

20th May 2012– The Ascension Of The Lord - Year B

# WEST DERWENTSIDE CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## Go proclaim the Good News to all creation

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension when Jesus returns to His Father having completed His own mission on earth. Yet this is not the end of His story because before He left he gave final instructions about how to go forward and pass His message on “to the whole world”. This must have sounded like an impossible task to the apostles but here today more than two thousand years later we are experiencing the fruits of their labour. Today Christ’s presence is no longer limited to a small group in one place but is diffused through creation through His body, the Church. Therefore the Ascension is not about Christ’s absence but about His presence in a different form, He is now present amongst us, within our community and so it is now up to us to make real the responsibility Jesus has given us. It is up to us to make Jesus present before the world by standing up for justice and creating a community based on love.

Each one of us is both body and spirit and so through our visible body others can see what is invisible, our spiritual essence - and so it is with the Church. Together we are the Body of Christ with each given specific gifts that are all needed to keep Jesus’ presence on earth alive. A body without a spirit is dead. It is up to you and me to make visible what is invisible and enable others to experience the love of God.

### **Fr Dermott Donnelly**

Director of Youth  
Services  
Parish Priest  
502320

### **Fr. Andrew Downie**

Vocations Director  
Parish Priest

### **Fr. Lee Barrett**

Assistant Priest  
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### **Fr Michael Keoghan**

Parish Priest  
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Deacon David Westgarth

Deacon Shaun McGee

## ST MARY'S NEWS & NOTICES

**Anniversaries** Thomas Darroch, Rose Penman, James Roberts, Thomas Stobbs, Catherine Aitchison, Mary Catherine Athey, Anthony McElrue Tommie Page

**Those who are sick in our Parish:** We keep in our prayers - Paul Wass, Ryan McBeath, Sarah Jane Quinn, Teddy Malpass, John Slane, Billy Grugan, Tilly Lockey, Gerard Fullen, David Oliver, Mary Hannant, Shaun Donaghy, Baby Kieran Richard Atkinson, Baby Amalie Burns, Patsy Hagan, Vera Jenkins, Norman Riches, Hazel Richardson, Baby Ethan White, Marie & Kevin Kenny, Dianne Johnson, Baby James Thomas English, David Sizmy, Eileen Fannon Carrie Graham, Susanne Devanney Gerald McNally

**Lately Deceased:** Mary Gleghorn. Please remember her and her family in your prayers at this sad time.

**Retiring Collections:** **This week:** World Communications Day  
**Next Week:** Father Savres Appeal.

**Sanctuary Candle:** Anyone wishing to order a Sanctuary Candle in memory of someone Deceased or for a Special Intention, please contact Stella Atkinson on 504004. Donation of £10 will go to the Restoration Fund. **This week** the candle will burn in loving memory of The McGeary & Mulhearn Family

**Mass Intentions:** Anyone wishing to have a mass offered for a loved one or a special intention on a specific date, please be aware that we must have at least three months notice to avoid disappointment

**St. Mary's Summer Fete:** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm. Donations and gifts can be placed in a box at the back of Church, or left at hall and marked SUMMER FETE

**Appeal By Youth From Stanley:** Week end 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June 2012. 5.30pm & 11am at Blackhill. Appeal by Youth from Stanley to help them go to Lourdes as helpers on the Pilgrimage. Collection to be taken after the Masses.

**Notice Board:** Please **DO NOT** put any notices on board at back of church. All information to be brought into office.

# Our Lady's News & Notices

**Anniversaries** May 14<sup>th</sup> Ambrose Walls, May 26<sup>th</sup> Fr Noel Donnelan.

**Pray for the Sick and Housebound:** Mary Kennedy, and Kathleen Calvert. Also Mr Herdman Armstrong, Elsie Hughes and James Baker.

**Retiring Collections:** This week World Communications Day. Next week Lay Training.

**Rotas this week:** Church cleaning team; D & E Hopper ; Readers Mrs S Smith & R Fenwick

**Monday Coffee Mornings:** After Mass or Service of the Word and Holy Communion

**Devotions during the month of May.** The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady. It is proposed that the rosary be recited before the weekday services. The start time for the rosary will be 9.45 and the services to begin at the normal time of 10.00am. Also there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before the Friday Mass. Exposition will start at 9.30am for the 10.00am Mass.

