

## 20th Sunday of the Year - 18th August 2024



'This is my Body. This is my Blood.'

Much of what makes the world turn, what we rely on for life, is beyond our knowledge and our comprehension. We are told that the universe is still expanding. Science, medicine, engineering and any discipline you can imagine are growing and testing the limits of received wisdom every day.

It's no surprise that when the God of love became one of us, he was going to do and say some challenging things that we wouldn't quite understand. It can be tempting to want to freeze history, to settle for what we think now and not welcome anything different or new.

Jesus encounters this kind of attitude in today's gospel when he says, "the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world." He goes on to say, "anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life." The Jews were shocked and outraged and wondered how could Jesus' statement be a reality?

Jesus' statement became a reality by his total sacrifice of himself on the cross. When we people of faith come to receive Holy Communion we hear the words 'The Body of Christ.' Our response is 'Amen.' This implies that we accept and believe that what Jesus said about his flesh and blood is true.

We believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist. The mode of his presence is beyond our understanding. Therefore, an act of faith is required. We call it the 'real presence' because it is presence in the fullest sense. To receive the Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself. St. Cyril once said, "Do not doubt whether this is true, but rather receive the words of the Saviour in faith, for he cannot lie."

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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 6.30pm.

### **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.

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

**York Day Trip 16th October:** A Day trip to York is to be held on Wednesday 16th October more information to follow later.

## **News From Around The Diocese**

**New Lay Leaders Course:** Monday 30 September 7-9pm, Monday 7 October 7-9pm, Monday 14 October 7-9pm, Monday 21 October 7-9pm.

Saturday 2 Nov 10am-4pm (bring packed lunch)

Monday 4 Nov 7-9pm (to include a commissioning Service)

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 vacancy: **Parish Secretary**, Our Lady of Mercy, Sunderland – 20 hours a week. Closing date: 21st August. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

### St Mary's News

Collection: This week - Mission Appeal - Verona Brothers      Next week -SVP

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.

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: Please return your stubbs as soon as you can.

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

Collection: This week - Flowers      Next Week: Welfare Fund

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: on Monday after Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion, until 12.30pm.

Lately Deceased: Lawrence Boyle. Please pray for him and his family at this sad time.

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.

300 Club Winners for June: £20 No. 101 Mary Richardson, £15 No. 175 Kathleen Thompson £10 No. 88 Elizabeth Cooke.

300 Club Winners for July: £20 No. 42 Susan Dowson, £15 No. 44 Christine Whiteford £10 No. 9 Peter Walls

Thank you: Peter Walls and Family would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sent cards and presents for Jean's birthday on 1st August with a special thank you to the Tuesday Ladies who arranged a surprise birthday party for the second year running. Jean was overwhelmed by such generosity. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. 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.

Ushaw Flower Festival 2024: Once again St Patrick's Flower Team are participating in the festival which takes place on September 6th, 7th and 8th the theme is "A moment in Time" and lots of flower arrangers and florists will be filling the buildings of Ushaw with their interpretations. Morning, Afternoon or Evening tickets are available from ushaw.org. See the noticeboard for details of times and prices.

### **Brooms - Our Lady and St Joseph's News**

Collection: This week - Flowers                      Next Week: Welfare Fund

Recent Collections: New Lectionaries for use at Mass from Advent - a total of £269 . 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. 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.

Pie and Pea Supper: in aid of Brooms Church, on Friday 13th September at 7.30pm in Leadgate Cricket Club. bingo and Raffle, Tickets £3.00.

Thank You: The family of Rosa Rigby would like to thank everyone for the collection of £50, for Derwentside Care Home.

Thank You: Astrid and Richard Reeve wish to express their heartfelt thanks to Fr. John and all their friends at Brooms, for the beautiful funeral service for their beloved son Richard Manley-Reeve. It meant everything to them.

### **St Pius News**

Collection: This week - Flowers                      Next Week: Welfare Fund

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: Mary Winter, Bridget McCourt, Thomas Carr, Georgina Gibson, Obadiah David Westlake, Ronald John Byrne, Thomas Toole, Joseph Bell, Maureen Lambert, Elizabeth Louise Elliot, Bryan Michael Dixon, Thomas Paterson James, Peter Grogan, Monty Hopton, Ellen Black, Rose Batey, 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: James Bramwell, Pat Collins, Arthur Donaghy, William Fairbairn, Mary Fortunato, Raymond Penman, Thomas Phillips, Ann Watson, William Young.

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 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'*