

# CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARY

## Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

*In the Pastoral care of Bishop Séamus Cunningham*



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

15 APRIL 2018

When we look back over the centuries to the first few weeks after the death and resurrection of Jesus we begin to see a growing realisation from the followers of Jesus of the real meaning of his teaching. We see this very clearly in their new understanding of forgiveness and reconciliation. Looking at the actions of the early church can teach us so much about our own understanding of the message of Christ and remind us again of how the mercy of God affects our lives today.

The passage from Acts is a real attempt by the Apostles to reach out to the people of Jerusalem not in condemnation but in a spirit of reconciliation. The people may have been ashamed by the events surrounding the Passover and the death of Jesus; now the apostles are appealing to them to reconsider their actions and turn again to God. This is the Christian way; to condemn the sin but love the sinner. There are many dreadful acts of violence in our world today against Christian churches. If we are to act in the spirit of Jesus then our response must be to forgive these acts and try to rebuild the relationship that has been broken.

Saint John is writing to the infant church and advising them on their response to personal sin. This letter is a simple explanation of the sacrament of Penance. It stresses the need to stop the actions which are causing sin, it urges us to turn to God in our sorrow for our actions and it reminds us that after forgiveness comes a firm purpose of amendment when we strive to keep God's commandments and sin no more.

The Gospel story follows the passage on the Road to Emmaus and the scene that the two disciples find when they return to Jerusalem. The disciples are talking about Jesus when he appears in their midst. This is a reminder to us of the truth that when two or three are gathered in his name Jesus is there with them. Jesus then teaches them again about forgiveness and reconciliation. He is not afraid to show his wounds, he reminds us that he too knows what it is like to suffer in an unjust world. He reminds them of the power of scripture and he opens their minds to understand the word of God.

*David Frank*



## **FR PAUL JENKINS - NEW BEGINNINGS**

We would like to thank and congratulate Fr Paul Jenkins who will be leaving the Cathedral this weekend to take up a new appointment within the fraternity of his Carmelite Order. Although together with Fr Paul we had hoped his stay at the Cathedral would have been much longer, God has different plans. We would like to thank him for the wonderful contribution he has made in such a short time to our Cathedral community. We wish Fr Paul and the Carmelite Order much success in their new venture.

## **SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS**

Donations are invited to the Northern Brethren Fund which is a fund that supports the Sick and Retired Clergy of our Diocese. This fund was originally set up in 1650 helping Priests who were serving the area in Penal times. Please support our Sick and Retired Clergy in giving generously to this appeal. Gift Aid envelopes and Standing Order forms are available from the back of Church today. The appeal will remain open until Sunday 29 April.

## **ADVANCE NOTICE - KYNREN - an epic tale of England**

The Friends of St Mary's are organising a trip to this spectacular event in September and if we book early we would qualify for discounted tickets. We would be travelling to and from the venue in Bishop Auckland by coach so if you are interested and seek further information please see Judith Clancy after 11.30 Mass on Sunday or contact the Cathedral Office.

Telephone: 0191 232 6953 ext 200

## **GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2018/2019**

If you have not collected your named Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year 2018/19 they are now available from the Cathedral Office. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to find out more about joining the Gift Aid scheme contact the Cathedral Office.

Telephone: 0191 232 6953 ext 200 or email: [office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk)

**Please note: If your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax please inform the Cathedral Office immediately and we can inform the Inland Revenue. A change in the rules means the onus is now on the donor to provide this information or they may incur tax penalties.**

## **LATE SHOWS**

The late shows take place every year in Newcastle and Gateshead in which places that usually open only until early evening are open for a longer period of time. Also, places that you wouldn't normally be able to visit on a regular basis are open. Last year as part of the event more than 350 people visited the Cathedral during the course of a Saturday evening and we are delighted to be involved again this year. We will be open for activities on the evening of **Saturday 19 May**. More information will be given soon about what will be happening. Do look out across the city for events happening or visit their website: [www.thelateshows.org.uk](http://www.thelateshows.org.uk)

