

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

Saturday 27th June	Mass: JOHN & ETTIE BOYD
Sunday 28th June <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles</b>	Mass: PEOPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP Mass: JESSIE TAGGART
Monday 29th June	Mass: PRIVATE INTENTIONS
Tuesday 30th June	Mass: LINDA KILKENNY
Wednesday 1st July	Mass: SPECIAL INTENTION (E.R.)
Thursday 2nd July	Mass: ELEANOR THOMASON
Friday 3rd July <b>St Thomas, Apostle</b>	Mass: JOE, JESSIE & JOHN CONNOR
Saturday 4th July	Mass: BETTY BRADLEY
Sunday 5th July <b>14th Sunday of the Year</b>	Mass: MARY LAMB Mass: PEOPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP

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**YEAR A SUNDAY 28th 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, Conssett + 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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*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*

**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 please-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.

[Recently Deceased](#) Ada Wilson. May she rest in peace.

[A Message from the Metropolitan Archbishops of the Catholic Church in England regarding the resumption of collective worship in England:](#)

With the easing of restrictions on worship with congregations, we tread carefully along the path that lies ahead. Our lives have been changed by the experience of the pandemic and it is clear that we cannot simply return to how things were before lockdown. We remain centred on the Lord Jesus and His command at the Last Supper to “do this in memory of me.” We must now rebuild what it means to be Eucharistic communities, holding fast to all that we hold dear, while at the same time exploring creative ways to meet changed circumstances.

It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. Please see the attached letter for more information, or please contact the Parish Office to receive a copy of the letter.

[Reopening Of Churches:](#) 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.*

**UPDATE:**

*Further to the Government’s announcement that churches can re-open from 15<sup>th</sup> June, the 5 ‘pilot’ churches that will re-open first in our Diocese for private prayer, are St Aidan’s Ashington, St Mary’s Cathedral Newcastle, St Patrick’s Consett, St Mary’s Sunderland, St Joseph’s Hartlepool. On 24th June, Bishop Robert Byrne also announced the planned reopening of a further 20 churches for individual prayer. An attached statement gives more information, or if not please contact the Parish Office to receive a copy of the statement.*

*\*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.*

[Reopening of St Patrick’s Church, Consett For Private Prayer](#) Monday to Saturday 11am – 2pm. Sunday 2pm – 4pm. If you are experiencing any symptoms of the Coronavirus, PLEASE STAY AT HOME. LAST ENTRY ON MONDAY TO SATURDAY WILL BE 1.45PM AND 3.45PM ON SUNDAY.

[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. Bank details are:

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Sort code</u>	<u>Account No</u>
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 re-open.

[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.