

4th Sunday of the Year - 1st February 2026

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

Stanley, St. Joseph

Consett - St. Patrick,

PONTOP

Partnership

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

Blessed in the Eyes of God

Today's gospel reading is from the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, from the Gospel of Matthew.

The basic theme of the Sermon on the Mount is that our outward actions need to be a reflection of the attitudes inside us. To be a disciple of the Lord, we first need to adopt those attitudes and those ways of thinking. And so, Jesus presents us with the Beatitudes.

We have heard the Beatitudes many times, perhaps so many times that we can pass over their meaning. We might think of them as idealistic goals, but actually they are realistic demands. They list the qualities Christ wishes to see in his followers, qualities which can be seen in his own life.

Even just a glimpse of the Beatitudes shows that they are a reversal of the usual standards of the world. At first it may feel difficult for us to go against the ways of the world. But the Beatitudes are within the reach of human beings, with a little help from the Lord, of course.

When we seriously adopt the Beatitudes, they become the signs of a true disciple of Christ. They make us rich in the eyes of God. They open our minds and hearts to a new way of seeing and judging. They give us a whole new set of bearings.

A person who lives according to the Beatitudes is already living in the kingdom of heaven. Eternal life at the end of an earthly life will merely be the full blossoming of a plant that is green and full of life.

Fr Tom McHale

(except Monday)

01207 - 502320

Fr John Bagnall

(except Wednesday)

01207 - 502196

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.

Canon Bob Spence RIP: Canon Bob's Mass of Reception will be at 6pm on Monday 2nd February at All Saints, Lanchester. His Requiem Mass will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 3rd February at Ushaw. Following the Requiem Mass, Canon Bob will be buried at Lanchester Cemetery. It is hoped that both Masses will be live streamed by the Funeral Director, further information will be shared on the Diocesan website.

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.

Northern Catholic Calendars: are on sale at the back of church price, ringbinder £4.

Northern Cross Newspapers: are on sale at the back of church Price £1.50.

Friday Fellas Men's Group. The next meeting of the Friday Fellas Men's Group will be at 6.30pm on Friday February 27th in the Lounge of St. Patrick's Hall, Consett. All are welcome.

Newsletter Volunteers: Help is needed with the compiling and printing of the weekly newsletter. It is hoped that with enough volunteers we can set up a rota of people to cover the month, so once every four week for anyone who is willing and able. Training will be given with the printers. Anyone who knows their way around a computer would be welcome in compiling the newsletter and, as with the printing could go on a monthly rota.

West Pontop Partnership (SVP): Is a caring and committed charitable voluntary organisation serving the West Pontop Partnership area, based at St Mary's, Blackhill. You can email us at: PresidentC210301@svp.org.uk or phone - 07377 259724. If you are aware of anyone who would benefit from a visit or is in need of support, please do let us know. Likewise, if you would like to join us and help make a meaningful difference within the West Pontop Partnership area, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Job Vacancy St Patrick's Hall Consett Caretaker: 7.5 hours per week, some unsociable hours required. £12.21 per hour. Based at St Patricks Hall, Consett. To undertake a range of caretaking and security duties including opening and lock up for Hirers, setting up tables and chairs for user groups and clearing furniture after bookings when required. You will also identify repairs needed throughout the building and report these to the Hall Trustee. You must be fully aware of Health and Safety procedures and policies and ensure that all chemicals used in performance of the job are securely stored. You will also be required to adhere to the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the GDPR 2016. For further information and to apply please email stpatrickshallconsett@gmail.com or contact the Hall Mobile Number on 07517 929658

Pilgrimages

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 Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland: We are announcing this week a five-day partnership pilgrimage to Krakow in Poland between 14th and 18th October 2026. The pilgrimage will comprise of a guided daily itinerary provided by Tangney Tours and return flights from Newcastle Airport. Total cost, including Twin Room and Breakfast, will be £980. This price is

based on a maximum of 40 pilgrims attending. Expressions of interest are needed by Friday 6th February and then £410 deposit per person to secure our flights.

Partnership Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026: The Partnership Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place from Friday 31st July – Monday 3rd August 2026. The accommodation options are: Half Board Standard room £77, Half Board Ensuite room £97 per night. To secure your place a deposit of £200 is required. Forms and envelopes are available in local Partnership churches. Cheques to be made out to St. Patrick's RC Church, Consett and to be returned to St Patrick's Presbytery by February 9th.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Friday 31st July – Friday 7th August 2026 Celebrating our Centenary Year. Being the Centenary year since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Joseph Thorman, we have had increased interest in people wanting to go to Lourdes in 2026. It would help our Tour Operator (Tangney Tours) greatly if you could fill in the pre-registration form on their website if you are contemplating travelling with them. Please note, this is pre-registration, it does not mean you have booked your place. Please follow the link below. <https://www.tangney-tours.com/dioces.../diocese-newcastle-2/> or phone 01732 886 666

Around the Diocese

Holy Island SVP Summer Camps 2026: Applications are now open for children in school Years 5-7 for Holy Island Summer Camps. The children spend a week in our centre on the island over the Summer holidays. Transport takes the children from Tyneside to our residential centre and all meals, accommodation and activities are included in the cost. For more information please visit our website: Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp>

