

# The Baptism of the Lord - 12th January 2025

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

Stanley, St. Joseph

**PONTOP**  
Partnership

Consett - St. Patrick,

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

## A Call to Peace

All of us, at one time or another get our lives in a tangle. We're upset with where we find ourselves, what we have done, what has been done to us and so on. It makes us upset, possibly angry, and we find ourselves doing and thinking things that are wrong. What John The Baptist offered the crowds that followed him was an opportunity to wipe the slate clean, a chance to wash away their troubles and make a fresh start, a chance to find peace. As he did so he also preached about the one who was to follow him, Jesus, who would be greater and more powerful than him.

As is often the case the crowds were getting it wrong, beginning to wonder if it was John himself who was the Messiah that they fervently hoped for. It is into this situation of hope and expectation that Jesus emerges into his public ministry. He accepts baptism from John not because he needs it but in order to serve a greater purpose.

What John had been preaching about Jesus is confirmed by his Father's words, and filled with the Spirit, Jesus enters his public ministry. Considering our own baptism, perhaps we can turn to God with gratitude for the times we have heard his voice in our lives, and for the times he has sent his Spirit to encourage me. It may be we need to start recognising when this is happening so we can try to respond.

Wherever we may find ourselves we should remind ourselves that we are united with Jesus in God's love and allow His Spirit to find its way to work in us in whatever our ministry may be.

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***Deacon Shaun McGee***

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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.

Our Lady & St Joseph Brooms and St Pius Federation are looking to appoint Foundation Governors to support the schools and strengthen the current governing body. A governor should be willing to attend at least one full meeting a term and to visit the school in between meetings to gain a greater understanding of the school, how it functions and progresses towards goals. A governor should have a strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for pupils. If you feel you could fulfil the role for either school, please speak to Father John or contact the schools who can give further information. Our Lady & St Joseph Brooms: 01207 503979. St Pius: 01207 503604.

## **Events Around the Partnership**

CAFOD Recycling Appeal: St Patrick's Consett are collecting Recycling for CAFOD the items we are collecting are: Gold or Silver Jewellery, Watches, Stamps, Costume Jewellery etc., See the Poster at the back of the Church for more information.

Partnership Pantomime Consett Empire - The Little Mermaid: We have made a block group booking at the Consett Empire for the Pantomime "The Little Mermaid" performed by CBS on Monday 13th January at 7.15pm. Tickets are £8 each and are on a first come first served basis. Envelopes are available at the back of the church and the full money must be paid before the space is booked.

White Flower Appeal 2025: the society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend 18th/19th January. SPUC Exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes unthinkable. To accomplish this mission, the society is positioning initiatives in politics, education, legislation and culture. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life to our society. This year's appeal postcards call on the Government to adhere to the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers.

## **Events Around the Diocese**

Sharing the Rosary – You are very welcome to join us at Holy Name Parish Hall on Towers Avenue, Jesmond for a 4-week course exploring the Rosary, its history and its significance in Catholic prayer traditions. Each one-hour session will include opportunities to learn about the Mysteries of the Rosary, pray a shared Decade, and even make your own set of Rosary beads. The course will run on Saturdays 25 January, 1 February, 8 February and 22 February 2025. Refreshments will be available from 2:00 pm, with sessions finishing at 3:30 pm. We warmly invite participants from other parishes, families, and young people to join us in this Jubilee Holy Year on this journey of faith and community. Whether you're new to the Rosary or have prayed it for years, all are welcome. Rosary beads will be available for anyone who needs them, but feel free to bring your own—especially if they hold a special story you'd like to share. To join the course, please either email [welcome@holynamesjehesmond.co.uk](mailto:welcome@holynamesjehesmond.co.uk) or telephone (0191) 2810940.

Pilgrimage: Hearts in Search of God - Webinar. Why go on Pilgrimage? All are welcome to join us for this online Year of Jubilee formation opportunity based on pilgrimage. We are delighted to welcome our guest speaker Dr Phil McCarthy, project lead for Hearts in Search of God: Pilgrim Ways, who will share his wisdom and experience based on the history, significance and spirituality of pilgrimage. The session will also explore and consider some of the options and practicalities for embarking on a local pilgrimage during the Year of Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope. **Date: Wednesday 15 January 2025 | Time: 7.00pm – 8.00pm | Online via Zoom**  
Please contact adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk or call 0191 243 3316 to book your place. Booking deadline is Monday 13th January 12 noon.

