

## 25th Sunday of the Year - 22nd September 2024



### Sad but true

Human nature is sadly predictable. It is also sadly self centred and we hear both an example of this and an antidote in our Gospel reading this weekend.

The Apostles have accompanied Jesus on his travels, his mission of preaching and healing. They have experienced at first hand many miracles and had the chance to absorb his message time and again. Peter, James and John have even been with him at the Transfiguration.

Once again he lets them know what is to happen to him, how he would be put to death and rise again. However, they still don't get it and instead argue amongst themselves about who is greatest. Perhaps they still see the prize at the end of this journey as worldly power and riches and wonder if they will get a place at the top table. The good news for most of them is that eventually the penny drops, all bar one of them stay the course and go on to do as Jesus tells them.

That antidote to self centeredness is to be concerned first and foremost on the needs of others and is expressed in the words of Jesus as he takes a young child in his arms. He instructs them, and us, that the way to welcome Jesus is to welcome the weak, the vulnerable, the powerless, If we do that, we welcome God into our lives.

That way, not arguing amongst ourselves and trying to ascend the greasy pole to power, is the way we will achieve our true reward.

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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.

**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!

**Spirituality in Later Life:** Continuing on Monday 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.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** May 18th 2025, 7 nights flying from Newcastle. Cost per person £790 sharing, £905 in single room. Contact Margaret on 07944288655.

**York Day Trip Wednesday 16th October:** We would like to invite Parishioners to join us in a trip to York on Wednesday 16th October 2024. It will be first come first served. You will travel by coach from St Patrick's leaving at 9.15am. The coach will leave York at 5pm to return back to Consett. The cost of the journey will be £15 per person and must be paid for when booking a place. Sign up forms and envelopes are at the back of St Patrick's and St Mary's Churches.

**Calling all our Christmas Knitters!** A poster and patterns are both available now at the back of St. Patrick's Church. Due to increased demand, we need to start early! Donations of white/brown/yellow or black wool would be gratefully received.

**The Novena to St. Therese of Lisieux:** begins on Sunday, September 22nd. Feast Day Mass and Blessing of Roses [for free distribution] will take place at 10am on Tuesday, October 1st.

**Tea on Tuesday:** Come along and join us on Tuesday 1st October 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.

**St Mary's Convent:** Afternoon Tea Thursday 26th September at 2.00pm. All Welcome.

**India Appeal:** Mary Skagg will be making the yearly 'appeal for India' on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, originally began by Fr Savres, please support this worthwhile cause which supports the poorest of people helping them to receive much needed medical care and other essential help in order for them to survive the poorest of living conditions.

## **News From Around The Diocese**

**New Lay Leaders Course:** From 30th September through to 4th November over 6 sessions become a Liturgical Leader of Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion. The course, being held at St Hilda's Resource Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. Commencing on Monday 30th September 7-9pm

**Liturgy day for Readers and the new lectionary:** 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in St Patrick's, Consett, 10.30am - 3.30pm. Cost £15 - register online (paid by parish). Book via - [bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents](http://bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents). Bring packed lunch. Book by October 4th

Little Sisters of the Poor: Pie & Pea Supper: The Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle are having a pie, pea and chip supper (vegetarians will be catered for) with bingo and raffle at St Joseph's Home on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.00pm in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home. Tickets are £7, available from St Joseph's Home – 0191 273 1279

Flame 2025: Flame 2025 takes place on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. The theme is '**UNSTOPPABLE. FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE**'. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. **COST: £45** per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact [mary.hughes@ymt.org](mailto:mary.hughes@ymt.org)

**Exploring the Catholic Faith.** Are you someone, or do you know someone, who is wondering about their relationship with God and not sure where to start? **Welcome to First Steps!** Join Deacon Shaun and the First Steps team on a journey this autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you, and it may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly online via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. This programme is for people new to the faith and to anyone accompanying them on their journey. Starts on Wednesday 2 October at 7pm for 8 weeks. (First Steps is not an RCIA programme, but we can offer guidance to anyone wishing to continue their journey in faith.) Please register here: <https://bit.ly/DHNFirstSteps>.

### St Mary's News

Collections: This week – SVP                      Next week – India Appeal (Fr Sevres)

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

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 Meeting: in St Mary's on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm.

