

## 3rd Sunday of Easter - 19th April 2026

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. Plus X, Shotley Bridge - Our Lady of the Rosary

### Fellow travellers?

In this weekend's Gospel Reading, St. Luke gives us the famous story of how the Risen Christ appears to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Mark's Gospel doesn't give us any details, but seems to allude to the same event, so it seems probable that this is something that really did happen.

However, Luke's account can also be read as a sort of parable about how—even now that Jesus has ascended to the Father—we can still connect with him in a number of different ways so that he can guide us on our personal spiritual journey. 1) **Prayer:** Like the two disciples did on the road, we can pour out our hearts to Jesus and ask for his help and guidance. 2) **Scriptures:** We can also 'hear' Jesus speaking to us and teaching us whenever we reflect on his Holy Word. 3) **The Church Community:** Just like the two disciples did when they rushed back to Jerusalem, we can draw strength and encouragement from other Christians when we come together to share and to celebrate our faith. And, last but not least, 4) **The Eucharist:** We can come to recognise and rejoice in Christ's presence in the breaking of the bread every single time we celebrate Mass.

But, of course, if we want to get the most out of these four different ways of staying close to Jesus, we do need to invest in them on a regular basis. If we neglect any, or all, of them (as many non-practicing Christians seem to be doing these days) there's a real danger that we might drift away from Christ. If we're not careful, we might ultimately find ourselves on a completely different path—one that does not lead to the eternal feast that Jesus wants to share with us.

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## General Notices Around the Partnership

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St Patrick's Consett 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 502023.

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.

Homeless in Derwentside: there has been an increase in homelessness in Derwentside, so once more your generous help is needed for thermal wear/waterproofs/toiletries/thermal flasks. A 71yr old man has finally got a bungalow and is needing help with furnishing it. Any help would be greatly appreciated. For any information about this appeal please contact Jean Coates 07521 404924.

Dcn. Shaun's CAFOD Big Lent Walk: I would like to thank everyone who supported me during Lent as I completed my 200km challenge. I am over the moon with the amount raised which at last count stood at £1,170. This will all go to make a difference for communities needing more secure access to clean water. Once again, thank you. **Dcn Shaun**

St Mary's Convent Ebchester: Afternoon tea Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm.. Come and join us for tasty and sweet treats with a raffle too. There are also two Ensuite Rooms available at the Convent please call 01207 560286 for more information.

### Events

Raised on Songs and Stories: Great Irish afternoon in the Demi on Wednesday 22nd April at 12.30pm. Music, Dancing, Food and great craic. Everyone welcome, please come along.

### Groups

West Pontop Partnership (SVP): Join us at our upcoming fundraising Race Night, taking place on 8th May at Leadgate Club. Tickets will be available after Masses following Easter — do come along for what promises to be an enjoyable evening while supporting our work. If you know of anyone who might appreciate a visit, or if you feel called to become involved in this ministry, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact us on 07377259724. Thank you, for your continued support and prayers.

Friday Fellas Men's Group. The next meeting of the Friday Fellas Men's Group will be at 6.30pm on Friday May 1st in the Lounge of St. Patrick's Hall, Consett. All are welcome.

## 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 'Northern Star Travel' on 0161 773 2115.

Pontop Partnership Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto: Wednesday 29th April. Cost £20. More information on the notice board. Please put payment in an envelope available at the back of the church from Monday with name and amount and put it through St Mary's or St Patrick's presbytery. Please check your name is on the sheet if you wish to go.

KNOCK Pilgrimage: There are still the following places; 3 double/twin rooms available at £640.00 per person, plus £25 for entry to Titanic Experience. Contact Michael 07787726306.

Thank you

## St Mary's News

Collections: This Week – Columban Fathers. Next week -Sick and Retired Priests (NBF)

Lately Deceased: Eileen Haughey. Please pray for her and her family at this sad time.

