

## 14th Sunday of the Year - 5th July 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. Plus X, Shotley Bridge - Our Lady of the Rosary

### Come to Me

How do we come to know God the Father? How do we see Him? This week's readings give an insight into the relationship between God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

St. Paul saw God through the light of the sacrifice of Jesus. He recognised him in the Spirit that was flowing through those who believed in him. A God who made his home, not in a palace, but in the hearts of men and women of faith.

St. Paul recognised that those who lived a spiritual life were close to God, that the Spirit of God dwelled within them, and through this closeness they would live forever. He also knew that each of us is capable of this spiritual life if we have the courage to reach out and live it.

How did Jesus see His Father? This Sunday's gospel passage from Matthew reveals God as a real father figure as Jesus uses very simple language to help us to come to know Him. We do not need to be clever or learned to know the Father. If we come to him as a little child approaches his daddy, then we will find ourselves in tune with the music of his love. We need to trust, we need to take a leap of faith, into his arms and surrender to his love.

Then surely our burdens will be lightened, our way clearer and the light that leads us to faith will grow bright and strong.

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## **General Notices Around the Partnership**

### Parish e-mail addresses:

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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

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. Please click on the Just giving Page below if you wish to make an online donation:

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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.

Friday Fellas: Please note that the next meeting of the Friday Fellas Men's Group will be at 6.30pm on Friday 7th August in the Lounge of St. Patrick's Church Hall.

The Bugle Comic Summer Special. Father John and Phil Bartle have launched the second issue of their comic, The Bugle. This new issue is a 'Summer Special' and is now available in most of the Pontop churches. Price is £5.00, with profits, after printing costs, going to local charities. The final day to view the original artwork at Consett Heart in John Street is Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 10 – 3pm. Free Entry – All Welcome!

St Patrick's Hall Tea on Tuesday: Come along and join us on Tuesday 7th July 2.00pm at St. Patrick's Church Hall for Tea, Coffee and Cake bring your friends and family too.

## **Events around the Partnership**

St. Patrick's Variety Night - July 25<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Church Hall Consett will be the venue for a Summer Variety Night on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Local acts will include Eddie McDonald, Davey Cattermole, B&M Zombies, Marianne, the Consett writers, The Tunisians and many more. Raffle prizes are needed! Tickets are free but limited to 4 per person, to ensure fair distribution. Tickets are available now from Pontop churches or from St. Patrick's Parish Office Tel. 01207 502196.

## **Minsteracres**

Looking for a Little Peace this July? – Join us for our Eucharistic Retreat at Minsteracres Retreat Centre from 17–19 July, a weekend of prayer, reflection, Daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration in peaceful surroundings. If you can't attend the whole weekend, you're warmly invited to join us as a day guest on Saturday, 18 July. Everyone is welcome. For further details or to book, please contact Minsteracres Retreat Centre.

Midweek lunches at Minsteracres Retreat Centre: If you're passing by, why not treat yourself to a relaxed lunch in peaceful surroundings? Booking is essential—just visit our website or call the office if you'd like more information.

## **Pilgrimages**

Partnership Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026: From Friday 31st July – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2026. The next installment for payment is £100 per person. This will pay for the balance of the Accommodation and a deposit for the bus. To be paid by Friday 10th July.

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.

Visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella: at St Michael's Catholic Church, Houghton-Le-Spring on Wednesday 1st July. Mass at 6.30pm with relics available for prayer an hour beforehand, Blessing with relics after Mass and Refreshments in parish hall afterwards.

## **St Mary's News**

Collections: This Week – Flowers

Next Week - Sea Sunday

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 12th July 2026. There will be a box at the back of the church for any donations. Hot Dogs, Barbecue and Brunch,tea and coffee available.

JFK Church Hall: The Hall (JFK Centre) 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.

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Children's Liturgy: The next Children's Liturgy takes place on Sunday 5th 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.

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

Collections: This Week – Flowers

Next Week - Sea Sunday

Recently deceased. Margaret Field and Patricia Leaman. Please pray for Margaret, Patricia and

their families 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**

St Ives Mass: The next mass at St Ives will be Thursday 16th July at 10am.

Cemetery Fund: The fund is open for donations until the end of September. If you Gift Aid your contribution please add your planned giving envelope number to the cemetery fund envelope. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

### **St Pius News**

Collections: This Week – Flowers

Next Week - Sea Sunday

Recently Deceased. Ann Lynch and Theresa Milburn. Please pray for Ann, Theresa and their families at this sad time.

Children's Liturgy: Is now in recess. We will resume when the Schools return in September.

Holy Rosary hour: Will be held on Monday 27th July at 6.00pm

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

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

This Week – Flowers

Next Week - Sea Sunday

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

St Mary's: Mary Anne Wanless, Patricia Armstrong, Helen Coulthard, Thomas Ross, Olwyn Crowther, Mary McArdle, Michael Murray, Robert Farrell, John Noel O'Brien, John Athey, David Wainwright, Sister Bernarde, Hazel Richardson, David Oliver, Irene Mary McDonald, Robert Eccles, John Carney, Thomas Seaton, Helen Swan, James McKenna, Nellie Lynch, Esme Winch, Irene Worrall, Mary Ward, Patrick O'Hanlon.

Our Lady of the Rosary:

St. Patrick's: James Crozier Snr, Josephine Darroch, Mary Hannant, Mary McArdle(Burns) Bernadette McGurk, Peter Harpin, Rita Hughes, John Crawley, Anthony Bough, Ann Dickinson, Malcolm Wright, Joanne Storey, Andrew Rowlands, John Bell, Marjorie Whitton, Elizabeth Carr, Mary Innes, Vincent Vallely, Thomas Williamson, Hugh Thompson, Veronica Naisbett, Elizabeth Anne Greer, Charles Smith, Fred McAloon, Ruth Armstrong, Ronald Birkett, Michael McVeigh, Robert Nixon.

St Pius: Charle Akers, James Bell, Mary Carney Snr., Yvonne Carter, Alice E Collins, Helen Coultard nee Daly, James Creegan, John Derek Daly, John Henry Glasgow, Robert Glasgow, Madge Haggarth, Albert Hanson, William McGee, Joseph McElhone, Paul Miller, Marie Mohan, Rosemary Murphy, Thomas Murphy, Catherine Nixon, Angela Paull, Ronald Piggott, Richard Pinkney, John Joseph Quinn, Joan Rennoldson, George Wilfred Robb, Robert (Bob) Southern, Billy Storey Snr., Janet Thompson, Gerard Welsh.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: June Williamson, Catherine Williamson, Paul Richardson, Teresa Toole, Peter Grogan, Billy White, Patricia McCabe, Richard Manley-Reeves, Rosa Rigby.

## **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.

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'*