Chair Dance Class: in JFK Centre Mondays between 11am and 12 noon and is a great form of exercise for over 60's and anyone with a disability. Everyone is welcome.

Consett Lions Club Town Raffle: Please return your stubs as soon as you can.

Thank You: The family of the late Peter Murphy wish to thank all who contributed very generously to the collection of £550.50 at Peter's funeral. The money was donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity who very much appreciated it.

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

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Lately Deceased: Nora Gowland and Gerald Byrne. Please pray for them and their families at this sad time.

Children's First Holy Communion Programme: The First Holy Programme is due to commence soon. Could Parents whose children do not attend St Patrick's Primary School please come to

the Parents information meeting which is to be held on Monday 23rd September at 7pm in the Church.

St Patrick's Children's Liturgy: The Children's Liturgy will be on the First Sunday of the Month during Mass in the upstairs room of the Hall all children are welcome. If you are interested in supporting or leading the liturgy please join us in the hall upstairs room. Thank you.

300 Club Payments: are now being taken for the next 12 months. Please put your payments of £12 per year, per number in either cash or cheque and post through Presbytery letterbox asap. Cheques to be made payable to St Patrick's. Envelopes available at the back of the church.

Lions Raffle: Raffle tickets are on sale at the back of church on Sunday after Mass for £1 each with great prizes. St Patrick's will receive money back for every ticket sold.

Autumn Fayre Saturday 19th October: We are having an Autumn Fayre on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October and we would be grateful for any items to make our Autumn Fayre a success. We are particularly looking for donations of wines and spirits for a bottle draw, toiletries and gifts for the tombola. Donations can be left in the box in the church porch or handed in to the presbytery on a Monday, Thursday or Friday 9am – 4pm.

Sunday Coffee Morning: Sunday 29th September after 9.15am mass all welcome in the Church Hall. Bacon Sandwiches, Tea and Coffee.

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

Collections: This week – Welfare Fund            Next week – India Appeal (Fr Sevres)

Recent Collections: Last week's collection for Home Missions raised £90. Thank you for your support.

Thank you: to everyone who organised and supported the recent Pie and Pea Supper. A total of £650 was raised toward the repair costs for the church wall.

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. This week, a further £150 has been forwarded to the charity, to date a total of £3,900 has been received by the People's Kitchen.

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**

Collections: This week – Welfare Fund            Next week – India Appeal (Fr Sevres)

Holy Rosary Hour: The next one will be held on Monday 30th September 2024 at 6pm.

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

Children's Liturgy: If you would like to volunteer to help or lead the Liturgy please see Lisa Hicks.

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**

Collections: This week – SVP                            Next week – India Appeal (Fr Sevres)

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.

## ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: Anthony Curran, Vincent Farrell, Theresa Doran, Elizabeth Walker, Norah Aubrey, Mary Harrison, John Quinn, Samuel Charles Love, Catherine McGuckin, Edward Shannon, Amy Margaret Jones, Stuart Aitchison, Francis Connor, Teresa Morris, William Glancy, Catherine Akers, Lloyd Nixon, Christopher Dodd, Alice May Daly, Robert Sedgewick, Marian Golightly

Our Lady of the Rosary: Hilda Mary Greash, Mary Underhill, Agnes Telford, Anne Robson, Margaret Healey, Elizabeth Haggon, Peter Paul Smith, Margaret Corr, Vincent Farrell, Maurice Paul, Denis McNally, Marian Golightly, Fr. David Condon, Jim Haggon, Bridie Walker.

St. Patrick's: Nancy McGurk, Sheila Campbell, David Agnew, Audrey Whales, Denis McNally, Lily Loughran, Alan Ramsden, Joan Holliday, Theresa Hudson, Maurice Rose, Peter Lockeron, Thomas Henderson, Yvonne Clare, Catherine Smith, Christina Scott, Ivan Wright, Mary Lydon, Alma Byrne, Denise Hunter, Winifred Gettings, Joseph Rennoldson, Joan Malpass, Mary Hutton, Dorothy Convery.

St Pius:

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Catherine Clark, Joseph Gill, Alby Allen, Ann Lucy, John Price, Tony McCallum, Sheila Henderson

## 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.

St Pius: Ivy Agnew, Joseph Agnew, Gerry Akers, Marie Atherton, Martin Daly, Rita Daly, Paul Hunt, Danny Morton, Robert Nixon Jr, Jade Telford, 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'*