

# The Most Holy Trinity - 31st May 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, Lancheater - All Saints, Moorside - St. Pius X, Shotley Bridge - Our Lady of the Rosary

## Fellowship in the Trinity

When we read or listen to our Gospel passage for Trinity Sunday we may ask; "Where is the Holy Spirit in there?" (That might echo questions we ask of God as we face life's more tricky situations.) The focus is on God the Father sending his Son, the Word, so that we may be saved. It is a powerful message but on its own does not seem to contain the Holy Spirit.

In his Wednesday Word reflection for this feast Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB states: "The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son, love in person, the living bond which unites them." It could be that this reminds us that even though we aren't always aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit that doesn't mean it is absent. Nor does it mean we shouldn't try to find it. In this instance it would help us see the love that both binds the Father to the Son and moves their actions; all three bound up as one.

It also reminds us that when we encounter scripture we should take it in context. This very famous passage is part of the encounter of Jesus with Nicodemus, the rabbi who approached Jesus at night to find out more. Jesus explained that spiritual rebirth is the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit, which makes accepting the Son possible.

This feast always reminds us that human language can be very limiting when it comes to exploring and understanding the mystery of God. We have a need to allow the message to enter our hearts and move us that way, going beyond explanations. St Paul in his 2nd letter to the Corinthians helps show us the way to live this out by calling on us to "Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you." That call to fellowship must surely be worth trying.

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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

Procession in Honour of Our Blessed Lady: to take place at St Mary's Blackhill on Sunday 21st June after the 9.15am Mass.

HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA PRAYER: The Novena to the Holy Spirit begins on Ascension Thursday. Let us join with Mary and all those gathered in the upper room and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our families, our parish and our world.

'Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the earth.'

'Mary, pure spouse of the Holy Spirit, pray for us'

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.

St Bede's Lanchester: To celebrate the **60th Anniversary of our school opening**, we are delighted to invite pupils, families, former students, and members of the community to our **School Open Day on Saturday 27th June, 10:00am – 2:00pm at the school site.**

West Pontop Partnership (SVP): St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) – West Pontop Partnership -The SVP is here to offer friendship, support, and companionship to those who may be feeling lonely, isolated, unwell, or in need of a listening ear. Please contact 07377259724 or email, [presidentc210301@svp.org.uk](mailto:presidentc210301@svp.org.uk) The next event is a sponsored walk in aid of SVP & OISJ, Brooms. Fr John has kindly offered to join the walk with some of our members on Sunday 5th July - Sponsorship Envelopes/Forms available at the back of the churches.

Billy Elliot Sunderland Empire matinee: The highly acclaimed theatre production of "Billy Elliott" is on at the Sunderland Empire and we are able to make a booking on Wednesday 18th November 2026. The cost is £90 per seat in the dress circle, centre block. Please give your expression of interest by putting your name on the poster at the back of church by the 30th June.

Holy Island: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Please sign the list at the back of the church which costs £15 adult, £5 child.

Ways of Praying - Thursday Evenings: Join us at St. Pius X as we explore 'Ways of Praying' with Fr. Stephen Wang. These sessions will guide you in deepening your prayer life and strengthening your faith. They follow on from the acclaimed Sycamore videos. Doors open at 6:30pm with time available for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 6:45pm. Tea and Coffee from 7:10pm. Evening ends approx 8.30pm. First session will be held on Thursday 4th June, then every Thursday from 18th June.

If you want to know more contact Deacon Shaun at [shaun.mcgee](mailto:shaun.mcgee)

Friday Fellas Men's Group: The next meeting of the Friday Fellas Men's Group will be at 6.30pm on Friday June 26th in the Lounge of St. Patrick's Hall, Consett. All are welcome.

## Around the Diocese

SVP Camp – Holy Island: Calling all young adults 18+. Do you have a week to spare to spend on Lindisfarne this Summer helping out at the Holy Island SVP Camp? Volunteers are needed to work alongside the children who stay in the SVP purpose-built centre on the island. Weeks 3, 5 and 6 of the Summer have 60 children ready for a great time rock pooling, walking, arts, crafts and enjoying outdoor activities but we need more helpers to ensure they have the best time!

Week 3 Sat 1<sup>st</sup> August - 8<sup>th</sup> August - Week 5 Sat 15<sup>th</sup> August - 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
Week 6 Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> August

interested!!check the website <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp> or email Barbara Taws [barbarat@svp.org.uk](mailto:barbarat@svp.org.uk) All helpers receive training and will need to be DBS checked.

