

18th Sunday of the Year - 4th August 2024



The Bread Of Life

This Sunday's readings offer valuable insights that can resonate with our daily lives.

In our first reading, the Lord feeds the Israelites with manna during their journey in the desert. The manna was a miraculous provision, sustaining them physically. However, it also points to a deeper spiritual truth: God provides for his people even in challenging times.

Today's psalm is a song of praise to God for his deeds to Israel. It reminds us to recognise and appreciate God's faithfulness throughout history. Just as God provided manna to the Israelites, he continues to nourish us spiritually.

In our second reading, St. Paul emphasises that Christians become a new creation in Christ. Our faith transforms us, renewing our minds and hearts. We are called to live differently, guided by the teachings of Jesus.

The crowd follows him because they have been fed physically, but Jesus challenges them to seek beyond material needs. He offers himself as the true sustenance, providing eternal life. The dialogue between Jesus and the crowd reveals their struggle to recognise his true identity. They ask for a sign, even though Jesus had just performed the miracle of feeding more than 5000 people. Jesus invites them to have faith in the One sent from God.

God's provision goes beyond material sustenance. Just as the Israelites received manna in the desert, we receive the Eucharist – *'the true Bread of Life'* in the Mass. Jesus nourishes our souls, offering eternal life. Let us seek him not only for our physical needs, but also for the transformation of our hearts and minds.

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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.

RCIA – Journey in Faith

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith? Or are you wanting to deepen your understanding of the Faith? Whether you are a practising Catholic, non-Catholic, or just curious about Jesus, the RCIA Journey in Faith course could be for you!

We are starting on Thursday 12th September at St Pius X, Moorside, where we will meet from 6.45pm until 8.30pm.

For St Patrick's, St Pius and Our lady and St Joseph's Anyone interested should contact the parish office at St Patrick's Consett on 01207 502196. We look forward to seeing you there.

For St Mary's Blackhill and Our Lady of the Rosary please contact Fr Tom at the parish office on 01207 502320.

Derwent Valley Flower Club: invite you to a fun afternoon to a 'Daisy Drive' (similar to a beetle drive), on Friday 9th August 2024 at 2pm in St Patrick's Church Hall. Entry £5 to include refreshments. Everyone is welcome - doors open at 1.30pm.

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.

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.

New Lectionaries: As from Advent 2024 the Catholic Church in England, Wales and Scotland will begin using New Lectionaries for the Readings at all Masses. The New Lectionaries contain the English Standard Version of all Readings rather than the Jerusalem Version which we have been using since the 1960's. This means that each church needs to purchase 4 new Lectionaries. Our Retiring Collection this Week is to support the purchase of the New Lectionaries.

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 the following:

Full-time Property Surveyor on a two-year fixed-term contract Closing Date for Applications 4th August and a **Full Time Parish Finance Officer** on a two year fixed term contract. Closing date for Applications 13th August. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle, with travel throughout the Diocese. Also a **Cleaner**, St Charles, Gosforth – 5 hours a week.

Closing date for applications 16th August.

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

St Mary's News

Collection: This week - New Lectionaries for use at Mass from Advent

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.

Consett Lions Club Town Raffle: Tickets on sale for the next few weeks £1 per ticket, £5 a book. Can you please take a couple of books to sell to your families, we need all your support. Thank you.

Breakfast Club: there will be no breakfast club in St Mary's during the summer holidays, but it will return in September.

JFK Centre Raffle: Unclaimed raffle tickets - (no 100) no name, Massage Voucher, (no 213) no name, no (115) no name, (no: 482) A Spencer.

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

Collection: This week - New Lectionaries for use at Mass from Advent

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

Collection: This week - New Lectionaries for use at Mass from Advent

Recent Collections:

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 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 - New Lectionaries for use at Mass from Advent

Holy Rosary Hour: The next one will be held on Monday 26th August 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

Collection: This week - New Lectionaries for use at Mass from Advent

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

ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: Joseph Clifford, Georgina Devanney, Mary Knowles, Ellen Veronica Armstrong, Donald Murray, James William Oliver, Elizabeth Jones, Francis Rogan, Maria Sullivan, Thomas Sydney Thirlwell, Marie McElhone, Ann (Nancy) McElrue, Kenneth McElrue, Sadie Anderson, William Kennedy, Raimund Johan Allan Miros, Monica Clifford, Margaret Lisle, Stuart Campbell, Margaret Healey, John Pearson Welsh, Baby Sarah Ann Holt, Thomas Boyle, Dianne Johnson, Patricia Feltham.

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

St. Patrick's: Thomas Murray, David Lumley, Theresa Askew, John P Sheekey, Mary Fortunato, Sean Melody, Marie Therese Joyce, Aileen Marie Reilly, Larna Hobson, Gus McArdle, Andrew Hanson, Maureen Fox, Ronald Harris, Brian Murphy, Margaret Joan Furness, Oswald Johnson, Dennis McDonagh, Moira Dyer, Patricia Colburne, Kathleen Goldsmith, Rose McElhatton, James Stanyer, James Bramwell and Mary Anne Mulligan

St Pius: Helen Beckham, Patricia Bell, William Campbell, David Collins, Ronald Kelly, Frank McGuigan, Brian Murphy.

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'