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

Collections: This week – SVP                      Next week – SPUC (White Flower Appeal)

White Flower Appeal 2025: Please see general notices for more information.

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.

Sanctuary Candle: The candle will burn this week 'In Loving Memory of Peter and Geraldine Hird'.

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

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Sunday Breakfast Club: will be held next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January after 9.15am Mass, in the JFK Centre. Bacon and Sausage sandwiches and Tea/Coffee. All are welcome.

Welcome Thursday: will re-open on 16th January in the JFK Centre

300 Club: Thank you to all who supported our 300 club in 2024. Subs are now being collected for 2025 after Masses in January or, see Jimmy. New members are needed to keep the club solvent, Thank you.

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

Collections: This week – Welfare Fund                      Next week - SPUC (White Flower Appeal)

White Flower Appeal 2025: Please see general notices for more information.

Lately Deceased: Austin MacDonald, Ann Harrop and Edna Halliday. Please pray for them and their families at this sad time.

Church Hall Volunteers: We also need short term Volunteers for the Church Hall to help with setting up for the many groups that use the Hall the more Volunteers we get we will be able to prepare a rota.

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 5th January. Thank you.

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

Collections: This week – Welfare Fund                      Next week - SPUC (White Flower Appeal)

White Flower Appeal 2025: Please see general notices for more information.

Lately Deceased: Jade Elizabeth Robinson and Janice Hall. Please pray for them and their families at this sad time.



## **ANNIVERSARIES**

St Mary's: Peter Hart, John Mellon, Catherine O'Neill, Douglas Kitchen, Ann Graham, Mary Urwin, Margaret McCusker, Margaret Sheekey, Winifred Ward, Kitty Cook, David Adams, Michael Healey, Norah Cramb, Maureen Gill, Frederick (Freddie) Cheeseman, Terry Bowery, Ann Curran, Bessie Smailes Ray, Winifred Atkinson, Doris Doherty, James Akers, Baby Sherrie Lowden, Elizabeth Lewins, John Peter Kilty, John McKenna, Ann Neasham, Gerald McArdle, Lily McElhone, Lily McElhone, Diones Dixon, Teresa Anderson, Mary Bell.

Our Lady of the Rosary: Margaret Mary Nicholson, Elizabeth Bowery, Mark Bradley, Michael Healey, Terry Bowery, Maureen McKie, William Hannah, Michael Baker, Fr. James Burke.

St. Patrick's: Joseph Hughes, Kathleen Winter, Veronica Sheekey, Alice Dyer, James McCourt, Michael Glancy, Paul Testo, Frederick Panting, Mary Wass, Joe Hegarty, Paul McCourt, Jennifer Enne, Louisa Maughan, Cathy Panting, Joseph Butler, Mary Elizabeth Ridley, Mary Whitfield, Margaret Carter, Margaret (McNally) Million, Colin Gibson, John O'Hanlon, Mary Curran, Anne McInnes, Winifred Callon, Barbara Ann Quinn, Margaret Thompson, Barbara Raw, Neda Rossi, Patrick Edward Smith, Moira Paul.

St Pius: Molly Carter, Thomas Cooke, Thomas Creegan, Arthur Donaghy, Richard Forbes, Harry Graham, Marie Matthews, Gerry McArdle, Joan McGee, Michael Mohan.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Edward Grogan, Anthony Fountain, Joseph Liddel Snr. Gerard McCabe, Doreen Peveller, Thomas Williamson, Brian Gregerson, Austin Laurie, Terese Hannon.

## **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, Eileen Fannon, Mary Barnes, Arron Armstrong, Maddy Kennedy, Mark Adams, Jack Nugent, Donna Philips, Julianne Kennedy, Eileen Haughey, David Oliver, Jimmy McGuigan, Sarah June Quinn, Thomas Eccles, Philip Robinson, Audrey Johnson, Ged Hester, Peter Doherty, Jakob English, Katelyn Howe, Ann Hester, Fiona Bell, Cecelia Moore, David Urwin, Barbara Bennison, Eileen Dunstan, Molly Glancy

Our Lady of the Rosary: James Baker.

St. Patrick's: Eileen Fish, Margaret Heslop, Anna Bradley, Cheryl Reily, Judith Hindmarsh, Geraldine Donnelly, Andrew Bates, Jean Walls, Sienna Jane McNestry, Joan O'Keefe, Joan Wilson, Joan Willis, Alan McCullagh.

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 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'*