

32nd Sunday of the Year - 10th November 2024



Making a Sacrifice

This Sunday's readings celebrate the hidden people, the unnoticed, those who are small by the world's standards but who are in fact highly blessed in the eyes of God.

In the passage from the first Book of Kings we meet a poor widow and her son. They live in a land hit by famine and are slowly dying of hunger. Into their lives comes a prophet, Elijah, reduced by circumstances to be a wandering beggar. He asks the widow for a share of whatever food she has, and the woman, in her compassion, agrees to share what she has for herself and her son with him.

The Gospel reading today also has, as its central character, a poor widow. In a society based on strong family connections, to become a widow was one of the worst things that could happen to anyone. Jesus observes that many people are placing donations into the temple treasury, but he notes they aren't making much of a sacrifice. They are quite able to afford to give. But the widow, who places two small coins in the basket, gives everything she possesses.

Today is also Remembrance Sunday when we pray for all those who, like the widows in today's readings, gave everything and made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of peace and freedom. We give thanks for and pray today for the souls of those who have died in war and conflict – who gave so generously their tomorrows that we might have our todays.

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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.

A Holy Hour on the Dignity of Human Life. With proposals for Assisted Suicide being voted on in UK Parliament Catholics are being called to prayer and compassionate action to uphold the sanctity of human life. We are therefore holding a Holy Hour on Wednesday 13th November at St. Patrick's Consett at 1.30pm on this theme, with Rosary and Exposition. The focus will be on the end of life and praying together in front of the Blessed Sacrament that Assisted Suicide will not become law in our lands. This would greatly diminish the importance and innate value of every human person, akin to saying that our life is *not* a gift of God. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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.

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!

November Charity: Fr John is going to grow a moustache for charity during the month of November and is asking for your sponsorship! The charity he is raising money for is called MOVEMBER. This charity funds ground-breaking projects to help men's health. Men are dying on average 4.5 years earlier than women, and for largely preventable reasons. A growing number of men – around 10.8M globally – are facing life with a prostate cancer diagnosis. Globally, testicular cancer is the most common cancer among younger men. And across the world, one man dies by suicide every minute of every day, with males accounting for 69% of all suicides. Envelopes for donations will be available at all our partnership 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.

Events Around the Partnership:

Christmas Trip to Klondyke Garden Centre and Carlisle: On Wednesday 4th December.

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.

Partnership Christmas Lunch: Tuesday December 10th 12.30pm to be held at the Jolly Drivers, Leadgate £10 deposit per person on booking. 2 Courses £18.95 or 3 Courses £24.95. Menus are available at the back of the church along with envelopes starter is to be chosen when paying deposit and indication to be given for 2 or 3 course meal. Envelopes to be handed into

the Parish Office at St Patrick's Consett, St Mary's Blackhill, All Saints Lanchester and St Joseph's Stanley. Please Book Early Number of Places are Limited.

Consett Churches Together - Carolcade 2024 We are happy to announce that Carolcade is back for 2024! This lovely Advent tradition in Consett is organised by Churches Together. This year Carolcade will take place on Wednesday 18th December, beginning at the Salvation Army at 6.30pm. The evening will end at St. Patrick's Consett for festive refreshments. All are very welcome.

Derwent Valley Flower Club: Creative Christmas Demonstration in the JFK Centre, Blackhill, on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 2pm. Admission £8 (includes refreshments)

Sleeping Beauty Pantomime: (In conjunction with Paved with Gold Productions) St Patrick's Hall Consett Special Purchase Tickets Available for **Only £5** 23rd, 24th, 30th November and 1st December. First Come First Served. Available from St Patrick's Parish Office (Monday, Thursday and Friday).

Tea on Tuesday: Come along and join us on Tuesday 3rd December 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.

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 your local MP Liz Twist to express your feelings her contact details are liz.twist.mp@parliament.uk further information can be obtained from info@righttolife.org.uk

Little Sisters of the Poor Christmas Concert: The Newcastle Male Chorus and Gibside Singers will be performing a Christmas Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) on Saturday 7th December 2024 at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters at St Joseph's Home. Tickets are £8 (interval drink included), available from St Joseph's Home – 0191 273 1279.

