

## 33rd Sunday of the Year - 17th November 2024

Annfield Plain - St. Teresa, Blackhill - Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Brooms - Our Blessed Lady & St. Joseph,

Stanley, St. Joseph

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Partnership

Consett - St. Patrick,

Dipton - St. Patrick, Lancheater - All Saints, Moorside - St. Pius X, Shotley Bridge - Our Lady of the Rosary

### Watch

The language we hear Jesus using as he speaks to his disciples about what is to come is very “apocalyptic”: it could almost be lifted from the Book of Revelation. It marks a transition from the ministry of teaching and healing that has gone before and leads into the account of the Passion culminating in the Resurrection.

One of his disciples had commented on the magnificence of the temple and it feels like Jesus uses this opportunity to change the mindset of his disciples, to get them ready for the events that are about to unfold. Using the language and imagery of his time, he describes events that would seem like the end of the world, something that sounds truly fearful.

What we, as Christians, should realise is that what Jesus is talking about has already happened. The world has changed, the Kingdom of God has been established and we live in it. It isn't something we should be preparing for that is going to happen in the future. It is in the here and now and we are called to live our lives to build it and make it known to others. That is what Jesus was preparing the disciples for and we have the same task.

The great unknown for all of us, what we don't know, is the day and the hour, which will come; when everyone will meet the Lord and have to account for ourselves, but will we meet Him. If we are watchful, if we are ready, we will have nothing to fear on that day.

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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.

*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!

MOVEMBER 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. Only 2 Seats Left. **All Payments of £20 need to be made by Sunday 24th November.** The pick up times are 8.15am - St Joseph's, Stanley, 8.30am - St Patrick's, Dipton, 8.45am - John Street, Consett 9.00am - St Mary's, Blackhill.

Partnership Christmas Lunch: Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

Christmas Afternoon Tea: St Mary's Convent Ebchester on Thursday 28th November at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

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

Monday Film Matinee: There is going to be a free showing of the film The Miracle Club (2023) at 1.30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the upstairs room of St. Patrick's Consett Church Hall. The Miracle Club is a heart-warming tale of faith and forgiveness starring Maggie Smith and Kathy Bates. It is a well-made movie about three generations of Irish women coming to terms with the past as they visit Lourdes together. Refreshments will be served.

### **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. 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)

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Youth Sunday – a message from YMT: As we near Youth Sunday on the Feast of Christ the King on 24<sup>th</sup> November, we invite you to celebrate and encourage young people in our Diocese. World Youth Sunday resources are available, including a registration link for CYMFed's *World Youth Funday*, a free, interactive livestream event on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Join live from studios in London, Nottingham, and YMT, with guests like Sr. Anna and Sr. Linda (*Daughters of Divine Charity*), Bishop David Oakley, and more ending the day with a moment of Adoration. Thank you for all your support. Follow YMT and visit the CYMFed website for details.

Little Sisters of the Poor: A huge thank you to everyone who very kindly supported our Christmas fayre at St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November. It was a great success and very enjoyable. Mother Kathleen Mary and Community

### **St Mary's News**

Collections: This week – SVP

Next Week – Catholic Youth

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.

SVP's Sudan Christmas Appeal: This month's SVP Collection today will go directly to SVP Baby Feeding and Healthcare Centres to help relieve suffering in this war torn country. Thank you for your generous help today and in the past.

Thank you: to all who have contributed to the JFK Centre Appeal a total of £3512.70 has been raised so far.

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 there.

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

The Whistle Testers: will be performing in the JFK Centre on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

JFK Cleaning: Volunteers are required to help Elsie with the cleaning of the hall. We work around bookings so Monday afternoon, Tuesday all day and Friday mornings are required for help. Please contact Elsie White 07484349433 and leave a message. Many thanks.

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

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

Lately Deceased: Maureen Rose. Please pray for her and her family at this sad time.

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)

Found: A medal was found in church on Sunday. If you have lost one please call at the Piety Stall.

Sunday Coffee Morning: Sunday 24th November 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 – Clergy Training Fund      Next week – Catholic Youth

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.

### **St Pius News**

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

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**

Collections: This week – SVP      Next Week - Catholic Youth

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: Kathleen Million, Francis J Routledge, Bill Gilliland, Florence Mary Siddoway, Mary Ellen Lawrie, James McCusker, Audrey Stobbs, Mary Kennedy, George Norman Sennett, Peter Longhorne, John Batey, (Baby) Shannon Cassidy, Mary Davison, John Toner, Abbi Devanney, Shaun McElhatton, J.J. Welsh, James Donaghue, Annie McKenna, Dennis Rowan, Peter Walls, Susan Boyle, Ellen Kierman, Thomas Page, Philomena Jackson, Roseann Lavin, Ellen Willis, Joseph McKie, Margaret Higham, Mary Margaret Loughran, Jean Eva Hunter.

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'*