

**MASSES SAID IN PRIVATE WHILST OUR CHURCHES ARE CLOSED**

Saturday 6th June	Mass: EDNA MAY HUNTER
Sunday 7th June <b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>	Mass: PEOPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP Mass: MAUREEN & FRANK McGOUGH
Monday 8th June	Mass: PRIVATE INTENTIONS
Tuesday 9th June	Mass: JUNE ROUSE
Wednesday 10th June	Mass: BETTY BRADLEY
Thursday 11th June	Mass: GEORGE HENDERSON
Friday 12th June	Mass: BRIAN KENNEDY
Saturday 13th June	Mass: CLARE HAGAN
Sunday 14th June <b>The Body And Blood of Christ</b>	Mass: MARGARET McDONALD Mass: PEOPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP

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KEEP OUR PARISHIONERS CONNECTED\***

**YEAR A SUNDAY 7th JUNE 2020**

St. Teresa's, Annfield Plain + Our Blessed Lady and St. Joseph, Brooms + The Sacred Heart, Byermoor + Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Blackhill + St. Patrick's, Consett + St. Patrick's, Dipton + All Saints, Lanchester + St. Pius X, Moorside + Our Lady of the Rosary, Shotley Bridge + St. Joseph's, Stanley

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***Coronavirus Protection Prayer from Pope Francis***  
*O Mary, you shine continuously  
on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain  
with steadfast faith.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.  
We are certain that you will provide, so that,  
as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return  
after this moment of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the  
Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us.  
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows  
to bring us,  
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our plea-we who are put to the test-and  
deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

[We Pray for those that need healing](#) in our parishes: Claire Mills, Pat Wilson, Anne Kennedy, Winnie Watson, Margaret Convey, Martin Bryce, Maureen Dixon, Mark Pinkerton and Jean Costello.

### [Keeping People In Touch](#)

We are very much aware that some people who belong to our parish communities are not able to receive information on-line or through social media. We would ask that if you are aware of someone, that you keep them up to date by possibly printing off this newsletter and delivering it – obviously keeping the social distance rules- and let them know we are here for them. It may be a very small thing for us to do, but means a great deal to those who are unable to receive the information. **If you prefer to receive the newsletter by email, please contact the Parish Office.**

### [Parish Office](#)

The parish office is open Tuesday to Friday, however, due to the current pandemic we are observing all government rules and therefore, should you require anything please email [stjosephstanley@hotmail.com](mailto:stjosephstanley@hotmail.com) Or telephone 01207 299012 and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. If you wish anything to be included in the newsletter or would like anyone included on the Sick List (with their consent) or Recently Deceased please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. Masses can still be requested (please note there is a 3 month waiting list for Mass intentions).

[Reopening Of Churches:](#) from Bishop Robert Byrne:

*At present, there is **no change** in the Government regulations which means that all churches and other places of worship remain closed and public acts of worship are forbidden. The Bishops of England & Wales are working with the Government to prepare for the gradual reopening of churches for private prayer, and later for public worship. Bishop Robert and the Diocese have begun planning for the reopening of some of our churches when that is approved by the Government, taking into account:*

*\*The safety of parishioners, volunteers, staff and clergy to be the highest priority.*

*\*A very small number of churches will be opened first as a pilot. The Bishop is consulting with the Chapter of Canons and Partnership Deans to decide which churches will open first.*

*\*A full risk assessment will be carried out on each church by the Diocese to ensure health and safety.*

*\*The Diocese will provide the necessary equipment for a deep clean of the churches, and for essential regular cleaning.*

*\*Volunteers will be needed for church cleaning, and as stewards to ensure social distancing when the church is open.*

*\*Full compliance with Diocesan health and safety regulations and procedures will be required by clergy, employees and volunteers before a church is opened. The Bishop has instructed that **no action** is to be taken until further guidance is received.*

### [Finances](#)

We are very much aware that this is a difficult time for many people in our communities regarding the financial situation and respect that it may be difficult currently to give charitably. However, we are also aware that our churches, up until now, have lost one quarter of their yearly income. If you are in a place to still give your weekly contribution you may wish to do this by direct debit to your parish. We will be giving more details next week. However, if this is not possible because of technology could we ask that you use your envelopes each week and add your weekly donation that then can be delivered to our churches when we re-open.

[Diocesan Day of Scripture-19th June 2020](#) All aspects of the day can be accessed by the Diocesan website ([www.rcdhn.org](http://www.rcdhn.org)) and social media account. It is a great opportunity for people to increase their knowledge, understanding and experience of Scripture in this Year of the Word.

[Check out live streaming of masses throughout the Diocese on the Diocesan website- For those who do not have internet please pass on the information below](#)

During these times when our churches are closed and masses are being streamed online, the Diocese of Middlesbrough have set up a system to allow people who do not have internet access to listen to Mass over the telephone. If you would like to access, the telephone number to call is 01642 130120. If you know anyone who may benefit from this service, you can download and print a poster with details.

[Listening Service](#) St Mary's Cathedral operates a confidential listening service if you would like someone to talk to, especially at this time, then contact then Please ring 0191 232 6953 and press 9. If you know someone who may benefit from this service please pass this on.