

5th Sunday of Lent - 6th April 2025

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

Stanley, St. Joseph

Consett - St. Patrick,

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Partnership

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

What is in our dust?

We have all done it. Gone off the deep end about something. If you don't think you have it would probably be a good idea to ask a few people who know you well whether you have or not. (In reality, it is when rather than whether.) There will be something, or someone, that has upset us and we just want it stopped and someone to pay the price. Whatever it is may not have directly affected us but it doesn't matter; someone must pay.

When we have these feelings rising up in us we have to be careful, we have to question ourselves. Why are we upset? Is it something that causes real problems arising out of unfair actions? Is it because I'm not getting my own way or things aren't turning out the way I would like? When I start feeling anger will my actions make things worse rather than better? And who am I to judge anyway?

In the scene where a woman "taken in adultery" is brought before Jesus there is no doubt that, even if they are trying to catch Jesus out, a real problem has occurred. "Thou shalt not commit adultery" may be something society today tries to brush under the carpet but it is, and was then, one of the Ten Commandments.

In his actions Jesus demonstrates two things. He shows, as he writes in the dust, the importance of making sure that our relationship with God is in order before we even start thinking of calling judgement on others. He also demonstrates the merciful love of God, the love that sees through all our weaknesses and failings, that love that just wants us to sin no more.

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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.

What is Gift Aid: By signing a Gift Aid Declaration we can reclaim 25p for every £1 you donate to the parish. If for example you were to give £5 a week through Gift Aid the parish would obtain an annual income tax refund of £65. You don't have to be paying a lot of tax to join the Gift Aid Scheme – only sufficient to cover the basic rate tax the parish will reclaim. Providing you pay tax on your salary or pension you can join the scheme. If you are a taxpayer and not in the Gift Aid Scheme the parish is effectively losing out on “free money” from the Government.

Am I Eligible - In order to sign a Gift Aid Declaration you must be a UK taxpayer, and donate either by standing order or by weekly envelopes so that your contributions can be recorded

Help Support a Good Cause: St Teresas Annfield Plain Community Allotment Project has been shortlisted for the Tesco Blue Token scheme. Voting starts from the 1st week in April until the end of June. Every vote counts! Please spread the word & remember to ask for your blue token after each shop! Voting will be taking place in the following Tesco stores: Consett, Annfield Plain & Blackhill.

Carfin Information: Wednesday 9th April -The bus will leave St Bedes at 7.30am. Picking up at St Patricks (John Street) then St Mary's Blackhill. There will be Lunch and Drinks Served in the Holy Ghost Father's Hall as last year which will cost £6.50 per person.

After Easter Quiz: - a date for your diary, 26th April in St Patrick's Hall at 7pm. Dust off your 'thinking caps' and start swatting! Teams of 6, £2 per person.

Divine Mercy Celebration: will be held in St Mary's Church Blackhill on Sunday 27th April 2025, beginning at 2.00pm until 3.30pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the church hall (JFK Centre) Everyone is welcome.

Ebchester Convent: Easter Funday Saturday 12th April from 1.30pm. Easter Egg Hunt, Tombola, Raffle and Refreshments. Everyone is Welcome.

Thursday 24th April Afternoon Tea from 1.30pm

Around The Diocese

Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp- Volunteering is a Work of Heart: new volunteers needed to help in their Holiday Centre on Holy Island for the Summer. 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 be found at <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp>

National Catholic Leadership Programme: This programme is for serving Deputy Headteachers in Catholic Primary and Secondary schools who are considering the role of headteacher in the next two years. It is fantastic training for the role of Catholic Headteacher, delivered by inspirational leaders across our Diocese. Please contact education@diocesehn.org.uk for further information.

St Mary's News

Collections: This week – Sick and Retired Priests

Next week - Holy Places

SVP Sudan Appeal: Coin boxes are available at the back of church for our annual Lenten Appeal for SVP Baby Feeding Stations' in South Sudan. All monies go directly to the SVP in that country. Thank you for your continued support.

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 need 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.

Legion of Mary: will say the Holy Rosary and Legion prayers on Tuesday evenings at 6pm.

Breakfast Club: today after Mass. Tea/coffee, bacon and Sausage Sandwiches

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 and make new friends in a comfortable friendly environment.

St Patrick's News

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Recently Deceased: Margaret Windsor (nee Naisbett) and Sister Mary Aelred (Sister of John Carlin). Please pray for them and their families at this sad time.

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 6th April. Thank you.

Lenten Soup Lunches: This year the soup lunches will be held on each **Friday** in Lent following Stations of the Cross. Come into St Patrick's Hall for a bowl of delicious homemade soup, tea/coffee and a chat. All proceeds go to CAFOD and St Patrick's Church.