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

The Sunday Breakfast Club: will take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April after the 9.15am Mass.

St Mary's Summer Fete: will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026. There will be a box at the back of the church for any donations.

Song Sung Blue: Neil Diamond Evening in the Kennedy Care Centre on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026. This event is all sold out and due to health and safety regulations anyone attending without a ticket will not be allowed in.

## St Patrick's News

Collections: This Week – N.B.F (open until 27th April)

Lately Deceased: Mary Cowie (nee Walls). Please pray for her and her family at this sad time.

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.

Card Donation Portal: We have 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.

Shaping Parish Life for The Future: Thank you for your responses to the Questionnaires handed in to St Patrick's and for attending the recent meeting. Your views and suggestions are now being collated and will be sent onto the next stage of the Diocesan discernment. We will keep you informed on the progress.

Sunday Coffee Morning: Sunday 26th April after 9.15am Mass all welcome in the Church Hall Lounge for Bacon Sandwiches, Tea and Coffee.

Thank you: I am incredibly grateful for the generosity of everyone who donated on behalf of Chron's and Colitis UK. The amount donated so far is very impressive. I will share the final amount when I receive it. The condition is hidden but greatly impacts on the lives of those affected. Jonathan (Jonny) Willis.

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

Collections: This Week – N.B.F (open until 27th April)

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 thank you note can be viewed on the noticeboard at the back of 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.

Shaping Parish Life for The Future: Thank you for your responses to the Questionnaires handed in to Our Lady & St Joseph Brooms and for attending the recent meeting. Your views and suggestions are now being collated and will be sent onto the next stage of the Diocesan discernment. We will keep you informed on the progress.

Mass at St. Ives: The next Brooms Mass at St. Ives will take place at 10am on Thursday 30th April. All are welcome.

### **St Pius News**

Collections: This Week – N.B.F (open until 27th April)

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 at 6.00pm

Exposition on Wednesday: Commences at 5.45pm until further notice.

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.

Shaping Parish Life for The Future: Thank you for your responses to the Questionnaires handed in to St Pius and for attending the recent meeting. Your views and suggestions are now being collated and will be sent onto the next stage of the Diocesan discernment. We will keep you informed on the progress.

### **Our Lady of the Rosary News**

Collections: This Week – Columban Fathers. Next week -Sick and Retired Priests (NBF)  
Shaping Parish Life - Strategy Meeting: A meeting will take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm in Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

St Mary's: Cecilia (Cissie) Glasgow, Yvonne Morgan, Henry Edward Glasgow, Catherine (Katie) Bell, Joan Mary Dawson, Tom Slane, Thomas Anthony Slane, Mary Katherine McArdle, Elizabeth Mildred Lenaghan, Gerald Rogan, Rose Toner, Honor McDonald, Ann Rafferty, Mary Christina Watson, Basil Whitfield, Angela Bell, Mary Anne Donnelly, (Baby) Jennifer Theresa Young, Peter Robson, Edwin Rimmer, Agnes James, Hugh Harper, Ann White, Thomas McGovern

Our Lady of the Rosary: Fr. Paul Harrison, Tom Cowie, Mary Florence Nicholson, Arthur Denis Nicholson, Mary McKie, Thomas Bell, William John Devlin.

St. Patrick's: James Conney, 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, Nora Robson, Joseph McGuigan, Gerard Storey, Maureen Irwin, Jean Malone, Margaret Mary Gowland, Arthur Page, Lorraine Sewell, Lawrence Sewell.

St Pius: Thomas Bushby, Philip Croney, Margaret Hull, John William Kerr, Margaret Monaghan, Vincent Murphy, Margaret White.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Catherine Cullen, Tony Williamson, Tommy Fountain, Kate Liddell (O'Donnell), Kathleen Appleby, Mary Ramsden, Bridie McWilliams.

### **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, 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), Francis Renwick, Michael Rogan.

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, Mary Cowie.

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'*