

MASSES SAID IN PRIVATE WHILST OUR CHURCHES ARE CLOSED

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| Saturday 30th May Pentecost Sunday Sunday 31st May | ALICE AND JIM JOYCE & DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS |
| Monday 1st June | PRIVATE INTENTIONS |
| Tuesday 2nd June | SYLVIA HEDLEY |
| Wednesday 3rd June | MARGARET NEWMAN |
| Thursday 4th June | WELFARE OF R.B. |
| Friday 5th June | ELEANOR THOMASON |
| Saturday 6th June The Most Holy Trinity Sunday 7th June | EDNA MAY HUNTER PEOPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP MAUREEN & FRANK McGOUGH |

YEAR A SUNDAY 31st MAY (PENTECOST SUNDAY)

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 pleas – 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:

June Rouse, Ann Marie Davidson and Francis (Frank) Corbett. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

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 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 Masses).

Reopening of Churches-A Message from Bishop Robert

As always, your health and safety and that of your parishioners, volunteers and staff is my utmost priority. As we await guidance from the Catholic Bishops' Conference and from the recently established Places of Worship Task Force, as to when and how our Churches will reopen, please be assured that the Diocese is developing plans which will enable the COVID-19 secure reopening of all of our buildings.

I will consult with the Chapter of Canons and the Partnership Deans in the near future before deciding which Parish Priests to approach about the

possibility of opening their Churches. Once we have established which Churches might reopen first, a very small number will be selected in which we will pilot the reopening procedures. Our learning from these 'dry-runs' will be incorporated into the approach we will take across the Diocese and it can then be shared more widely.

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.

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.

Diocesan Day of Prayer for the sick and their families, NHS front-line, social care workers and other key workers

On Thursday 14 May 2020 we hosted a Diocesan Day of Prayer for the sick and their families, NHS front-line, social care workers and other key workers. Check out the resources www.rcdhn.org

Pope Francis We are invited to join Pope Francis for the Recitation of the Holy Rosary on Saturday May 30th at 4:30pm, to ask the Blessed Virgin Mary for help and solace during this pandemic. There will be livestreaming from the Lourdes Grotto inside the Vatican Gardens.