

St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
A Parish of the Finchale Partnership



Parish Diary 4th Sunday of EASTER Week beginning 27 April 2024

Date	Feast	Mass Intention
Sat 27 April	Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter	5:00pm Holy Mass, Katrin Ferati RIP
Sun 28 April	5th Sunday of Easter Yr B	9.30 am Syro Malabar Rosary 10:00 am Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 29 April	St Catherine of Sienna	1pm Funeral of Monica Brewster
Tues 30 April		No Mass
Wed 1 May		No Mass
Thurs 2 May	In church with school children	9:30am Holy Mass Priest intention 11.00am Funeral Ann Forrester
Fri 3 May		9:30am Holy Mass Priest intention
Sat 4 May	Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter The English Martyrs	5:00pm Holy Mass, Rachel Carey RIP

Masses during the week are usually celebrated by Fr Gordon in the church house.

Collection 13 April 2024 and 20 April

13th April Loose £166, G A Envelopes £42, G A Standing Order £212. Total £420

20th April Loose £142, G A Envelopes £45, G A Standing Order £212. Total £399

2nd collection TONIGHT : This collection supports the charities identified by the Diocese as *special collections 24/25*. In May we support World Communications Day and Lay Training. **Thank you all, for your continued generosity.**

Our Prayers We continue to pray for those sick, the lonely and the housebound in our parish, also keep in your prayers all who care for them. Pray for David Middleton; Sylvia Kelly; Rose Crick; Thomas Taylorson; Ann Booth, Ann Canavan, Marie Coward and Ethel Condron. **Anniversaries:** Prayer for Jennie Staff and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they Rest in Peace. **Recently Deceased:** Please pray for Monica Brewster and Ann Forrester, whose funerals are on this week. May they rest, in peace.



5th Sunday of Easter, Year B

The readings remind us of our dependence on God and each other. In the gospel Jesus explains that he is the vine and we must depend on him. The second reading also echoes this teaching.

The readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter touch on several interconnected themes that are central to understanding and living out our Christian faith. (faith and love)

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Bulletin Requests : Please send parish news and bulletin items to Clare at the parish email address: langleymoor.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk

If you would like to receive the bulletin electronically, please contact Clare on the parish email . Also the most recent bulletin can be found on the 'bulletin tab' on the parish website:

[St. Patrick's RC Church – Langley Moor \(stpatricksrcchurch.co.uk\)](http://St.Patrick's RC Church – Langley Moor (stpatricksrcchurch.co.uk))

Mass Intention Requests - Please complete a mass intention envelope (found in the church porch), with details and your donation. **Thank you.**

Safeguarding— Our parish safeguarding lead is **Pauline Burnside**.

A copy of the guidelines can be found on the notice board at the back of church and also online

here: [Diocesan Safeguarding Guidelines](#).



Latest Church and Diocese News.....



Church Ministry Rotas 27 April 2024

Welcomers : **Tonight:** Pat Paul Kelly and Anne Kelly **4 May** : Greg Mearman and Tricia Whitfield

Readers Tonight: Andrew Everett and Mirabel Chidimal **4 May:** Freya Storey and Mary Everett

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tonight:** Teresa Wass and Irene Carey **4 May:** Carol Proudlock and Halina Holman

Children's Liturgy: **Tonight:** Maria and Helen. **4 May:** Maria and Joanne

Readings Next Week (4 May)

6th Sunday of Easter:

First reading Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48,
Second reading 1 John 4:7-10, Gospel John 15:9-17

Parish activities - A Date for your Diary Saturday 11th May

Church Cleaning

This will take place on **Saturday 11th May, 10am.** (note: not the usual first Saturday of the month). **Chat and refreshments** will be provided. **All welcome.**

Church Garden Tidy Up

We are also looking to get a gardening workforce together to work in the church grounds, possibly on the same date as cleaning.

Please come along to work together and keep our church buildings and gardens looking well cared for.

A warm welcome outdoors awaits you.

More details to follow....

Church Maintenance - Handy Person Required

We are looking for someone who is handy and can keep on top of regular maintenance jobs around the church and grounds. If you, or you know of someone who can help for a few hours every month **please let us know. Thank you.**

The Green Team at St. John Boste parish would like to invite everyone to an event on Tuesday 30th April in Ushaw Moor. Please come and join us, and listen to their amazing story. This will take place in **St Joseph's Catholic Club, Ushaw Moor, Tuesday April 30th at 7.30pm.**

Before the Presentation there is also the opportunity to celebrate Mass in the church and all are welcome to join us for this at 7pm.

Cycle of Prayer for Eastertide

We are asked to pray for:

- New members of the church
- Vocations
- The right use of the media
- The church
- Human work

Diocese News

Prayers for Priesthood *"I am the vine; you are the branches.* Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing." Has the Lord been inviting you to consider a vocation to the priesthood, but you have tried to cut yourself off from the vine? Why not explore what the Lord is asking of you? the Vocations Promoter: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk

Public Lecture Eamon Duffy: - The renowned historian and former President of Magdalene College, Cambridge, Professor Eamon Duffy will visit The Church of the Holy Name, North Jesmond Avenue, Newcastle NE2 3JX on **Saturday 4 May at 11.30am** to give his lecture *Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson and the End of the World.* **All are welcome . See Poster.**

56 YEARS since abortion becoming legal in Britain

Tonight, Saturday 27th April, is the 56th anniversary of abortion becoming legal in Britain. **See poster.** The Catholic Herald short article about the Pro-Life struggle and why fasting and prayer are important. You can read it here, <https://catholicherald.co.uk/can-pray-and-fasting-really-make-any-difference-when-it-comes-to-abortion/>

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Chester le Street– part-time.
Closing date: 1 May IT Field Engineer (two posts) Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, 9-month fixed term contract. **Closing date: 6 May.** Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

**THIS SUNDAYS READING - 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR B**

First reading

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple.

Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second reading

1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

Syro Malabar Masses at St Patricks

You will be aware that the church is used for the celebration of the Syro Malabar mass every Sunday morning, at St Patricks, which commences at **9.30 am with the rosary and 10am for holy mass. All are very welcome to attend.**

Childrens Corner: Gospel Reflection—Prayers and Activities.

St Patrick's School Blog

This week we continued lots of exciting learning in school, including finding out more about St. George.

We also held our first **Time to talk coffee morning** - we are planning some more of these events and **warmly welcome parishioners too.**

Class 2 are looking forward to attending mass next week. As we continue on our journey in school we welcome the chance to connect with parents/carers and parishioners.



First Holy Communion preparation

Session 7: **Take and Eat : Liturgy of the Eucharist.** Children to attend **4 May at 4pm.**

First Holy Communion Ceremony —1st June 2024

Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit. Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are



suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!

Reflection and Prayer:

Generous God, support us in all that we do as a vine supports its branches, and help us to support and share with others around the world. Amen.