Diocese

Bishop's House Address: The new address for Bishop Stephen, Bishop's PA and the Diocesan Chancellor is: Bishop's House, St Aidan's, Coach Lane, Benton Newcastle NE12 8AD. There is no change to the telephone number and email addresses.

Youth 2000: is holding an afternoon of prayer & praise, reflection and social on Sunday 7th July from 2.00pm to 4pm at St Cuthbert's R C church Old Elvet. Open to Young people aged 16-35 (under 16s will need to request a Parent Consent form from frnickjennings@uwclub.net) Further enquiries email irishanthony12@gmail.com Don't forget to book for the Youth2000 Summer festival in Ampleforth Abbey August 23-26
<https://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2024>

St Mary's News

Collections: This week - Peter's Pence & Support for the Holy See

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

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.

Visit from the SVP MSO: Deacon Patrick Rutherford is the new Membership Support Officer for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society in the diocese. He will be at 9:15am Mass today to talk briefly about volunteering for the SVP in the local area. He will also hold a follow up information meeting in St. Mary's Hall on Thursday 4th July 6:30pm-7:30pm. Any interested people unable can contact Deacon Patrick on - patrickr@svp.org.uk or 07557562715.

SVP National Raffle: Tickets on sale after Sunday Mass for the next few weeks £1 per ticket. First prize is £5,000 plus many more prizes. Thank you for your support.

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-brac, Toy Stall, etc., please leave in the porch at the back of church. Thank you.

300 Club June Winners: £200 - (215) I English, £100 - (247) P Nevin, £50 - (205) M Symonds, £20 - (262) M Gallagher.

Breakfast Club: will operate on Sunday 7th July. Look forward to seeing 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.

St Patrick's News

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Teresa Rossi Requiem Mass: The Requiem Mass for Teresa Rossi will be held on Monday 15th July at 10am.

Sunday Coffee Morning: Sunday 30th June after 9.15am mass all welcome in the Church Hall. Bacon Sandwiches, Tea and Coffee.

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

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.

Brooms - 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. The latest thank you letter is on the noticeboard.

Cemetery Fund: This collection is for the upkeep of Brooms Cemetery and is now open until the end of September. Donation envelopes are available 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 - Peter's Pence & Support for the Holy See

Holy Rosary Hour: The next one will be held on Monday 24th June 2024 at 6pm.

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

Children's Liturgy: is held every Sunday.

100 Club Winners - June: Maureen Elliott/ Jean Murray/Maureen Collins. (See Christina) Monthly draws commenced in May. If you have overlooked paying subs please see Christina with money or to let me know you wish to withdraw. Thank you for your support.

Our Lady of the Rosary News

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ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: Janet Kennedy, Norah McBride, Ann Parker, Michael Outerside, Susan Wass, Leonard Corrigan, Irene Mcardle, Ellen (Nell) McGough, Baby Megan Hobkirk, Vincent Kelly, Thomas Coleman, Ronald Williamson, Rachel Brannigan, Winifred Nixon, Margaret Jane Burke, Mary Milburn, Mary Anne Wanless, Patricia Armstrong, Helen Coulthard, Thomas Ross, Olwyn Crowther.

Our Lady of the Rosary: James Dixon, Gerry Corr, Larry McKie, Ellen Clifford, David Barron, Vincent Robson

St. Patrick's: James Crozier Snr, Josephine Darroch, Matthew Hall, John Westgarth, Jordan Graham, Molly Glancy, Arthur McArdle, Margaret Calvert, Joe Conroy, Theresa Hutton, Maurice Byrne, Mary Hannant, Bernadette McGurk, Peter Harpin, Rita Hughes, John Crawley, Anthony Bough, Ann Dickinson, Malcolm Wright, Joanne Storey, Andrew Rowlands, John Bell, Marjorie Whitton, Elizabeth Carr, Mary Innes, Vincent Vallely, Thomas Williamson, Hugh Thompson, Veronica Naisbett, Elizabeth Anne Greer, Charles Smith.

St Pius: Charles Akers, Yvonne Carter, Alice E Collins, James Creegan, Robert Glasgow, Joseph McElhone, William McGee, Rosemary Murphy, Thomas Murphy, Catherine Nixon.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: June Williamson, Catherine Williamson, Paul Richardson, Teresa Toole, Peter Grogan, Billy White, Patricia 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), 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, Maureen Rose.

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 and 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'*