

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - 9th November 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

Building the Church

Last week we celebrated the Saints of the Church, the living stones built on the foundation stone of Christ. Today we focus more on the sacred buildings in which we worship. The places where we share our hopes, our dreams, our joys, our sorrows. Places of entry, places of leaving, places where we belong.

St. Paul, in our second reading, sees a building made of living stones, the people of God. He calls upon us to be builders of the community of Christ. We each need to use our skills and talents to create a Church which will guide and care for those around us. He reminds us that "God's Spirit dwells in you". This imposes a sacred duty upon us for, by our lives, we must create a peaceful world where the people of God can grow and flourish.

As a devout Jew, Jesus would have visited the temple many times and witnessed the way in which the Temple was turning from a building that represented an earthly vision of God to a marketplace where goods were sold and money was exchanged. Christ came to free the people from centuries of exploitation in which the poor became poorer, while the ruling classes became rich. He strongly emphasised that the temple should be a place of prayer and worship, not of trade and profit.

On this Remembrance Sunday it would be good to spend some time looking around our church and thinking about how, by praying and working together, we can build on the foundations set by those who have gone before us and build the Church of the future.

Fr Tom McHale

(except Monday)

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Fr John Bagnall

(except Wednesday)

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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.

Communion Visits: If anyone is aware of someone who is housebound and who would like to receive communion at home, please contact Fr Tom at St Mary's 01207 502196 or Fr John at St Patrick's 01207 502320 to arrange this.

Mobile Phones: Kind Request to please remember to put your mobile phones on silent when you are in church. Ring tones and messaging sounds disturb people who are trying to pray.

Friday Fellas Men's Group: The next meeting in the lounge of St. Patrick's Hall will be on Friday 28th November.

Religious items: Thank you to everyone who contributed. At the back of the church is a poster explaining the ministry of 'The Host Apostolate'. I will begin collecting next spring. If anyone wants to offer monetary gifts the details are on the poster.

Edinburgh Trip: **Is now fully booked.** Travel details are to follow.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Flying from Newcastle on Sunday 28th June return Sunday 5th July 2026. Cost £839 sharing, £979 single room. More details on the notice board or ring Margaret on 07944288655.

Partnership Christmas Lunch: Tuesday December 9th 12 noon to be held at the Jolly Drovers, Leadgate. £5 deposit per person on booking. 2 Courses £24.95 or 3 Courses £29.95. Menus are available (starter to be chosen when paying a deposit) at the back of church along with envelopes which can be handed into the Parish Office at St Patrick's and St Mary's. Please Book Early Number of Places are Limited.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP): Is a caring and committed charitable voluntary organisation serving the West Derwentside Partnership area, based at St Mary's, Blackhill. SVP offers both practical and spiritual support to those who may be facing challenges or feeling isolated. If you know of a family or individual who might benefit from a regular visit in their own home, sheltered housing or a care home—whether for a friendly chat, a helping hand, or spiritual companionship. You can email us at: PresidentC210301@svp.org.uk or leave a message with your name and contact number on 07377 259724. We also warmly welcome anyone who feels called to join us in making a meaningful difference in our community. Together, we can bring hope, comfort, and kindness to those who need it most. The SVP group has been actively supporting our community in recent weeks. Their efforts have included providing school uniforms to several families, distributing food parcels, and supplying a much-needed electrical appliance. In addition, members have continued their valuable outreach by visiting individuals and families in their homes and local care facilities.

The Bugle Comic and Exhibition. Father John and St. Patrick's parishioner Phil Bartle have written and drawn a comic book called The Bugle. While it is not a children's comic, it should appeal to anyone who grew up reading The Beano or The Dandy or who likes nostalgic northern humour. The Bugle will be launched, with an exhibition of original artwork by Fr John and Phil, along with live entertainment on the evening of Friday November 14th at Consett Heart - Heritage and Arts Centre in John Street, Consett. All are welcome from 5.00pm onwards. The exhibition will run for two weeks and the comic book will also be available to buy online and in our Partnership churches. Don't be frugal, buy the Bugle!

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock: 25th-29th May 2026

Gillingham's Coaches, departing local destinations. 5 days/4 nights (Belfast, Bundoran, Knock and Belfast). DBB. £640 per person sharing a double room. £790 single occupancy.

Full day at the Shrine with Mass, guided tour and prayer opportunities. 2 half day visits included: Belfast Titanic Museum and Cong 'Quiet Man' village, Mayo. Optional evening Mass at Clonard Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Contact: Michael, 07787 726306, Lestrine:07778 656662.

Around the Diocese

Significance Grand Draw: Thank you to all who have supported the Draw which closes on Friday 14th November. Ticket stubs and payment should be returned to Significance, Emmaus Village, Pemberton Road, Allensford, Consett DH8 9BA. Cheques payable to Significance. Payment can also be made by bank transfer: Significance Sort Code: 52-30-44 Account Number: 46107363. Please put your name as reference. The Draw, which will be live streamed, takes place on Youth Sunday 23rd November at St Mary's Hexham.

Please email significance316@gmail.com for further information or to buy tickets.

