

5th Sunday of the Year - 9th February 2025

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

Trust Issues

Imagine the scene. It is a hot day and you are recovering by your boats after a particularly bad night fishing. You made no catch at all but you will give it another go tonight so you are busy washing your nets. All of a sudden Jesus gets into Peter's boat and demands to be taken away from the shore so he can preach from the boat. Perhaps in gratitude for the fact Jesus had healed his mother-in-law Peter complies; after all one good turn deserves another.

Jesus later goes on to tell Peter to go back out into deep water and start fishing again. We can all imagine Peter, a fisherman, rolling his eyes at being told to do this by Jesus. He may be a powerful preacher and healer but in this situation he is just a carpenter. What does he know? However Peter does as he is asked and the catch is way beyond measure.

Peter is astounded by what happens and becomes fearful. He realises he is in the presence of someone, something, very powerful and is scared, asking to be left alone. It is at this point Jesus makes known to Peter that in future his catch will be people rather than fish.

But take a small step back and think about the miracle. We can see it as an example of what is needed for a miracle to take place: the trust to go a 'little deeper' in order to seek God's help, which is always there. How many times have we felt like we were making no headway in one of life's challenging situations until we took the time to stop and prayerfully ask for God's help. How many times has this helped us to move forward even when we can't understand how? These are the miracles in our own lives that come from showing trust in God's power to help.

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Deacon Chris Callan

Deacon Shaun McGee

Deacon David Westgarth

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.

A Liturgical Day of Reflection: for Liturgical Leaders for Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion. Date: Saturday 15th March 2025 - Times: 10.30am-3.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am.

Location: St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY
Cost: £15.00 per person. **Catering:** Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. This Day of Reflection may be self-funded or funded by your parish. You can indicate your payment preference on the online booking form. An invoice will be sent to the payee following the event. Payments can be made by bank transfer or cheque. **Booking Deadline: Friday 7 March 2025.** Booking: please book your place by accessing the online form at bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents or via the parish office sign-up sheet.

Partnership Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2025 for the Jubilee Year: The Partnership Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place from Friday 8th to Monday 11th August 2025. The cost will be as follows 3 Nights Single Ensuite £279/Budget £222. 3 Nights Twin/Double Ensuite £558/Budget £444. A deposit of £180 per person is payable on booking by the 31st January 2025. The cost of the bus will be charged at a later date. Envelopes for deposit will be available at the back of the church.

St Patrick's Hall Tea on Tuesday: Come along and join us on Tuesday 4th March 2.00pm 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.

Around The Diocese

Year of Jubilee: Formation Opportunity: we are made to walk together, come and discover the 'art of accompaniment' and how our communities can extend God's love to all and walk shoulder-to-shoulder with each other. Session (1) Sat 15th March, Session (2) Sat 12th April 10.00am - 1.00pm Cost £25. Please see the notice board for further information.

St Joseph's Home, Newcastle: The Sisters of St Joseph's Home collect used postage stamps (any country), foreign currency (notes & coins from any country), old, broken or unwanted pieces of gold & silver & military medals which no longer have meaning for the families. To date they have raised over £21,200 which helps the sisters and residents including retired priests and sisters. If you have any of the above you wish to donate please contact Margaret at St Mary's.

Youth2000 Leeds Retreat: Saturday 15th February from 9am-10.30pm. Held at Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Leeds, LS18 5HD Registration is essential, using the following Link <https://youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/td7cjfox>

St Mary's News

Collections: This week - No Collection

Next week – SVP

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.

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door. A member of the SVP will contact you.

Sanctuary Candle: will burn 'In Loving Memory of Brian and Kevin Parker'.

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

National Day Of Prayer and Fasting For Life: Monday 10th February 2025, Please see notice board for further information.

300 Club: Thank you for your support in 2024, subscriptions for 2025 are now due, please see Jimmy or Julie. New members urgently needed.

Thank You: The Bradley family would like to express their thanks to all who attended Tony's funeral, and for those who sent sympathy cards and made donations to Dementia Uk. They would also like to express their gratitude to both Consett AFC and the Scotch Arms for all their help, support and kindness on the day. I'm sure Tony would have approved.

Thank you: The family of the late Margaret McDonald would like to thank family and friends for their attendance at Margaret's funeral and for the amount of £216.73 raised for 'Willowburn Hospice'.

Family Event: Celebrating Shrove Tuesday on 25th February from 1:30 - 4pm. (Yes a week early but it's our school's half term!). Tickets on sale after Sunday Mass or message Elsie on 07484349433 to book with name and number of tickets required. Soup, hot dogs and pancakes plus magician with many competitions along with Karaoke, raffle and Tombola prizes. £5 a ticket or four for £16!

