

# ST TERESA of the INFANT JESUS, ST LAWRENCE, OUR LADY AND ST VINCENT'S



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## SPIRITUAL PROGRAMME

**Morning Prayer** 8am every morning.

**Rosary** at 6pm every day, with Tuesday's Rosary being after 6pm Mass

The link to our Parishes' Facebook Page for this week's Spiritual Programme is on the website address above.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY - CORPUS CHRISTI 14<sup>th</sup> June 11 am Lillian Malloy**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1pm Wilson McEvoy      Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 6pm Arthur and Angela Bacon

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 1pm Anderson and McDermott families      Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1pm NHS

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 1pm NBF

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June Private Intention

**12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time – 21<sup>st</sup> June 11 am Private Intention**

## A GLIMMER OF HOPE

From this Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June five churches in the Diocese have been chosen to pilot being open for private prayer – St Aidan's Ashington, St Mary's Cathedral Newcastle, St Joseph's Hartlepool, St Patrick's Consett, St Mary's Sunderland.

Many safeguards have been put into place on order to protect those entering and especially for those more vulnerable and at higher risk: enhanced cleaning of premises, Social distancing, Face coverings, hand sanitising facilities etc.

## Diocesan Day of Scripture

**June 19<sup>th</sup> Friday 10am – 7pm. Please look on the Diocesan website for specific events and times.**

It is a great opportunity for people to increase their knowledge, understanding and experience of Scripture in this Year of the Word.

# Rainbows

*Anne McCarthy, RSCJ (June'20)*

During the COVID19 pandemic we have seen 'rainbows' everywhere, often drawn by children, frequently in people's front windows. They are held aloft in streets, appear on notice boards in hospitals and public places. They are a symbol of hope in these dark and difficult times and a sign of our gratitude to all who work in the NHS for their courage, commitment, skill and compassion.

When light breaks through towards the end of a storm a rainbow often appears.

In the book of Genesis God uses a rainbow as a sign of the covenant (*a firm bond*) between himself and all living beings.



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*"When the rainbow appears in the clouds,  
I will see it and remember the  
Everlasting Covenant  
between me and all living beings on earth.  
That is the sign of the promise  
I am making with all Living Beings."*

Genesis 9: 16-1

The appearance of a rainbow to Noah, Ezekiel and the Apostle John, *in the Book of Revelation*, are all powerful reminders that God has a purpose, even in storms. The rainbow reassured Noah and it is seen as a symbol which reassures us that God is always faithful to his promises.

***Consider the passage from Genesis and look carefully at the rainbow photographs.***

*\*How do these 'speak' to you?*

*\*Recall a time when the light has appeared in your life after a period of darkness and suffering.*

*\*What was that like?*

*\*Is there anyone you still need to forgive or to thank?*

*\*What are you grateful for? Talk to God about it.*

*\*Finally, pray this prayer of David Adam's :*

*"Come into the dark places of our hearts,  
come and scatter the darkness.*

*God of promise and hope as we delight in the rainbow.*

*May we ever trust ourselves to you.*

*As the rainbow reaches the heavens*

*let us know we are one with you.*

*We are under your protection; we live in the splendour of your light.*

*You offer us your glory and yourself.*

*Come, Lord, lighten our darkness;*

*Renew our faith and hope for our hope is truly in you." Amen*



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