

19th Sunday of the Year - 11th August 2024



Food for the Journey

Bread has featured in most of our readings over the last few weekends. We've heard, first, how both the prophet Elisha and Jesus miraculously multiplied a small number of loaves to feed large numbers of people; then, how God sent manna from Heaven to feed the Israelites after their flight from Egypt; and finally, how Jesus identified himself as the living bread that has come down from Heaven to give God's people everlasting life.

This weekend's readings continue along the same lines. In our First Reading, God sends an angel to give the prophet Elijah special bread which empowers him to walk continuously for forty days and forty nights from the desert to the holy mountain. And in our Gospel Reading, when the Jews struggle to accept Jesus' teaching, he reiterates that he is the Bread of Life. And he predicts that he will give his flesh for the life of the world.

In our Second Reading, St. Paul reminds us that we are all called to undertake a spiritual journey ourselves: to follow Christ in the kind of love that we give to God and other people. We might also call to mind what the angel says to Elijah in the First Reading, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too great for you." Through the Eucharist, Jesus has offered us his flesh to eat in order to empower and sustain us on our spiritual journey. Surely, he would not have sacrificed so much if this kind of sustenance was not really necessary. This reminds us how much we should value the amazing gift of the Blessed Sacrament. And it stands as a warning to those who think they can succeed in the journey without taking the trouble to nourish themselves properly with the special bread that the Lord has so generously provided.

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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.

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.

Spirituality in Later Life: Commencing on Monday, September 9th and all consecutive Mondays in September there will be a DVD interactive course for those aged 60 and over entitled: "The Beloved Disciple", that will explore and celebrate Spirituality in Later Life. Each session will be in the upstairs of St Patrick's Hall from 2pm - 3.15pm. Refreshments will be available.

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.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 16th – 19th August: Please note the pick up times to leave for Walsingham on Friday 16th are 8.30am at St. Mary's Blackhill and 8.40am at John Street Consett. There will be an early 8am Mass at St. Patrick's Consett on that day.

Whitby Day Trip 11th September: Those going on the Partnership Whitby trip from the Blackhill and Consett area please pay your £20 bus fare by 31st August. Monies can be dropped off at St. Patrick's Presbytery, Consett. Cheques may be paid to St. Joseph's church, Stanley.

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.

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint the following vacancies: **Parish Finance Officer**, full-time, on a two-year fixed-term contract. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle, with travel throughout the Diocese. Closing date: 13 August. **Cleaner**, St Charles, Gosforth – 5 hours a week. Closing date: 16th August. **Parish Secretary**, Our Lady of Mercy, Sunderland – 20 hours a week. Closing date: 21st 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 - Flowers Next week -Mission Appeal - Verona Brothers

Lately Deceased: Mary Mitcheswon. Please pray for her and her family at this sad time.

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

Spuc's Annual pro-life Petition: this year focuses on the two-child benefit cap, which you might have heard about recently in the news. If you would like to sign the petition please pick up a card from the back of the church.

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.

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.

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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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: Significance £115. New Lectionaries for use at Mass from Advent £140. Thank you for your support.

Lately Deceased: Charles (Charlie) Price. Please pray for him and his family at this sad time.

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 £3,750 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 - 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

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ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: Margaret Mary Bowery, Herdman Armstrong, William Miller, Raymond Penman, Freda Hagan, George Jones, Thomas Kennedy, John Naisbitt, George Kevin Roberts, John William Bell, Frederick Malpass, Maureen Counsell, John Page, Nicholas Kearney, Thomas Lambert, James 'Jim' Ward, John Joseph Adams, Brian Peter Tate, Hugh Gerard Kearney, Mary Winter, Bridget McCourt, Thomas Carr, Georgina Gibson, Obadiah David Westlake,
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: Noel Clarke, Mary Williamson, Betty Dodds, Jimmy Hayes, Kirsty Dixon, Bernadette McKenna.

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, 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 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'*

