



# Catholic Parishes of ST. JOSEPH SACRED HEART ST. PATRICK

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**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

November 22, 2020  
**Christ The King**

## Weekly Reflection - David Frank

Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17 Ps 127  
1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28 Mt 25: 31-46

*For I was hungry, and you gave me food  
I was thirsty, and you gave me drink  
I was a stranger, and you made me welcome  
I was naked, and you clothed me  
I was sick, and you visited me  
I was in prison, and you came to see me  
In so far you did this to one of the least of these  
brothers of mine you did it to me.*

There is something very fundamental about today's message from the Gospel. Something well worth our consideration. Jesus is talking to his disciples about the last judgement. He lists some criteria which will be used to separate the sheep from the goats. There is no mention of how many times they have been to Mass or how well their prayer life has progressed. No, the main criteria listed in Matthews Gospel is how well they have loved. Faithfulness brings its own reward. But unless we make the love of others our main priority faith has no meaning. We cannot save ourselves: We can only do what we can for each other and hope that our efforts are sufficient to save us. Belonging to a church does not ensure salvation. We must follow Christ every day and act as He did to the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the lost and the sick. It is only by giving of ourselves that we find eternal life.

"Life has taught me this, every day is new and if anything is true All that matters, when we're through, is how we loved" - Beth Nielson Chapman

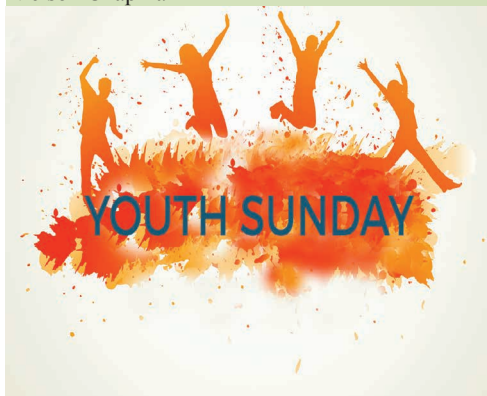


## Prayer

*Lord Jesus, You are the King of Kings,  
the Shepherd of our Souls,  
Our Redeemer, Our Saviour, Our Friend*

*You hold us close to you.  
Watching when we go astray,  
seeking us out when we are lost,  
when we are scattered in the mist and darkness.*

*You destroy our enemies,  
even death cannot prevail against you.  
You bring all your people to life in you,  
So that God may be all and in all. Amen*



The Feast of Christ the King takes place the weekend 22nd -23rd November. This is Youth Sunday and our opportunity to donate to YMT to support their continuous work amongst our young people. Like all of us, they have faced challenges in reaching out due to restrictions; however, they have been communicating with our young people through social media and by creating resources for our schools and parishes. [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org) <https://www.youtube.com/user/life2dfull>

To donate, please send cheques to Youth Ministry Trust, Emmaus Youth Village, Pemberton Road, Consett DH8 9BA. or make a BACS Payment HSBC  
Account Name: Youth Ministry Trust  
Account No: 21172654 Sort Code: 40-34-45

## PRIVATE MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED DURING WEEK COMMENCING 22.11. 20

Saturday 21st November	PRIVATE	Mass: PEOPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP
Sunday 22nd November    Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	PRIVATE	Mass: JOHN DODDS
Monday 23rd November	PRIVATE	Mass: JOHN AND NORAH HAGAN
Tuesday 24th November	PRIVATE	Mass: BETTY BRADLEY
	PRIVATE	Mass: LAURA AND AGNES WILLIAMSON
Wednesday 25th November	PRIVATE	Mass: PAULINE TURNER
Thursday 26th November	PRIVATE	Mass: ANN MARIE DAVIDSON
Friday 27th November	PRIVATE	Mass: MARJORIE WHITTON
Saturday 28th November	PRIVATE	Mass: WELFARE OF GERARD RITCHIE
Sunday 29th November    1st Sunday Of Advent	PRIVATE	Mass: PEOPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP

\*Private Prayer: St Patrick's Church Saturdays 10am-12 noon, St Joseph's Church Thursdays 10am-12 noon

**Children's Liturgy Online:** As we're unable to meet in person, we are continuing to run our children's liturgy group online using Zoom and our Facebook page. It would be lovely to have some more children from across the parish to join in. Join our private Facebook page - St Patrick's Dipton Children's Liturgy and join us live at 9.30am every Sunday.

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 have had no income since March. If you are in a place to still give your weekly contribution you may wish to do this by direct debit or standing order to your parish. The name of our accounts are: DHN Stanley St Joseph, DHN Dipton St Patrick and DHN Byermoor The Sacred Heart.

### Bank Details

Parish	Sort code	Account No
St Joseph's Church	40-34-18	81164511
St Patrick's Church	40-34-18	91797557
Sacred Heart Church	40-34-18	91492241

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 reopen.

Items for newsletter must be received by a Tuesday. **Send it to: [sacred3pontopnews@gmail.com](mailto:sacred3pontopnews@gmail.com)**

### 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 Gerard Ritchie.

**Recently Deceased:** *Marie Rafferty*

### The Pontop Partnership

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



### On-line Mass Schedule

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.

St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle will remain open each day for private prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Church will be open from Monday to Saturday from 10am – 11.30 am with Mass being live streamed at 12.05pm. On Sundays the church will be open from 9.45am until 11am with Mass live streamed at 11.30 am.