

## 28th Sunday of the Year - 13th October 2024



### Wisdom and Wealth

This weekend's readings urge us to prioritise spiritual goods over material ones. Our First Reading tells us that wisdom is more valuable than gold and silver, palaces and thrones, and even the health of the body. All these earthly things fade away, but wisdom leads to the blessings of eternity.

Our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, advises us to measure ourselves honestly against the Word of God. If we fail to respond to the Word, no matter how outwardly virtuous or prosperous we may seem, we will have to answer for it eventually. Therefore, true wisdom consists of nurturing the spiritual life and doing whatever it is that we feel God is calling us to do.

Finally, in our Gospel Reading, Jesus has a similar message for a rich man who comes to him seeking the key to eternal life. Jesus finds that he's virtuous in most ways, but too attached to his material wealth for his own spiritual good. So, he recommends that the rich man should earn treasure in Heaven by selling his assets and giving the money to the poor. But sadly, the man cannot bring himself to let go of his worldly security and take that leap of faith.

Fortunately, there is still hope for him. Jesus suggests that salvation is always possible with God. But he proceeds to tell his disciples that they have made a better choice by leaving their earthly lives behind in order to follow him and share his ministry. The rich man's fate still hangs in the balance, but their eternal spiritual wealth is already assured. The question for us is: are we more like the disciples, or more like the rich man?

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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.

Diocesan Parish Volunteer Census: The Diocese is currently carrying out a volunteer census in our parishes. This is to ensure we identify all our volunteers, to offer support and appropriate training and recognition for the important part all play in the life of our parish.

A volunteer is anyone who gives their time freely and regularly to assist anywhere within the Parish, School or Diocese.

During the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> of October the census will be explained in more detail after the weekend Masses.

If you volunteer within the Parish/School/ Diocese please complete one of the forms which will be available at the back of church or complete your details via the QR code.

*Volunteering is a grace from God.... Volunteers are the strength of the Church.*

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!

York Day Trip Wednesday 16th October: The coach will pick up from St Patrick's Church Consett leaving at 9.15am. The coach will leave York at 5pm to return back to Consett.

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.

Tea on Tuesday: Come along and join us on Tuesday 5th November 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.

Fundraising Evening: An evening of music from the 60's, 70's and 80's with the Whistle Testers has been arranged for Saturday 2nd November at 7.00pm in Dipton Club. This will be a fantastic evening going through the decades. Tickets are £5.00 each, available from St Joseph's and St Patrick's Churches, as well as Dipton Club. The evening is suitable for all ages.

Christmas Trip to Klondyke Garden Centre and Carlisle: A coach has been arranged for Wednesday 4th December for a trip to Klondyke Garden Centre and Carlisle. Klondyke Garden Centre will have an array of Christmas items, as well as other items that will make perfect Christmas gifts. Carlisle offers the shops but also the historic Cathedral and Castle. The cost per person is £20.00 with the option of pick up points in Stanley, Dipton, Annfield Plain, Lanchester, Consett and Blackhill. To book your place, please contact St Joseph's office on 01207 299 012. Payment needs to be made by Sunday 24th November.

Bishop Stephen Visitation: Bishop Stephen will be Celebrating Mass on Saturday 19th at Brooms and Sunday 20th October at St Patrick's and St Pius.

St Marys Convent Ebchester: Afternoon Tea Thursday 24th October from 1.30pm. All are welcome.

## News From Around The Diocese

Oppose Assisted Suicide: Bishops are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. On Wednesday 16th October the House of Commons heard the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide. The proposed legislation undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. We are a praying community. Please pray that our lawmakers will act wisely and will value human life. Please contact your local MP Liz Twist to express your feelings her contact details are [liz.twist.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:liz.twist.mp@parliament.uk) further information can be obtained from [info@righttolife.org.uk](mailto:info@righttolife.org.uk)

sweFlame 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)

The Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle: are having a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 12pm to 3pm. Lots of stalls, home baking, Santa's Grotto, and Arts & Crafts. All are welcome.