St Mary's News

Collections: This week – Clergy Training Fund Next Week - SVP

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

First Holy Communion: In preparation for the '*First Holy Communion's* a weekly programme will be beginning soon, if you have a child who wishes to make their first Holy Communion, please contact Collette

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.

Thank you: to the Wednesday Coffee Morning Group for the kind donations of £250 to the JFK Centre appeal and £250 towards the Christmas Flowers.

Volunteer Form: Please remember to fill in your form and return to office, or fill in online.

The Breakfast Club: will be open after Mass on Sunday 17th November, Hope to see you all.

Christmas Afternoon Tea: will be held on Monday 2nd December.

Chair Dance Class: will be held in JFK Centre on 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.

The Whistle Testers: will be performing in the JFK Centre on Saturday 30th November. Doors open at 6.30pm, Bar, Raffle and Bingo.

Musical Evening: at JFK Centre Saturday 7th December 2024. Doors open 7pm. Featuring Mathew Coates, See notice board.

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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).

300 Club October Draw Winners: £20 No. 31 Jennifer Stanyer, £15. No. 2. Marie Lightfoot £10 No. 88 Elizabeth Cooke, £10. No, 107. Pat Crinnion Please don't forget to make your £12 Payment for the next 12 months.

Sunday Coffee Morning: Sunday 24th November after 9.15am Mass all welcome in the Church Hall for Bacon Sandwiches, Tea and Coffee.

Thank you: to our friends at St. Patrick's who have been saying prayers for us. We are so grateful to you all for your support and kind wishes. I am home now with lots of support from my family and other agencies. Thank you all so much '. Joan and John Willis.

Brooms - Our Lady and St Joseph's News

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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 recent thank you letter can be viewed on the noticeboard at the back of church.

Carols By Candlelight: There will be a Carol Service by candlelight held at Our Lady & St. Joseph, Brooms at 4pm on Sunday 1st December. This will include music and singing by students from St. Bede's school and Brooms School, followed by festive refreshments. All are welcome.

Thank you: The family of the late Robert (Bob) Parkin would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and kind words of sympathy. Dementia UK received £457 from the collection at Bob's funeral.

St Pius News

Collections: This week – Clergy Training Fund Next week – Clergy Training Fund

Holy Rosary Hour: The next one will be held on Monday 25th November 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.

Our Lady of the Rosary News

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ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: Sarah K Grugan, Mary Blackmore, Billy Sedgewick, Pauline Chivers, Rewcastle Armstrong, Theresa Page, Kevin Dermott McGeary, Margaret Whytte, Joanne McGuigan, Francis Joseph Clarke, Joseph Page, Clint Ronald Woodland, Theresa McCoy, Florence Teresa O'Hanlon, David Shotton, Michael Welsh, Thomas Beckham, Margaret Preston, Richard Kilion, Theresa Marie Morgan, John Francis Smith, Lillian Metcalf, David Walton, Mary (Polly) Brown, David Richardson, Mary Clarke, John Joseph Cheeseman, Andrew Dempsey, John Grant, Thomas Bell, Jane Roberts, Francis Gerard Rafferty, Sarah Corr, Jimmy Mulhearn.

Our Lady of the Rosary: Anne Graham (nee Barron), Ted McKie, Annie Kelly, Lyndsay Morton, Ray Watson, Eileen Mary Carr (nee Nicholson), Joseph McKie, Mary Davison

St. Patrick's: Dominic McGurk, Catherine Connelly, Hugh Malone, Catherine Donaghy, Richard Forbes, Terry Burns, Mary Burnage, Mary Theresa Hughes, Joseph Raw, Flora Nimmons, Tommy O'Neill, Mary Donaghy, Alan Foley, Gerard Slavin, Moira Reed, Brian Rogan, James Fail, Thomas Kerr, Ellen Parker, Nancy Collins, John Harpin, Stephen Fenwick, John Haggon, Bill Kennedy, Betty Mitcheson, Jeanne Marie Philips, Frances Ronald Lovett, Margaret McArdle.

St Pius: James Clark, Thomas Murphy, Athena Rose Osborne, Patricia Pipe, Bill Robson, Ray Watson.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Ged Doughan, Sydney Fountain, Norman Henderson, Laura Mallon, Graeme Dimmick

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, Barbara Bennison, Eileen Dunstan.

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, 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), Maureen Welsh.

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'