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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

SUNDAY 24 JUNE 2018

Each of us comes from God; we are formed by Him and we are held, as ourselves, throughout our existence, by his boundless love. Today's psalm is written for each of us; it is a personal statement, a covenant of our relationship with our heavenly Father. Each word rings true; read it, study it, then take it to your heart.

Have you ever considered the contrast between the early lives of Our Lord and John the Baptist. John was always in the headlines; there was controversy at his birth because his father, a temple official, had been mysteriously struck dumb during the pregnancy and his mother was supposed to be barren but was pregnant late in life. Jesus was born in a hired room to a young woman, in rather dubious circumstances, and that family faded into the background, lost in the tragedy of Herod's slaughter of the innocents and a journey into exile.

When he grew up John was different. He ran around with a rather rebellious group of young men. He ate strange things and dressed very differently from the fashions of the day. He became very vocal, crying out, as a voice cries in the wilderness, calling people to repentance and baptising them in the Jordan. Jesus followed his father's trade as a village carpenter, keeping very much to himself until that fateful day when his world and John's world collided.

It must have been quite a day, down by the Jordan; John, the centre of attention, arguing with the elders and the scribes, washing away sin with great gusto, and into this maelstrom of noise and confusion walks the village carpenter. Perhaps feeling foolish, watching his cousin, the outspoken prophet of God, holding court in his rags. Then, in the midst of the water and the crowds, the world was changed; Jesus, going into the water a carpenter, but rising from those depths crowned with the Holy Spirit and set on a journey which changes us into children of God.

Baptism is the first and greatest gift we can give to a child; through the sacrament that same Holy Spirit rests on the child's shoulders and gives the child the power to become a light for the nations, a disciple for Christ.

David Frank

BAPTISM

We offer our prayers and very best wishes to Alexa Page Heaps who is being baptised in the Cathedral this Sunday.

XAVERIAN MISSION APPEAL

Today we welcome Fr Robert Sowa from St Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society. He will be speaking at all Masses about the work of the 'Xaverian Missionaries' who help people in many counties such as Africa, India and the Far East. There will be retiring collections at all Masses in support of the cause.

MASS OF ORDINATION TO DIACONATE.

Next Saturday **30 June at 11.00am** in the Cathedral, Peter Smith, Paul Nichol and Patrick Jackson are being ordained as permanent deacons. All are welcome to attend (**but please note that the reception afterwards is for family and friends and admission is by invitation only**). The Cloister Café and the Cathedral car park will be closed for the day.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2018.

Preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin later this year. All young people in year 9 who attend Sacred Heart High School, St Cuthbert's High School, St Mary's Catholic School or any of the local non catholic schools and who attend the parishes within Blackfriars partnership are invited, together with their parents or guardians to attend an information meeting on **Tuesday 10 July at 7.00 pm in English Martyrs Church, Stamfordham Road, Fenham, NE5 3JR.**

FEAST OF Ss PETER AND PAUL

Next Friday is the Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul which is a Holyday of Obligation. A Collection will be taken at the Masses for Peter's Pence in support of the work of the Holy See.

Looking ahead..

DIOCESAN EDUCATION MASS

A Mass for all those involved in Education will be celebrated in the Cathedral on **Monday 2 July at 6.30pm.**

SCHOOL LEAVERS' MASSES

It is getting to the time of year again when Children are moving from their primary schools to their secondary schools. There will be two Leavers' Masses taking place this year in the Cathedral:

Tuesday 10 July **North Tyneside Schools**
Wednesday 11 July **Newcastle Schools**

All Masses take place at 1.30pm. We send our thoughts and prayers to all those leaving this year to move on to pastures new.

THE GREAT EXHIBITION OF THE NORTH

The Great Exhibition of the North is a free, summer-long celebration of the North of England's pioneering spirit. The country's biggest event in 2018, it will pack a programme of amazing exhibits, live performances, displays of innovation, new artworks and unforgettable experiences into 80 days. The Exhibition will be the biggest event in England this year. It is free to attend and will tell the inspiring story of the North of England and how its innovators, businesses, artists and designers have shaped our present and are inspiring our future. Hosted in Newcastle and Gateshead, on behalf of Northern England, the event is expected to reach an audience of three million people, including more than one million visitors from across the UK and overseas.

