

## 11th Sunday of the Year -14th June 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

### Reconciled, Chosen, and Called

At first glance, it may seem to us that the highlight of this weekend's readings comes in the Gospel, when Jesus calls the Twelve Apostles. And, of course, that is a very significant event. But our other readings remind us—and our popes, bishops, and priests have also been trying to remind us for many years now—that the calling to 'apostleship' was never really meant to be limited to a small or exclusive group of people. In our First Reading, God speaks of his desire for the whole of his chosen people to be "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation". Our Psalm also calls each and every one of us to "serve the Lord with gladness" and to "come before him singing for joy". So, when Jesus called the original Twelve, he was simply laying the foundation for a much larger Church. And every member of that Church is called to be an apostle—to be someone who goes out into the world to proclaim the Good News, to build up the Kingdom of God, and to see that a potentially rich harvest does not go to waste.

And if we wonder about our own qualifications to take up this kind of ministry, St. Paul has something to say to us in our Second Reading. Christ came to save us despite our sins, not because we are righteous. He reconciles us to himself, not because we love him as we should, but because he loves us. In the same way, he calls us to serve, not because we are capable in ourselves, but because his grace can empower us. We should remember that the original Twelve Apostles were not perfect people. They probably didn't feel any more qualified than we do. But God worked miracles through them anyway. And he can do the same for us, if only we open our hearts and respond to his call.

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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.

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.

Ways of Praying - Thursday Evenings: Join us on 18th June for the next session 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.

Friday Fellas: Please note that the next meeting of the Friday Fellas Men's Group will be at 6.30pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July in the Lounge of St. Patrick's Church Hall. This date is a revised one from that advertised in last week's newsletter.

The Bugle Comic Summer Special: Father John and Phil Bartle have produced the second issue of their comic, The Bugle. This new issue is a 'Summer Special' and will be available in churches and at a launch evening from 5.30pm at Consett Heart Heritage and Arts Centre, John Street, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Events around the Partnership

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

St. Patrick's Variety Night. St. Patrick's Consett is hosting a Summer Variety Night at the church hall on Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-11pm. The evening will consist of musical and spoken entertainment from local talent, including The Tunisians, Eddie McDonald, Marianne, The B&M Zombies, the Consett Writers and other acts to be announced. Tickets will be free, but limited to 120 places, and will be available from next weekend. Drinks must be purchased from the bar, but you may bring your own snacks. Donations are needed for the Raffle and Tombola.

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.**

Flower Festival: in 'All Saints Catholic Church Lanchester' on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 10.00am – 3.00pm

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am – 3.30pm. 4pm Concert – Esh Gospel Choir and Harpist Ensemble. If you would like transport it has been suggested a bus could be booked. If you would like your name to go on the bus please sign the list at the back of church asap so that we can work out a price for each person.

Significance Festival: Significance and the Youth Ministry Team invite you to join them at the Emmaus Village for the annual Significance Festival on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. Arrivals from 12.00pm, Guided Walk of the Laudato Si' Environmental Project at 1.15pm, Presentation from Significance and Mass, celebrated by Bishop Stephen, at 3.00pm followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free with charges for accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets cost £10. All proceeds and donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. To request a booking form and for further information email Evie at evie.rea@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244

### Pilgrimages

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

Island: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Please sign the list at the back of the church. Cost £15 adult, £5 child. please put your name on an envelope with the money inside. Adults £15, Children £5.

### Around the Diocese

Little Sisters of the Poor Fundraising Night: 50s and 60s night at St Joseph's Home, Newcastle Live entertainment, licenced bar, bingo 7pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Tickets £7 from 0191 273 1279. All proceeds to St Joseph's Home.

### St Mary's News

Collections: This Week – Lay Training                      Next week – Day for Life

Sanctuary Candle: will burn 'In Loving Memory of Stephen Breen'.

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

Restoration Fund-Gift Aid: Anyone who has given a gift aid donation to the restoration fund and not given their name or gift aid no, please contact the office.

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.

The Breakfast Club: would like to thank everyone who helped with the raffle for church maintenance (electrics and tower), providing raffle prizes, selling tickets and of course everyone who purchased raffle tickets. We raised £345.

JFK Church Hall: We have had the floor revarnished in the Church Hall with 'sand and refinish maple flooring' at a cost of £5245.14. Hall is available for hire, contact Isobel English for any bookings on 07818 559241. Please check the notice board for details of new groups in the hall.

### St Patrick's News

Collections: This Week – Lay Training                      Next week – Day for Life

Lately Deceased: John Carlin. Please pray for him and his family at this sad time.

Children's Liturgy: The next Children's Liturgy takes place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July .

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.

Celebration Breakfast Sunday Coffee Morning: Sunday 28th June after 9.15am Mass the children who have recently made their First Holy Communion will be invited into the hall with their family to join our monthly coffee morning for a Celebration Breakfast. Bacon and Sausage Sandwiches will be available along with tea, coffee and juice. There will also be a celebration cake. We hope you can join us to mark the completion of our programme this year. All are welcome.

Holy Souls Prayer Group. The next Holy Souls Prayer Group meeting at St. Patrick's Consett will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July following the 10am Mass and then will resume monthly meetings on the first Friday of each month.

Thank You: David and Monica Wilson would like to thank Fr John, Altar Server Kathleen, relatives and friends for all the Good Wishes, Cards and Presents for our Golden Wedding Anniversary.

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

Collections: This Week – Lay Training                      Next week – Day for Life

Thank You: The family of the late Blanche Nixon would like to thank Fr. John for the beautiful requiem Mass and all who contributed to the collection, which raised £320, to be divided between Brooms Church and the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

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.

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                      Next week – Day for Life

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                      Next week – Day for Life

Lately Deceased: Marion Fenwick. Please pray for her and her family at this sad time. .

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

St Mary's: Martin Cuthbert Campbell, James Martin Bell, Francis Joseph Green, James Armstrong, Teresa Roberts, Christine Sproson, Bernard McDermott, Thomas Patrick Welsh, James Joseph Toole, Maurice Ryans, Maria Farrell, Olwyn Marie Oates, Gwendoline McElhone, Elizabeth Richardson, Mary O'Hagan, Winifred Arthurs, John Murray, John O'Neill, Anne Rushgrove, Margaret Ross, Norah May Dougherty, Martin Laverty, John McNeill, John Bell, Patrick Green, Sean Mitcheson, Joseph Creegan.

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, Nelly McNally

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, Amelia Burns, Ethan White, James Thomas English, Eileen Fannon, Mary Barnes, Arron Armstrong, Maddy Kennedy, Mark Adams, Jack Nugent, Donna Philips, Julianne Kennedy, Jimmy McGuigan, Sarah June Quinn, Thomas Eccles, Philip Robinson, Peter Doherty, Jakob English, Katelyn Howe, Ann Hester, Cecelia Moore, David Urwin, Barbara Bennison, Molly Glancy, Ian Clarke, Joseph Parisi, Teresa Easton, Kathleen Bowman, Teresa Kelly, Roman Lawson (Aged 7), Michael Rogan, Olive McArdle.

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'*