**Shotley Bridge '100' Club** Subscriptions are now due.

**Items for the Newsletter:** Items for the newsletter to be in the parish post box 10.00am Wednesday morning or e-mail to [rayfenwick@talktalk.net](mailto:rayfenwick@talktalk.net)

## ST PATRICK'S NEWS & NOTICES

**Anniversaries of the Deceased for May** Please see list at back of church.

**Recently Deceased** Enid Watson and Mary Patricia Smith. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Sick and Housebound** Please pray for the following and for all who care for the sick. Margaret Murphy, Mary Martin, Eileen Fish, Kathleen Johnson, Margaret Turnbull, Arthur Page, Margaret Heslop, Catherine Campbell, Lawrence Watson, Alan Convery, Anna Bradley, Kathleen Calvert (Denham), Margaret Hughes, Martin Rogan and Paddy McNicholas.

**Retiring Collections** This Week: Fr Sarves India Appeal Next Week: Lay Training Fund

**Sick & Retired Priests Collection** If you haven't done it already, please return your envelope with your contribution.

**Readers & Ministers: 20th May 9.30** Reader C Westgarth Ministers J McMenamin, P Walls, C Robson. **6.00pm** Reader J Murray Ministers M Dimambro, B Bowley, J McArdle. **27<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am** Reader: C Larsen Ministers: J Dimambro, R Huntley D Barrass **6.00pm** Reader: T Young Ministers: J Hewitson, T Mullholland, R Wright.

**Family of Lawrence Clarke** would like to thank everyone for their love and support, cards, mass cards and kind words following their sad loss of a much loved husband, father and grandfather. Thanks also for the generous donations to St Mary's Convent, Ebchester, where Lawrence was a regular parishioner. Many thanks also to Father Andrew for a lovely Mass and to those who were involved.

**Eucharistic Ministers** The new rota will be ready for collection on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Please collect your copy from the Sacristy on that date.

**Fr John O'Gorman** will be celebrating his Diamond Jubilee with a Mass at Sacred Heart, N Gosforth on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm. If you are interested in going please sign up on the list on the notice board for catering etc. If there is sufficient interest transport will be arranged.

**St Patrick's Choir** is always looking for new members. You don't need to be a great singer! Speak to Catherine Welford, Fr Andrew or Fr Lee if you are interested.

**Church Cleaning** We are appealing for volunteers to help keep the Church clean. We have one group of volunteers but if we could have more, a rota could be formed, one hour every few weeks is all that is needed. Contact either Fr Andrew or Fr Lee on 502196 if you can help. Thank you.

**Food 4 U** Provides food parcels for the needy in the local area. The group is requesting tinned goods, beans, hot dogs etc dried goods, cereals, pasta, tea and coffee. A box will be placed at the back of church 27<sup>th</sup> May – 10<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you for your support.

**Notice Board** Please don't display any items on the Church notice board without showing them to Fr Andrew or Fr Lee. Notices for Bulletin: If you would like an item included, email details to [stpatricknews@aol.com](mailto:stpatricknews@aol.com)

## ST PIUS X NEWS & NOTICES

**ANNIVERSARIES:** William Kane, Michael Murray and Hector Hughes. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Joan Angus, Marie Atherton, Patricia Bell, Michael Carney, Yvonne Carter, Elsie Donaghy, Colin Embleton Jr, Dave Harris, Paul Hunt, Mary Kennedy, Ella Kerr, Nancy Malone, Robert Nixon Jr., Charlie O'Donnell, & John Slane

**RETIRING COLLECTION:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May in support of the Lay Training Fund.

**ALTAR SERVERS ROTA:** 27<sup>th</sup> May – Rosanna, George and Eve

**COFFEE MORNINGS:** After 11am Mass on Sundays and 10am Mass on Mondays – always a great way to catch up with everything.

**PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS:** During Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday mornings, the Rosary is said for the vocation of Priests and the sick of the Parish.

**FOOD 4 U DONATION REQUEST:** Food 4 U provides food parcels for the needy in the local area. The group is requesting items of tinned goods, beans, hot dogs etc., dried goods, cereals, pasta, tea coffee. A box will be placed in church from May 27<sup>th</sup> -June 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support. Mary Westgarth.

**RED BOXES:** Will all holders of the Red mission boxes please give them to your promoter or bring them to Church for emptying. Thank you. Sue McGee

**SUPPORT FOR SEVICEMEN OVERSEAS:** Eleanor is collecting non perishable items that are hard to get hold of for troops overseas. See the notice at the back of church for more details.

**100 CLUB:** Winning numbers are on the notice board. Please note that the draw is now monthly (but still collected weekly) with increased prizes of £50, £20 and 3 x £10.

**CHURCH CLEANING ROTA:** Group A 13<sup>th</sup> May – L Elliott and M Thompson. Please call Mary Davy on 504532 if there are any problems with covering the rota.