### St Mary's News

Collections: This week – SVP

Next week – World Mission Sunday

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

Sanctuary Candle: will burn this week 'In Loving Memory of Frank Bradley'

Lately Deceased: Marc Quinn. Please pray for him and his family at this sad time.

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.

*The next SVP meeting will be held on 24th October at 5.30pm in Presbytery.*

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.

Baby's Bracelet: found in church, please contact the office if you believe it's yours.

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

Breakfast Club: will be on the 20th October after 9.15am Mass, tea, coffee, bacon, and sausage sandwiches and toast.

SVP Raffle Results: A list of winners from the recent raffle is on the notice board at the back of church. Many thanks for all your support.

### **St Patrick's News**

Collections: This week – Welfare Fund

Next week – World Mission Sunday

St Patrick's Children's Liturgy: The Children's Liturgy takes place at St Patrick's on the first Sunday of each month. This is for any children of primary school age, if you or your child may be interested in attending the liturgy, please come along (parents are very welcome to come and accompany their child). The next children's liturgy will take place on Sunday 3rd November. Thank you.

300 Club Payments: Please don't forget to make your £12 Payment for the next 12 months.

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. Cakes and Bakes are required on the day of the Fayre so please get your BE-RO book out and BAKE!!. Thank you

Sunday Coffee Morning: Sunday 27th October after 9.15am Mass all welcome in the Church Hall for Bacon Sandwiches, Tea and Coffee.

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

Collections: This week – Welfare Fund

Next week – World Mission Sunday

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.

### **St Pius News**

Collections: This week – Welfare Fund

Next week – World Mission Sunday

Holy Rosary Hour: The next one will be held on Monday 28th October 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.

Cleaning of Church: We are looking for volunteers to go on a rota to clean the church especially for the weekend Bishop Stephen Celebrates Mass. Please see Mary Davey for more information.

### **Our Lady of the Rosary News**

Collections: This week – SVP

Next week – World Mission Sunday

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: James Glancy, Bernard Toner, Joseph Robinson, John Robert Cavanagh, Elizabeth Marshall, Edward McGeoghan, Mary Brannigan, John Anthony McArdle, Cecilia Thirlwell, Ursula Bell, Thomas Campbell, Mary Hogg, Conor Robinson, Jane Smith, Ellen White, John William Barrie, James Ronald Johnson, Hannah Conney, Mary Campbell, Ada Malone, Ellen Shotton, Peter McGuckin, Mary Hogg, Morris Atkinson, George Teasdale Rutter, Joseph Dunne, Francis Grimes, John Williams, Michael Cant, Michael McNally, Raymond Allan.

Our Lady of the Rosary: John Wilfred Smith, David Bradley, Neil McKie (snr), Desmond McNally, Alice Bell, Bill Storey, Jenny Clark, John Jack Walker.

St. Patrick's: Madge Davis, Richard Harrop, Nancy McCourt, Mary Hogg, John Andrew Boyle, Hannah Conney, Michael Slee, Elizabeth Burns, John Lee, Margaret Hughes, Dennis Smith, Annie Rowell, Jimmy Hagan, Kevin Curley, Kitty Westgarth, Bryan Woods, Sheila Gibson, Terry Carr, Jane Pratt, Terence Sewell, Maria Rodrigues, Horace George Burr, Marie Rafferty, Michael Byrne, Joseph McKenna, Mary Wilson, Philomena Lee, David Webb, Margaret Alice Bowman, Joan Richardson.

St Pius: James Glancy, Mary Hanson, Thomas Irving, Mary Jeffreys.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Michael Richardson, Owen Clark, Madge Price, Joseph Christopher Fountain, Richard O'Connor, Rose Callaghan, Jack Shannon, Austin Fail, Ann Gill, Rosemary Naylor, Marie Hughes, Brian Farley.

## 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, John Hunte, Marg Conroy.

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'*