In addition to the usual opening times of the Cathedral, we will also be open on Sunday afternoons from 1.00pm - 4.00pm for the duration of the exhibition from 22 June - 9 September.





News from the Mercy Hub...

A MESSAGE FROM YVETTE

A very big thank you for all the interest shown in volunteering within the Mercy Hub and for attending the meetings last week. We hope to build on the response so far and encourage more people to discover more about the type of outreach work we will be undertaking. From July there will be specific role descriptions advertised here in the weekly newsletter and on the Cathedral website. www.stmaryscathedral.org.uk Each advert will explain how various roles will contribute to the wider goals of the Mercy Hub. For further information please contact me in the Cathedral Office.

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Other News...

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

The next meetings of the Cathedral Book Club will take place on :

Tuesday 10 July when we will read 'The Lamb's Supper' by Scott Hahn and

Tuesday 11 September when the book discussed will be 'Memoir' by John McGahern

The group meet from 4.30pm in the book centre and most gatherings last no more than 90 minutes. New members are always welcome and both books are available in the Book Centre now. We look forward to seeing you there.

A DAY OF FAITH - INNER HEALING OF THE POWER OF CHRIST

A day of faith entitled 'Inner Healing in the Power of Christ', introduced by Fr Shaun O'Neill will take place at Carmel Convent, Darlington on Saturday 21 July 10.00am - 4.00pm. You are warmly invited for a day of talks, sharing, adoration, Mass and reconciliation. Transport is available and will be leaving from St Robert's Church, Cedar Road, Fenham, NE4 9PH. If you would like to participate contact Fr Shaun.

Telephone: 0191 2733 3903

ST JOSEPH'S HOME SUMMER FAYRE

A summer fayre will take place next **Saturday 30 June from 1.00pm - 4.00pm** at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle, NE4 7QA. There will be many of the favourite stalls including Arts and Crafts, Tombola, Refreshments and much more. All are welcome.

LISTENING SERVICE

A Team of trained and experienced counsellors is available here at St Mary's Cathedral to offer a confidential Listening and Supportive Service - free of charge - to members of the Cathedral congregation who wish to talk about

- Family Issues
- Stress
- Parental Difficulties
- Loss and Bereavement
- Any other matter, however small or large.

To make an appointment, please telephone the main Cathedral number 0191 232 6953 and then select option 9. If you leave your name and a contact telephone number, a member of the Listening Service Team will get in touch with you to arrange an appointment.

What's happening in and around St Mary's Cathedral this week?

DAY	TIME	MASS SERVICE EVENT	
Sunday 24 June Twelfth Sunday of the Year The Nativity of St John the Baptist. Solemnity	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am 11.30am 6.30pm	Intentions of Allan B People of the Parish <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Thanksgiving; Maria R Deceased members of the Aynsley & Kerr Families	<i>(Spoken)</i> <i>(Cantor)</i> <i>(Cathedral Choir)</i> <i>(Music Group)</i>
Monday 25 June Weekday	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm	Welfare of Kay B <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament In Honour of St Peregrine	
Tuesday 26 June Weekday	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm 5.00pm	Intentions of Pat L <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Eileen M- 90th Birthday Intentions Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Wednesday 27 June Weekday	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm	Jon Price <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Alan (A), May (A) & George (A) Hutchinson	
Thursday 28 June St Irenaeus Bp	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm 5.00pm	Riddell Guild of Cathedral Volunteers <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Recovery of Mariama A Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Friday 29 June Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles Solemnity Collection to be taken for Peter's Pence	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm	Holy Souls <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tony Cunningham	<i>(Cantor)</i>
Saturday 30 June St Ethelreda, Abbess	10.00am 10.30am 11.00am	<i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am Mass of Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate	
Sunday 1 July The Thirteenth Sunday of the Year	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am 11.30am 6.30pm	People of the Parish Catherine Marshall <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Holy Souls Jim Toal	<i>(Spoken)</i> <i>(Cantor)</i> <i>(Cathedral Choir)</i> <i>(Music Group)</i>

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick.

We pray for those who have died..

and for Alan Hutchinson, May Hutchinson and George Hutchinson,
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