**STATUE OF OUR LADY:** From Mrs Dodd to Mrs Daly, Rose Cottage, Allensford. There are vacancies on the rota to have the statue of Our Lady for 1 week at a time. If you want to join there is a list at the back of Church.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** By 6pm Wednesday to 7, Consett Park Terrace or [shaun.d.mcgee@btopenworld.com](mailto:shaun.d.mcgee@btopenworld.com)

## **DIOCESAN EVENTS**

**May 31st. Mass of Welcome** for new Catholics at St Joseph's Gateshead. Bishop Seamus will celebrate the Mass for newly received Catholics including the newly baptised, their sponsors, families, parish priests, catechists and friends.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Procession in Honour of the Blessed Sacrament** led by Bishop Seamus at Ushaw College Exposition in St Cuthbert's Chapel 2.00-3.00pm. Procession 3.00pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation during Exposition.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>. Called to the Supper of the Lamb, at St Joseph's, Gateshead.** A Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers Holy Communion 10.30 am – 4.00pm.

**June 16<sup>th</sup>. Lift up your hearts,** 10.30am - 4.00pm. A day led by Martin Barry of Salford Diocese. Explore new music especially for the New Translation of the Mass. St Joseph's Parish Centre with celebration of the Mass at 3.00pm. Posters for the above events will be shown on the parish notice board as the day of the event nears..

**John McBride** June 9th 2012 5.7 miles Barefoot Blyndon Race  
June 20th 2012 Olympic Torchbearer July 1st - 8th 2011 : 130 miles Big Walk Sept 19th 2011 12 miles + 1.1 barefoot miles at The Great North Run Oct 24th - 16th Sept 2012 1000 miles running challenge. All to fight extreme poverty. All with CAFOD.

See [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) for more details.

**Diocesan Festival 29<sup>th</sup> June- 1<sup>st</sup> July:** will take place at the Youth Village, people of all ages are welcome. It is an opportunity for us to be inspired by a number of speakers and liturgies. **BOOKING IS**

**ESSENTIAL** even if you are just going as a day visitor. Booking forms at the back of church or contact the diocesan education office on 01912433313. For more information go to [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

**Pilgrimage to Ladywell** on Monday 9th July, feast of Mary, Queen of Peace. Cost approx. £15 Pick ups are at Heworth Metro, Central station Newcastle, St Mark's Westerhope and Hexham. For booking and details please contact Jose Blay a.s.a.p. on 0191 2678693 or e-mail: [blay.josepha@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:blay.josepha@yahoo.co.uk).

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## **PATRICK’S HALL**

### **TIMETABLE**

DAY	TIMES	GROUP
Monday	6.00-8.00pm	Body Blitz
	7.30-8.30pm	Big Read
	7.00-9.00pm	Sue McGee - Parish group
	3.00-6.00pm	Olive Tree
Tuesday	10.00-12.00pm	Community Bank (Credit Union)
	1.00-4.00pm	Tea Dance
	8.00-9.00pm	Zumba
	6.15-8.00pm	Youth Club
	3.00-6.00pm	Olive Tree
Wednesday	9.00-11.00am	Slimming World
	5.45-7.00pm	Body Blitz
	7.00-9.00pm	Martial Arts (New)
	3.00-6.00pm	Olive Tree
Thursday	9.00-11.00am	Slimming World
	6.00-7.00pm	Leisure Works (Keep Fit)
	6.00-8.00pm	Kids for Kids
	7.15-9.15pm	Cobweb Orchestra
	3.00-6.00pm	Olive Tree
Friday	3.00-6.00pm	Olive Tree
	4.30-6.30pm	Body Blitz
	7.30-9.30pm	Swords
Saturday	10.00-11.00am	Zumba
	10.00-12.00pm	Community Bank (Credit Union)
Sunday	10.00-11.am	Coffee morning
	9.00-10.00am	Children’s Lit
	7.30-9.00pm	Bingo

For information on any of the above please contact Anne on: 07517 929 658

**Frightened of Computers** Want to learn how to use a computer in a friendly, non-threatening atmosphere? Come along to St Patrick’s Hall, Victoria Road,

Consett, Find out how easy it will be. At no cost to you! Call Anne on 0751792658 to find out more.

**Interest in job search** Are you unemployed and would like support with your CV, or interview skills, or learning new skills to allow you to go for that dream job? Call Anne on 07517929658 to find out more.

