

Our Lord Jesus Christ The King - 24th 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

The Kingship of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

Today's celebration marks the end of the Liturgical Year B, which began on the First Sunday of Advent last year. It is fitting that the year concludes with a focus on the Kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel reading comes from the holy Gospel according to John. In this passage, Pilate questions Jesus, asking, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus responds, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." Jesus goes on to affirm that he came into the world to testify to the truth, and those who belong to the truth listen to his voice. There are three main themes we can highlight from today's Gospel:

Kingship of Jesus: Unlike earthly kings, Jesus' kingship is not based on power, wealth, or political authority. His kingdom transcends worldly boundaries and exists in the realm of truth and love.

Not of This World: Jesus emphasises that his kingdom is not of this world. His reign is spiritual, eternal, and centred on truth. He invites us to recognise and embrace this heavenly kingship.

Testifying to the Truth: Jesus came to testify to the truth. As his followers, we are called to seek truth, live by it, and bear witness to it in our lives.

In summary, Christ the King invites us to acknowledge his supreme authority, not as a ruler of earthly dominions, but as the King of Truth. His kingship demolishes the curse of death, allowing us to live in the light of his power and love. May we listen to his voice and align our lives with his eternal kingdom.

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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!

Youth Sunday – A message from YMT: Today, we celebrate Youth Sunday, The Feast of Christ the King and the vital role young people play in our Church. Bishop Stephen has written a letter which highlights the inspiring contributions of our youth and the dedication of the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT). Please see the poster at the back of the church, showcasing the ways youth ministry has flourished this year, from the return of *The Source* gathering to successful summer festivals and the JP11 and Faith in Action Awards. Your support is essential; a special collection will be taken today. Gift Aid envelopes are available for those who wish to contribute, they can be returned at a later date. Thank you.

Love Christmas: This weekend we launch the 2024 Love Christmas campaign. It is across the whole partnership this year and collection envelopes are available in all our churches. With the help of your generosity we aim to make Christmas a little bit better for those across our community who need a helping hand. Last year we distributed "Love Christmas Dinner" bags, Toiletries gift bags for young people living in temporary accommodation, Gift bags for adults with learning needs and lastly, helped the mothers of the children in our local Women's Refuge with something extra for Christmas. Your generosity helped to make a big difference to a lot of people, please be as generous as you can this year.

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. Envelopes for donations are available at all our partnership churches.

Events Around the Partnership:

Christmas Trip to Klondyke Garden Centre and Carlisle: On Wednesday 4th December. 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 10th 12.30pm to be held at the Jolly Drovers, 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.

St Mary's Special Needs Club - A date for your diaries: At 7.15pm Friday 13th December, St Mary's Special Needs Club will be presenting their Annual Nativity Play. This year it is entitled "Herod's Secret Policeman". It is a celebration of both the birth of Baby Jesus, and the fact that we are so fortunate in our part of the world that we can celebrate His birth and worship in any way we wish, without fear of persecution. Our group is mindful of the ever-increasing cost of

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: John McGough, Sadie Seaton, Teresa Georgina McNally, Betty McArdle, John Corr, Rose Hodson, Elizabeth Joyce Gibson, Edward Ryans, Sheila Patricia Hoy, Martha Grimes, Margaret Grayson, Mary Murphy, Wilfrid Quinn, Jennie Winter, Kathleen Hillery, Gerard Irving, Clara Winifred Anderson, Veronica Bradley, James Daly, Jennifer Ann Gallagher, James McGee, Thomas Heslop, Ann Astin.

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'