

The Body and Blood of Christ -7th June 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

The Body & Blood of Christ

On this Solemnity of The Body & Blood of Christ, we pause in reverence and gratitude for the extraordinary gift of the Eucharist – Christ truly present among us. The readings this year remind us that God has always nourished his people: in the desert, Israel received manna, learning that life depends not only on bread but on God’s word and faithful care. Today, that promise is fulfilled in an even greater way, as Jesus gives himself as the ‘living bread from heaven,’ food for our journey and life eternal.

The Eucharist is not merely a symbol; it is communion – an intimate sharing in Christ’s Body and Blood, drawing us into union with him and with one another. St Paul reminds us that though we are many, we become one body because we share the one bread. Each time we receive Holy Communion, we are strengthened not only for our own sake but for the life of the world.

This feast calls us to deepen our faith in Christ’s real presence and to renew our reverence for this sacred mystery. But it also challenges us: having received the Body of Christ, we are sent to become his Body in the world – offering kindness, healing divisions, and serving those in need. As we are fed at the altar, may we go forth as living witnesses of Christ’s love, carrying his presence into our homes, our parishes, and our daily lives.

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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 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 18th 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 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.

Flower Festival: in 'All Saints Catholic Church Lanchester' on Saturday 4th July 10.00am – 3.00pm Sunday 5th July 10.30am – 3.30pm. 4pm Concert – Esh Gospel Choir and Harpist Ensemble.

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

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 28th June after 9.15am Mass all welcome in the Church Hall Lounge for Bacon Sandwiches, Tea and Coffee.

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

300 Club Winners for May: £20. No. 154 Allan Welford £15. No. 2 Marie Lightfoot £10. No. 173 Rose Wright £10. No. 7 Teresa Lee

Feast of the Sacred Heart: Holy Hour Friday 12th June 11am - 12noon.

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.

Lately Deceased: Ann Rafferty. Please pray for her and her family at this sad time.

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.

St Pius School First Holy Communion: are being held on Saturday 13th June at 1pm. Please come and support our children as they make their next step on their journey of Faith.

Our Lady of the Rosary News

Collections: This Week – Lay Training Fund

Next week - Lay Training

Holy Rosary: on Tuesday 9th June at 9.30am.

Coffee Morning: after 10am Mass. Tea/coffee/cake/biscuits and a raffle, everyone is welcome.

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'