### **Ministeracres**

Day of Consolation (New Date): Is to be held on Tuesday 2nd June. An opportunity to share a safe space, to be heard, to share with others who have similar experiences and hopefully to find courage, hope and consolation, Lunch and refreshments included. Suggested donation £45.

3 Day Walking Retreat: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 10am – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm. Suggested Donation £250.

Quiet Day: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 10am to 4pm. Suggested Donation £45.

### **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 Partnership Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026': The Partnership Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place from Friday 31st July – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2026. Final details will follow soon.

### **St Mary's News**

Collections: This Week – Lay Training

Next week - Lay Training

Lately Deceased: Joan Rennoldson, Rose Kelly, and Shaun Donaghy. Please pray for them and their families at this sad time.

Sanctuary Candle: will burn 'In Thanksgiving to The Sacred Heart, St Jude and St Raphael

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

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

Restoration Fund-Gift Aid: If your donation is to be gift aided please remember to add your name to the envelope, thank you.

Thank You: The family of the late Eileen Haughey would like to thank Fr Tom for the lovely funeral service, also the ladies of the Wednesday coffee morning for the help with the wake, and to everyone who donated to the collection for Brockwell Court Care Home which raised £250.70.

### **St Patrick's News**

Collections: This Week – Lay Training

Next week - Lay Training

Children's Liturgy: The Children's Liturgy takes place on Sunday 7th June. 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 is user friendly and secure.

Sunday Coffee Morning: Sunday 31st May after 9.15am Mass all welcome in the Church Hall Lounge for Bacon Sandwiches, Tea and Coffee.

St Patrick's Tea on Tuesday: Come along and join us on Tuesday 2nd June 2.00pm at St. Patrick's Church Hall for Tea, Coffee and Cake bring your friends and family too.

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

Collections: This Week – Lay Training Fund

Next week - Lay Training

Collections: The recent collection for the World Communication Day raised £111, 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.

Red Box Collection: April/May 2026 total collected £530.

Volunteer Appeal: We are looking for volunteer cleaners who can form a rota to clean the church. If you are able to help please let Fr John know.

St Ives Mass: The next mass at St Ives will be Thursday 18th June at 10am.

### **St Pius News**

Collections: This Week – Lay Training Fund

Next week - Lay Training

Lately Deceased: Ian Agnew. Please pray for him and his 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: will be held on Monday 30th June at 6.00pm

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

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

Collections: This Week – Lay Training Fund

Next week - Lay Training

Volunteer Role: to help on a Sunday, taking the weekly collection/welcoming. If you can help please see Fr Tom.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

St Mary's: Daniel Robinson, Keith Kennedy, Margaret Jones, Robert Sample Bell, Thomas James Bell, Mary (Marion) Williams, John Aitchison, John Corr, Margaret Rose Cook, Marie Stella Atkinson, Anne Hagan, Eunice Shaw, Robert Black, Geoffrey Neasham, Patricia Healey, Amelia Murphy, Fr. Austin Arthurs, John Colin Winstanley, George Henry Nelson, Mary Ellen McGuigan, Vincent Jackson, William Creegan, Nellie McNally, Thomas McNally, Christine Hayton, Anthony Patrick Hester, Joseph Cant.

Our Lady of the Rosary: Fr. John Kelly, Nellie McNally, Winifred Arthurs, James Bertram Nicholson, Patrick Healey Jnr, James McNally

St. Patrick's: Jim Crozier, Vera Teasdale, Margaret Haggarth, Teresa Clark, Christopher Langdon, Agnes Fowler, Frances Ann Sloane, Mary Murray, Ned Joyce, Mary Graham, Jason Peter Thorpe, Charlotte Irwin, Martin Young, William Miller, James Edward Hunter, Bill Hunter, Maureen Hughes, Joyce Price, Clive Robson, Terence Dumigan, Catherine Ann Patterson, Bernard McGuinness, Stephen Breen, Teresa Rossi, Moira Murray.

St Pius: Ken Carter, Margaret Donnelly, Thomas McNestry.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Charles Cullen, Ralph Wilks, George Fountain, John Clark, Rita McCabe, Pat Matthews, Rosa Matthews, Kenneth Lowerson, Fr. Michael Keoghan, Marie McShane, Mary Bell (née Grogan), Joan McNally, Sue Robertson, Peter Walls, Moya Archbold.

## **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, Molly Glancy, Ian Clarke, Simon Quinn, Joseph Parisi, Teresa Easton, Kathleen Bowman, Teresa Kelly, Roman Lawson (Aged 7), 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, Winnie Agnew, Vincenza Hogg.

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'*