Carbon Literacy Training – North East Churches Acting Together: Three online sessions will examine the science of climate change, our own personal carbon footprints, and what we can be doing together as churches. The course can lead to Carbon Literacy Certification (cost £15) for those who choose this option, it will be free for those who do not wish to obtain certification. The course will run 7 – 9pm on Wednesdays November 19th and 26th and 14th January. To express an interest, please email minnie.fraser@diocesehn.org.uk

St Mary's News

Collections: This Week -Clergy Training Fund Next week – The Clergy Training Fund

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

Parish Council Meeting: Our next 'Joint Parish Council' meeting for St Mary's and Our Lady of the Rosary will take place in the presbytery at St Mary's on Tuesday 11th November at 7.15pm

Gaza Appeal Remembrance Tree: You might wish to remember a deceased loved one during November by making a donation in their memory and hanging a dove in their name on our remembrance tree. It will be situated in the entrance to our hall, and you can access it on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. All donations will go to CAFOD specifically to aid relief efforts in Gaza. Instructions, doves, pens and envelopes will be with the tree. Thank you.

Thursday Welcome Group: on Thursday with lunch and entertainment. Thank you for your support.

Music Night: The Kennedy Care presents 'Whistle Testers' on Saturday November 15th, doors open 6.30pm. Bar, Bingo and Raffle. Tickets £5. There is a box at the back of the church for anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize. Thank you all.

Light a Candle on the Christmas Tree: remembering a loved one, cost £2 per name/s. All Names read out on 21st December Sunday Mass. Please see Joan Devanney.

Flowers For Christmas: Christmas flower demonstration by Val Guest in the JFK Centre on Wednesday 12th November at 2pm. Cost £9 (includes refreshments). There will also be a raffle for a flower arrangement/ hamper raffle and other donated gifts.

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Children's Liturgy: The Children's Liturgy takes place at St Patrick's on the first Sunday of each month. Please encourage your children to join in as they will enjoy learning and understanding about the Gospel. A special thank you goes to those who support and lead the liturgy.

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

Christmas Fayre: Our Christmas Fayre will be held on 22nd November from 1pm. We are looking for donations of Bottles of Wines & Spirits, Tombola Prizes (no bric a brac required). We would also like donations of nearly new (or new) toys and games. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the back of the church for the Bottle Draw at £1 each. We are also looking for volunteers on the day please, any help is greatly appreciated.

New Card Donation Portal: We have decided to move into the 21st Century and have installed a Card Portal Contactless or Chip & Pin Terminal at the back of the church. This will allow you to swipe your card donating your chosen amount. You can even gift aid your donation. The portal accepts all major payment cards and it is user friendly and secure.

Knitted Baskets: Knitting patterns and wool are available at the back of St. Patrick's to make Christmas Gift Baskets. Thank you and well done to those who have already made some!

October 300 Club Winners: 1st - No 48 Lily Jane & Matthew Smith £20

2nd - No 176 Josie Mcmenamin £15 3rd - No 62 Marian Clarke £10

4th - No 2 Marie Lightfoot £10

Brooms - Our Lady and St Joseph's News

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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.

Toddler Group: Brooms School Toddler Group will operate every Wednesday in term time from 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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Lately Deceased: Margaret Smith. Please pray for her and her family at this sad time.

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

Holy Rosary Hour: The next one will be held on Monday evening 24th November at 6.00pm.

Red Boxes: We have this week banked £492.00 from our Parish. Empty boxes are in the entrance for collection.

Our Lady of the Rosary News

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Parish Council Meeting: Our next 'Joint Parish Council' meeting for St Mary's and Our Lady of the Rosary will take place in the presbytery at St Mary's on Tuesday 11th November at 7.15pm.

Coffee Morning: on Tuesday 11th November after 10.00am Mass with tea, coffee, cake, biscuits and Raffle. All are welcome.

ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: John McDonald, Fr. James Donnelly, Patrick Quin, Sarah K Grugan, Mary Blackmore, Billy Sedgewick, Pauline Chivers, Rewcastle Armstrong, Theresa Page, Kevin Dermott McGeary, Margaret Whyte, Joanne McGuigan, Francis Joseph Clarke, Joseph Page, Clint Ronald Woodland, Theresa McCoy, Florence Teresa O'Hanlon, David Shotton, Michael Welsh, Thomas Beckham, Margaret Preston, Richard Kilion, Theresa Marie Morgan, John Francis Smith, Lillian Metcalf, David Walton, Mary (Polly) Brown, David Richardson.

Our Lady of the Rosary: Anne Graham (née Barron), Ted McKie, Annie Kelly, Lyndsay Morton, Ray Watson, Eileen Mary Carr (née Nicholson), Joseph McKie, Mary Davison, Theresa Devlin.

St. Patrick's: Dominic McGurk, Mary Burnage, Mary Theresa Hughes, Joseph Raw, Flora Nimmons, Tommy O'Neill, Mary Donaghy, Alan Foley, Gerard Slavin, Moira Reed, Brian Rogan, James Fail, James Kerr, Ellen Parker, Nancy Collins, John Harpin, Stephen Fenwick, John Haggon, Bill Kennedy, Betty Mitcheson, Jeanne Marie Philips, Frances Ronald Lovett, Margaret McArdle, Maureen Rose, Peter Boyle, Terence Curran.

St Pius: James Clark, Thomas Murphy, Athena Rose Osborne, Patricia Pipe, Bill Robson, Ray Watson, Joan Wray.

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: 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, Peter Doherty, Jakob English, Katelyn Howe, Ann Hester, Fiona Bell, Cecelia Moore, David Urwin, Barbara Bennison, Eileen Dunstan, Molly Glancy, Ian Clarke, Simon Quinn, Joseph Parisi, Teresa Easton, John Haney.

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, Alan McCullagh, Terry Maguire.

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

Our Lady & St Joseph's:

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'