## **J. F. K. Centre**

Sunday	Sunday Lunches	11.30am-1.30pm
Monday	Mother and toddlers	9.00am -11.00am
	Zumba	7.00pm- 8pm
Tuesday	St. Cuthberts Care	10.00am-3.00pm
	Salsa Exercise	6.00pm-7.00pm
Wednesday	St. Cuthberts Care	10.00am-3.30pm
	Coffee Morning	10.30am-11.30am
	Men & Women 50 +	6.00pm-7.00pm - Cost £3
Thursday	Singing Group	7.20pm-8.45pm
	Zumba	1.00-2.00pm
	Streetwise	4.00pm-5.00pm
Friday	Zumba classes	7.00pm-8.00pm
	St Cuthberts Care	10.00am-3.30pm
Saturday	Special Needs	6.30pm-9.00pm
	Available for hire	Birthdays-weddings-parties/nights

**Special Needs Club** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May Coffee Evening at 7.15pm in J.F.K. Proceeds in aid of our Lourdes Fund. Entertainment provided by Dilston Drama & Music Group. All welcome.

**£50's & 60's Night** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. Bar, Bingo, Raffle. Tickets £4. Music by Ghost Riders, a Great Local Group. Music for all ages and a great night for all those who attend this social event.

**Sunday Lunches:** There will be no lunches 6<sup>th</sup> May – 20<sup>th</sup> May due to holidays.

## WEST DERWENTSIDE CATHOLIC NEWS

**St. Mary's Primary School and Age UK** are working together on a new inter-generational project and need a team of older volunteers to work with the children on this. If interested please attend a meeting at the school on Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3.30pm

**St. Mary's Primary School Job vacancies:** required from September 2012 Grade 2. Learning Support Assistant, School Chaplan. Further details at back of church and from school office 502657

**Welcome Back Sunday:** is on the Feast of Pentecost Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Please take a card to invite a friend or family member back to Sunday Mass.

**Day of Recollection for Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** This will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am-4pm at St. Joseph's Gateshead and will be led by Kathryn Turner. All ministers are required to attend a day of recollection each year and if you wish to attend this day please notify your parish priest. A packed lunch will be required. Tea and coffee is provided.

**Food 4 U:** Collecting food parcels for the needy. Appeals throughout the Partnership.

**Help Needed at the Youth Village** Family Fun Day on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Please sign up at back of Church or contact Austin or Christine on 592244

**Fr Sarves Appeal:** Fr. Sarves will be back at St. Patrick's and St Pius on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May and at St Mary's and Our Lady of the Rosary on 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> May. He will also be in St Patrick's Hall lounge on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm to meet the sponsors and all who are interested in his work.

**South Pacific Show 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012** Many thanks to all those who joined us for a night at the theatre. It was a wonderful show and the Social Group looks forward to your company again when we make our annual pilgrimage to Holy Island this summer. Date to be confirmed. **Also notice of forthcoming event** – a Musical – Oliver! At the Theatre Royal, Newcastle in October/November. Further details in bulletin beginning June.

**Memorial Book in St Patrick's.** If you would like the name of a deceased family member included in the Memorial Book, please collect an envelope from the Sacred Heart Altar. Complete and return it to the Presbytery with a donation of £5.

**Memorial Book in St. Mary's** If you would like a name in St. Marys memorial book please fill in the envelopes available at the back of church or put them through the presbytery door with the suggested donation of £5 per name.

**Hospital** If anyone is admitted to hospital and needs the Chaplain, Father Paul Tully can be contacted on 0191 333 2183

**Admission to Newcastle Hospitals:** Chaplain is Fr Michael Corbett at St Andrew's on **0191 232 1892**. If it is urgent please ask the Ward Sister to page the RC Chaplain.

## **West Derwentside Catholic Partnership Timetable**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

**St Patrick's** available every Saturday 11.00-11.50am or by appointment or on request at the presbytery.

**St. Mary's:** Saturday Evening from 4.45 - 5.15pm.

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

**St. Mary's:** Every Tuesday morning at 10.30am

**St. Pius X:** An hour before Mass on Monday and Wednesday and half an hour before communion services.

**First Friday** of the month 6 to 7pm

**St. Patrick's** Half an hour before each weekday Mass, with recital of Morning Prayer of the Church. Saturday 11.00 am-12 noon and Sunday 5.00-5.30pm.

There is also Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Saturday of the month from 11.00am to 12.00noon and after Mass until 4.00pm.

### **Novena To Our Blessed Lady:**

**St. Patrick's** Every Thursday at 7.00pm prayers are offered to Our Blessed Lady for our personal needs and for our intentions for the world. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Communion bring this special time of prayer to a close. Everyone is welcome.

**Baptism Preparation Format:** If you want your child to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, see the priest after Sunday Mass and collect a form. Deliver the completed form to **St Patrick's Presbytery**. Once the form has been received a catechist will contact you to arrange for a Priest or Deacon to visit you at home. You may then be enrolled on the course which will take place over two weeks on

the last two Sundays of the month. Following your completion of the 2 week course, you will be invited to attend a “Rite of Welcome” Mass before your child is baptised. If you have any queries ring St Patrick’s 01207 502196 and a catechist will be pleased to help.