Do you have some spare time on your hands and want a fulfilling volunteer role?: Our residential centre on Holy Island needs volunteers in 2026. There are lots of roles: Working with the children on our Vinnies Summer Camps, during the Summer holidays as a caretaker, kitchen assistants, cooks, and volunteering to work directly with the children. It's hard work, but so much fun and very worthwhile! No cost, just your time and patience for an interesting week on this beautiful island! We need people who can take on a caretaking role or help in the kitchen with serving meals, cooking or operating the dishwasher! These Camps allow hundreds of children from the Diocese and further afield have a great residential holiday in our centre. Guaranteed hard work but fantastic memories too! To join our fabulous team or find out more information about any of the roles and to volunteer, please visit our website: Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp> or contact

BarbaraT@svp.org.uk

Ushaw Historic House: The Friends of Ushaw committee, are holding a fundraising wine tasting evening at Ushaw Historic House, Durham (former RC priest training of the North), on 12th February - if you are interested the cost is £28pp for members of the Friends, £38pp standard ticket. There is a B & B at Ushaw too. To book here's the link -

<https://ushaw.org/whatson/wine-tasting>

St Mary's News

Collections: This Week – Church Flowers Next week - Racial Justice

Lately Deceased: William (Billy) Brown and Cyril Gaines. Please pray for them and their families at this sad time.

Sanctuary Candle: will burn 'In Loving Memory of Michael and Molly Glancy'

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

Flower Group: the flower group are needing volunteers to help with the altar flowers. A rota system is in operation. Please see one of the flower ladies or call the office.

300 Club: 2026 Subs: are now due. Collecting after Masses for the next few weeks. New members are urgently needed, only £12 a year per number. Please see Jimmy or Julie.
This months Winners - £20 (214) - Perking, £10 (220) - A Quinn, £10 (190) M Alderson, £10 (169) - B Stobbs.

Christmas Decorations: David would like to thank all the kind people who bought his hand made Christmas Decorations He is pleased to say your generosity raised the sum of £1200 which has been donated to St Mary's church and the JFK centre. A big thank you to David.

St Patrick's News

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Lately Deceased: Catherine Cullen. Please pray for her and her family at this sad time.

Gift Aid: Donor acknowledgement letters relating to the parish Gift Aid claim 2024-25 are now available. If you require a copy please let the Parish Gift Aid Administrator know and your individual letter will be printed for you.

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 3rd February 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.

Recycle for Good Causes: There is a box at the back of the church with information on what can be contributed.

Church Hall Volunteers: We require 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. Please contact the Hall Mobile Number 07517 929658 for more information.

Brooms - Our Lady and St Joseph's News

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The collection for the Leprosy Appeal, raised £158. Thank you for your generosity.

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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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: will be held on Monday 23rd February at 6.00pm

Exposition on Wednesday: Commences at 5pm until further notice.

Our Lady of the Rosary News

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ANNIVERSARIES

St Mary's: Margaret McElhone, Mary Rose Kilty, Eddie Clark, Isabelle McArdle, Joan Margaret Quinn, Mary (Millie) Meegan, Patrick Christopher Riggs, Melvin Gales, Edward Joyce, Joseph Bell, Carol Rose Jackson, Mary Page, Sr. Winifred Williams, William Dunigan, James Darroch, Patrick Burns, Peter McGeoghan, Elizabeth Fullen, Ann Cant, Owen McMahon, Michael Cullerton, Arthur Wren, Johnny Creegan, Agnes Creegan.

Our Lady of the Rosary: Edward Grogan, Anthony Fountain, Joseph Liddel Snr. Gerard McCabe, Doreen Peveller, Thomas Williamson, Brian Gregerson, Austin Laurie, Terese Hannon, Jade Elizabeth Robinson, Janice Hall.

St. Patrick's: Mary Crozier, Rose Clark 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, Alan Salkeld, Frank Moran, Georgina Rogan, Christopher Thomas Muncaster and Joan Willis.

St Pius: Ivy Agnew, Harry Askew, Winnie Askew, Clare Atton, Rosemary Brady, Paul A Brown, James L Butler, David Calford, William Carson, William Cleverly, Joe Collins, John Corrigan, Gerard Cumiskey, Colin Embleton Jnr., Edward Fergus, Billy Glasgow, Margaret Glasgow, Ellen Graham, Thomas J Hall, Michael Healey, Alan Hill, Lilian Innes, Margaret Jackson, Sally Kane, Dennis JKennedy, Jean Kennedy, Theresa Kerridge, John Kilty, Helen Kipling, Kathleen Lamond, Peter Lamond, Mary Lydon, Michael Lydon, Terence McKenna, Vera Murray, Robert Orr, Joan Peacock, Hannah T Pryor, Catherine Renwick, John Robson, John Townson, Rita Travell, Lawrence L Watson, Baby Woodland.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Bobby Fountain, Joseph Hurst, Joan Callaghan, Natalina (Lina) Herdman, John Foreman, Kenneth Tate, Catherine Colbert, John Cox, Maureen Costello (Sr. Paula).

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, Kathleen Bowman, Teresa Kelly, Ronan Lawson (Aged 7).

Our Lady of the Rosary: James Baker.

St. Patrick's: Eileen Fish, Margaret Heslop, Anna Bradley, Cheryl Reily, Judith Hindmarsh, Andrew Bates, Sienna Jane McNestry, Joan O'Keefe, Joan Wilson, Alan McCullagh, Terry Maguire, Katrina Tuckwell.

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

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'