

17th Sunday of the Year - 28th July 2024



Soul Food

In our readings at Mass this Sunday we hear about two great miracles. They are both occasions where people are fed way beyond what seems available to them.

We first hear about the time when the great prophet Elisha, in his ministry of teaching and healing, is in a place where there was famine. Someone brings him twenty loaves and, having been blessed, they feed the gathering of 100 with much left over. It is a similar pattern to the events in our Gospel passage, John's account of the feeding of the 5,000.

On this occasion the crowd are left hungry not because there is famine in the land but rather in their desire to hear Jesus teach they have left themselves in material need. Once again God takes pity and, through a small amount of food found, blessed and shared, a great many are satisfied.

A first point to note is that God does not differentiate between the way the two groups ended up hungry. Their needs were met and it reminds us of our duty to help first and ask questions later.

Secondly both Elisha and Jesus fed their followers not only physically but spiritually. That should cause each of us to ask how our souls are fed. There are many ways to do this of course, times in prayer and coming to Mass on Sunday perhaps just being the starting point. Perhaps there is something in this newsletter that might tickle the palate of our spirituality, leaving us wanting more. You won't know if you don't try.

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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.

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.

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.

Fr. Cornelius O'Connor RIP: Fr Cornelius' body will be received into St Charles Church, Gosforth on Wednesday 31st July with Mass at 6.30 pm. Bishop Seamus Cunningham will celebrate the **Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Thursday 1 August at St Charles.** This will be followed by burial at Hollywood Avenue Cemetery, Gosforth.

Tea on Tuesday: There will be no Tea on Tuesday at St Patrick's in August due to holidays. We will be back in September.

Partnership Trips and Pilgrimages

Lourdes Meeting: there is to be a meeting for our Lourdes Pilgrims to be held on Friday 2nd August in the Church Hall at 6.30pm (room to be confirmed) and afterwards at Sambuca. Please let Wendy know if you wish to go to Sambuca.

News From Around The Diocese

Peace Vigil for Palestine and Israel: Since January a small group from different faith backgrounds hold a vigil for peace every Saturday morning from 9.30am until 10.00am outside Hexham Abbey. You are very welcome to join us, even if it is just for 5 minutes.

Job Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a full-time, permanent Management accountant to work in the Dept. for Finance in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle closing date for applications: 28th July. Also a full-time Property Surveyor on a two-year fixed-term contract is required. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle, with travel throughout the Diocese. Closing Date for applications: 4th August. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

St Mary's News

Collections: This week - Significance (Charity for Young in memory of Fr Declan Donnelly)

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.

SVP National Raffle: Please hand in your raffle book stubbs as soon as possible.

300 Club June Winners: £20 - (71) T Reather, £10 - (257) McNeil, Alston Road, £10 - (46) A Lewins, £10 - (217) C Rather, £10 - (126) C McElrue.

Breakfast Club: will return in September.

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.

Bus to Fr. Cornelius O' Connor Funeral: If you would like to go to the funeral please put your name and phone number on the back of St Mary's church, and, if we have enough names a bus will be booked.

St Patrick's News

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Lately Deceased:

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.

Sunday Coffee Morning: This Sunday 28th July after 9.15am Mass all welcome in the Church Hall. Bacon Sandwiches, Tea and Coffee.

Thank you: The family of Teresa Rossi would like to thank all those who helped support us during the period of her illness and death. Your prayers, good wishes, Mass cards, cards and letters have been greatly appreciated, along with your wonderful generosity at Teresa's funeral, with £540 collected in aid of Marie Curie Nursing Care. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions. God Bless you all.

Brooms - Our Lady and St Joseph's News

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Recent Collections: Sea Sunday (Stella Maris) £155. Welfare Fund £98. Thank you for your support.

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. A further £150 has been sent to the charity this week, making a grand total of £3,600 donated. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

St Pius News

Collection: This week - Significance (Charity for Young in memory of Fr Declan Donnelly)

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 on holiday until September

Lions Raffle: Raffle tickets are on sale for £1 each with great prizes. St Pius will receive money back for every ticket sold.

Our Lady of the Rosary News

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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.

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ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: Mark Worrall, Thomas Heseltine, Joan Williamson, Ellen Hogg, Margaret Peveller, Mary Bernadette Bell, John Joseph Robinson, John James Hester, Janet Ramsay, Margaret Carney, Paul Williams, Richard Atkinson, Bernadette Maria Nichols, Kathleen Campbell, Peter Hopper, Malcolm Hester, Betty Wears.

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, Frederick McAloon.

St Pius: John Agnew, Catherine Brady, Elizabeth Carr, Betty Dodds, Michael Haughey, Don Murray, Ronnie Nixon, Charlie O'Donnell, John Paull, Charlie Smith, Paddy Thorpe, May Wilson.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Patrick Healey (snr), Joseph Clifford, Margaret Bowery, Irene McKie, Fr. John F Gunning, Teddy McKie, Cassie McKie, John Rossi.

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 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, Dorothy Malone.

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'*