

MASSES SAID IN PRIVATE WHILST OUR CHURCHES ARE CLOSED

Sunday 5th July 14th Sunday of the Year	Mass: MARY LAMB
Tuesday 7th July	Mass: SARAH WILSON
Thursday 9th July	Mass: MICHAEL THOMASON
Sunday 12th July 15th Sunday of the Year	Mass: MARY MAVIN

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YEAR A SUNDAY 5th JULY 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 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](#): Veronica Crackett and William (Bill) Driver. May They Rest In Peace, Amen.

[Reopening Of Churches](#): Bishop Robert and the Diocese have begun the reopening of some of our churches, 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.*

[Volunteers wanted to support the reopening of Churches](#): Although we do not know when our churches will reopen, we have been asked to start preparations for a gradual re-opening of our churches. Providing a safe and COVID secure space for prayer and worship is our utmost priority at this time, and you could have a part to play in this. To ensure that churches reopen in a safe and timely manner, we will require assistance from you, our parishioners, and therefore we are asking for volunteers from across the parishes/partnership. Could you give up a few hours of your time each week to volunteer at one of our churches? This may be at any of our churches across our parishes/partnership; you can indicate a preference on the form. The Diocese has produced guidance for the re-opening of churches and full training will be given.

- If you are in the clinically **extremely** vulnerable group, you must not volunteer at this time.

- If you are in the clinically vulnerable group you could be at a higher risk of

severe illness from Covid-19.

- For more information please read page 3 of our handbook for the reopening of churches which includes links to HM Government guidance. We can only open churches with your help. Please do consider volunteering, if you are interested, please contact the Parish Office for an Expression of Interest Form.

[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](#) 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, please call 01642 130120.

[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.

[Vacancies](#) The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy: Department for Education, Administrator (maternity cover). For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301 (Closing date 19th July).