

## 6th Sunday of the Year - 16th 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, hope and the path to true happiness

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches the crowd about the way to happiness. It's often referred to as the Sermon on the Plain, which is distinct from the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew's Gospel. While Matthew's version is delivered from a mountaintop, emphasising Jesus' authority, Luke presents Jesus as God among us, teaching on level ground alongside the disciples and the crowd.

The Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel are more personal, using the article "you." Unlike Matthew's eight Beatitudes, Luke presents four, each with a parallel warning. These Beatitudes echo themes found in the Old Testament, emphasising who will find favour with God. Jesus teaches about true happiness through the Beatitudes.

In our first reading, Jeremiah encourages us to put our trust and hope in the Lord rather than in human beings. In our second reading we are encouraged to be hopeful: *"Our hope for resurrection is sure because Christ has been raised from the dead."* And our responsorial psalm tells us that those who follow the Lord are blessed.

Reflecting on these readings, we find themes of trust, hope, and the path to true happiness. Even in challenging circumstances, we can find blessings when we turn to God. As we navigate our own lives, let's consider how we can live out these teachings, and find joy in following Christ's way.

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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. Please contact the parish offices.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Would you like to register as a helper for the Hexham and Newcastle 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? The pilgrimage will take place between Friday 25 July to Friday 1 August 2025. Adult and Youth section volunteer registration forms are now open and live until 31st March 2025. Please register via one of the following links. Thank you very much for registering your help and support. Existing Appointed Registered Helper. If you are an existing, appointed registered helper and volunteered on the Diocesan Pilgrimage in 2023 or 2024 please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/bdNSkV8HvK>.

*New Adult Volunteer Registration Form* - If you wish to register as a volunteer for 2025, please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/PbtE9Jd6aS>

*Youth Section Registration Form* - The Youth Section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is for those aged 16-21 (on the date of travel) or in full-time education. Please click here to register: <https://forms.office.com/e/m1MQfReuZD>

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.

St Patrick's Day Celebrations: Celebrate St Patrick's Day with a traditional Irish Ceilidh which is to be held at St Patrick's Church Hall Consett on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm until 11pm. Dancing to the Highly Acclaimed Hedgehog's Skin Band. **Tickets are £5 for Adults and £2 for children.** Bar and Refreshments are available and there's a raffle too. All are welcome. Tickets are available at the back of church after Mass or from the Parish Office at St Patrick's and St Mary's

St Mary's Convent Ebchester: Coffee Afternoon Thursday 20th February from 1.30pm all are 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.

Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp- Volunteering is a Work of Heart: new volunteers needed to help in their Holiday Centre on Holy Island. They are in need of young adults to help the children have a great week's holiday on the island in Summer 2025. Full training and support will be given and would suit someone wanting to give back to the Community by helping 9-12-year-olds have fun for a week. They are also keen to attract people who would like to help by volunteering in the Kitchen/Dining room and with caretaking. Further information can

St Joseph's Home, Newcastle: The Sisters of St Joseph's Home are holding an 'Irish Night' on Saturday 29th March 2025 at 7pm. Ceilidh Band, Irish Stew, Soda Bread, and Desert. Licensed Bar. Tickets £10. Telephone 0191-2731279.

**Job Vacancy:** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint the following vacancy: HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – 30 hours a week. Closing date: 27 February. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

## St Mary's News

Collections: This week - SVP                  Next week – Funding for Divine Mercy Sunday

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.

**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.

### 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

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

**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: today 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 – Welfare

Sunday Coffee Morning: Sunday 23rd February 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.

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.

Thank you: The family of Maureen Rose wish to thank all who generously contributed to the collection of £240.62 taken at Maureen's funeral service. This money was donated to the Alzheimer's Society and was very much appreciated.

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

## Collections: This week – Welfare

*The collection:* for flowers raised £91, thank you for your generous support.

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.

Thank you: The family of the late Jade Robinson would like to thank family and friends for their attendance at Jade's funeral and for the amount of £75 raised for Abigail Lodge.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:olsj@olsj.bwcet.com)

## St Pius News

Collections: This week – Welfare

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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Holy Rosary: will be said before Mass on Tuesday 18th February at 9.30am.

Coffee Morning: on Tuesday 18th February after 10.00am Mass, Coffee, Tea, Cakes and Biscuits.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

St Mary's: Veronica Carey, Carroll Watson, Frances Hope, Norman Keith Kennedy, Christina Boyle, Bernadette McGuigan, Anne Armstrong, Fr. Seamus Doyle, Kathleen French, Sarah Dagg, Glynis Laidler, George Watson, Francis Batey, June Theresa Brown, Terry Wilson, Margaret Smulski, Patrick Vallely, George Wood Cunningham, Francis Leo Slavin, Mary Agnes Rogan, Bridget Glasgow, Gerald Harrop, Mary Anne McElhatton, Kathleen Imelda Bell, Edward (Ted) Malpass, Gerald Armstrong, Catherine (Katy) Toner.

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, 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'*