St Patrick's Hall Tea on Tuesday: Come along and join us on Tuesday 6th May 2.00pm at St. Patrick's Church Hall for Tea, Coffee and Cake bring your friends and family too.

Sunday Coffee Morning: Sunday 27th April after 9.15am Mass all welcome in the Church Hall Lounge for Bacon Sandwiches, Tea and Coffee.

St Patrick's Hall - Lunch Club Lunch to be held on Monday 12th May 12 noon at a cost of £4 for the meal there will be bingo and a raffle too. Limited seats available. Contact the Hall Number on 07517 929658 to book.

St Patrick's Junior School Centenary Celebration: Join St Patrick's School to celebrate their 100th Year Anniversary on Saturday 12th April 10am to 12noon.

300 Club winners for February: £20 No. 54 Mrs Brown (family)

£15 No. 82 Karina Peters £10 No. 163 Val Robson £10 No. 107 Pat Crinnion

300 Club winners for March: £20 No. 57 Joseph Stobbs £15 No. 62 Marie Clarke

£10 No. 177 Agnes Nelson £10 No. 64 Fiona Bell

Friends of the Holy Land Collection Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners for the £552.38 raised for Christians in the Holy Land, at a time when they

desperately need our help. Please continue to remember our work in your prayers, giving our brothers and sisters strength to continue this important work.

Brooms - Our Lady and St Joseph's News

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Collections: The recent Lenten soup lunch organised by Brooms Church realised £77.50 for Brooms Church, thank you for your support.

Thank you: The family of the late John Foreman would like to thank everyone for the collection at John's funeral which raised £115 for Parkinson's UK.

Thank you: The family of the late John Cox would like to thank everyone for the collection at John's funeral which raised £166 to be shared between The Little Sister's of the Poor and Brooms Church.

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.

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 service will be a Lenten Service held at 10am on Thursday April 10th. We will be joined by children from Brooms School. All the Partnership are welcome to attend.

Nursery Applications: Brooms School are thrilled to announce that applications are now open for places for our nursery which will open on Monday 28th April for 3 year olds only initially. Please contact the school on 01207 503979 for an application form and to arrange a visit if you wish.

Toddler Group: Brooms School aims to have a Toddler Group on **Wednesday 9th April 9.15am – 10.30am**. Refreshments will be provided for a small donation but there will be no charge to attend. All are welcome.

St Pius News

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Holy Rosary Hour: The next one will be held on Monday 28th April at 6pm.

Benediction and Evening Prayer: Wednesday evenings 5.45pm - 6.45pm

Stations of the Cross: Friday at 6.30pm.

Children's Liturgy: If you would like to volunteer to help or lead the Liturgy please see Lisa Hicks.

100 Club: Subscriptions are due for commencing the new year on the 1st May. There are some spare numbers available if you would like any please see Christina Parkin. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Our Lady of the Rosary News

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Lately Deceased: Mary Paul. Please pray for her and her family at this sad time.

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ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: Annie Brannigan, Catherine Pidd, James Page, Thomas Carney, Dorothy Christine Hester, Catherine Lynne, John Lawrence Golightly, Denise Colgrave, John Dixon, Patrick Mulhearn, James Conney, Beatrice Bell, Patrick Toner, Mona Page, Margery Ann Bell, Gerard William McDonald, Reggie Wears, Maureen Bateman, Mark Richard Fife, James Dickson, Kathleen Hagan, Wilhelmina Martin, Philip Reilly

Our Lady of the Rosary: Fr. Paul Harrison, Tom Cowie, Mary Florence Nicholson,

Arthur Denis Nicholson, Mary McKie, Thomas Bell, William Devlin.

St. Patrick's: James Conney, Thomas Reynolds, Bernadette McAloon, Patrick Dent, Brian Murray, Lawrence Watson, Francis McGuigan, Keith Hutton, John Donoghue, Janet Robson, David Adams, Gerard Lydon, Jim Brolly, Margaret Naughton, Teresa Maughan, Francisco Rodrigues, Sylvia Dimambro, Mary Owens, Jean Huntsman, Angela Mackin, Mary Ramsden, Veronica Morgan, Peter Young, Catherine Lee, Maureen Rodgers, Anthony Price, James Keith Connelly and Nora Robson, Joseph McGuigan, Gerard Storey, Maureen Irwin.

St Pius: James Bartrope, Peter F Clarke, John Henry Glasgow, Michael Haughey, Timothy Hurn, Donald Jarman, Mrs Martin, Mark Murphy, Maureen Quinn, John Slane, Jack Steel, Helen Veitch.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Fr. Paul Harrison, Tom Cowie, Mary Florence Nicholson, Arthur Denis Nicholson, Mary McKie, Thomas Bell, William Devlin.

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, Ian Clarke.

Our Lady of the Rosary: James Baker, Maria Jopling.

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, 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'