Chair Class exercises: Monday 11am - 12 noon, in the JFK Centre.

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 held Sunday 16th February after 9.15am Mass in the JFK Centre. Bacon and Sausage sandwiches and Tea/Coffee. All are welcome.

St Patrick's News

Collections: This week – Flowers

Sunday Coffee Morning: Sunday 30th March after 9.15am Mass all welcome in the Church Hall Lounge for Bacon Sandwiches, Tea and Coffee.

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 2nd March. Thank you.

Church Hall Lunch Club: Monday 10th February at 12 noon places available. Two course lunch followed by bingo and a raffle. We are a Dementia Friendly building too. Please contact 07517 929658 to book a place.

Feast of the Holy Face: The Novena to the Holy Face begins on Sunday 23rd February 2025, The Feast of the Holy Face is on Shrove Tuesday 4th March. The Feast Day Holy Mass of the Holy Face will take place at 10am in St Patrick's Church, Consett. Holy Mass will conclude with the anointing with the Holy Face Oil. A Piety Stall will be available in the Church with many new items added. All are welcome.

Brooms - Our Lady and St Joseph's News

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Lateley Deceased: Kenneth Tate and Catherine Colbert. Please prayer for them and their families at this sad time.

Collections: Collections: The Racial Justice collection realised £232. The collection for Church Flowers totalled £96, thank you for your generous support.

People's Kitchen: 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 from the charity can be viewed on the church noticeboard.

Monthly Mass at St Ives, Leadgate. Bishop Steven has given Fr. John permission to say a monthly Catholic Mass at St Ives Church in Leadgate. The next Mass will be held at 10am on Thursday the 20th February. We will be joined by a class from Brooms School. All the Partnership are welcome to attend.

Toddler Group: Brooms School, are looking to start a Toddler Group after February half term for any local families for pre -school children. Our aim is to have one session per week, where parents/carers can come into the hall and enjoy a chat and a cuppa while their children socialise and play. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be, please contact school on 01207 503979 or email: olsj@olsj.bwcet.com All are welcome even if they have no current links with the school. Any donations for toys/books (in good condition) for toddler age would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

Nursery Update: Our consultation period has now closed, and we hope to open our Nursery after the Easter break. Further updates to follow. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be, please contact school on 01207 503979 or email: olsj@olsj.bwcet.com

St Pius News

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Holy Rosary Hour: The next one will be held on Monday 24th February 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: Elizabeth MCCoy, Agnes MCardle, Nellie Higgins, Arthur Scott, Margaret Armstrong, John Glancy, Anthony McAdle, Bill Mulholland, James Quinn, Anthony Carr, Robert Johnson, Christopher Cooksie, Susan Healey, Kevin Parker, Brian Parker, Josephine Southern, Victor2 Chivers, Rose Grimes, Mary Andrews, Monica McArdle, Mary grant, Boniface Francisco, Daniel McCullagh, David Malpass, William Toner, Katy Bell, Douglas Walter ringer, Pat Barrass (nee McNally), James Glancy, Anne Carr, John Doherty, Bob Marshall, Patricia Scott, Frank Bradley, Margaret Rita Atkinson.

Our Lady of the Rosary: Philip Jones, James McGuire, Susan Healey, Mary Patricia Hughes, Tom and Margaret McKie, Mary McGuire Francesca Griffin, George Wood Cunningham.

St. Patrick's: Terry Murray, George Dixon, Mary Crozier, Patsy Foley, Tony Gowland, Mary Teresa McCrory, Maureen Hurson, David Flynn, Teresa Smith, Eric Appleton, Patricia Higgins, John Martin, Peter Malone, Peter Hughes, Terry McCabe, Joseph Lockeron, Arran (Christopher) Field, Kevin Joyce, Rose Zina Thompson and Theresa Gaines.

St Pius: Richard Carr, Roland Egdell, Albert Glasgow, Mary Grant, Mary Hall, James Haughey, Patricia Higgins, Derek Lee, Christopher Moore, Maria Murphy, Florence Ann Parkin.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Bobby Fountain, Joseph Hurst, Joan Callaghan.

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, Andrew Bates, Jean Walls, Sienna Jane McNestry, Joan O'Keefe, Joan Wilson, Joan Willis, Alan McCullagh.

St Pius: Joseph Agnew, Gerry Akers, Marie Atherton, Martin Daly, Rita Daly, Paul Hunt, Danny Morton, Robert Nixon Jr, Jade Telford, Muriel Steele, Ethan O'Neil (13 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 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'