## **THY KINGDOM COME**

In 2016 Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu invited every parish in the Church of England to pray between the period of Ascension and Pentecost for people to come to know the love of Jesus Christ. The response was astonishing as churches up and down the country became involved and more than one hundred thousand people took part. Taken from the Lords Prayer this event was entitled 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

One year later, the campaign's broad ecumenical appeal led to more than 50 denominations and traditions participating including the Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church and the Redeemed Christian Church of God. Discussion explored what would happen if every Christian felt inspired and able to share the love of Jesus within their communities and with all the people that they know. What kind of transformation would that bring to families, societies and nations around the world? This year, St Mary's Cathedral will be taking part in 'Thy Kingdom Come' with ten days of prayer and worship events from **10 - 20 May**. There is a host of information to come on how as individuals, families and a church community we can join in this global prayer event.

Watch this space!

## **FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS**

As always, thank you for your donations which are received with gratitude and appreciation. We will continue to collect items on the last Sunday of the month. Forthcoming dates are:

**29 April**

**27 May.**

## **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.

## **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR.**

The annual appeal to support the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor will take place in the Cathedral next **Sunday 22 April**. There will be speakers at all Masses to talk about their invaluable work and there will be Gift Aid envelopes available at the back of the church.

# Other News...



## **YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE - PRACTICAL STEPS FOR PARISHES AND PARTNERSHIPS**

A conference will take place on Saturday 12 May at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn to help parishes and partnerships engage with young people in their communities. The keynote speaker is Fr Dominic Howarth, responsible for Youth Services in Brentwood Diocese, and the programme includes 12 workshops. The conference is for everyone who is concerned about our young people and will offer inspiring examples of good practice. The conference fee is £10 and includes lunch.

**ANNUAL TRAINING FOR CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS** or those interested in becoming catechists, will also take place this year within the Youth Ministry Conference. Further details are in the booking forms which are available in parishes or downloadable from the website [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org) email [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org)

## **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES JULY 2018**

Have you ever considered going to Lourdes as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage? Booking Forms for the 2018 Pilgrimage are now available. You can ring Tangney Tours (01732 886 666) and ask for them to send you a form. There are several opportunities whilst in Lourdes to offer your services either as helpers, youth, nurses. If you are interested check out the Diocesan Pilgrimage Website for more information [www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk)

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

DAY	TIME	MASS   SERVICE   EVENT
<b>Sunday 15 April</b> <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <i>10.00am</i> <b>11.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b> <i>(Spoken)</i> <b>Anne McKenna (A)</b> <i>(Cantor)</i> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> <b>Intentions of Hector</b> <i>(Cathedral Choir)</i> <b>Paddy, Chris &amp; Geraldine Moore</b> <i>(Music Group)</i>
<b>Monday 16 April</b> Weekday of Easter	<b>8.00am</b> <i>10.00am</i> <b>11.30am</b> <b>12.05pm</b>	<b>Deceased members of the Aynsley &amp; Kerr Families</b> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>Kevin Gardner</b>
<b>Tuesday 17 April</b> Weekday of Easter	<b>8.00am</b> <i>10.00am</i> <b>11.30am</b> <b>12.05pm</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Colm Martin</b> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>Betty Leach (A)</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5.30pm
<b>Wednesday 18 April</b> Weekday of Easter	<b>8.00am</b> <i>10.00am</i> <b>11.30am</b> <b>12.05pm</b>	<b>Riddell Guild of Cathedral Volunteers</b> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>Special Intention (ML)</b>
<b>Thursday 19 April</b> Weekday of Easter	<b>8.00am</b> <i>10.00am</i> <b>11.30am</b> <b>12.05pm</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Birthday Intentions - Gus &amp; Vera Mulaney</b> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>William Henry &amp; Margaret Allen</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5.30pm
<b>Friday 20 April</b> Weekday of Easter	<b>8.00am</b> <i>10.00am</i> <b>11.30am</b> <b>12.05pm</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>Michael Wallace</b>
<b>Saturday 21 April</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> <i>10.00am</i> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Sheila Matthews</b> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30pm
<b>Sunday 22 April</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations	<b>8.00am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <i>10.00am</i> <b>11.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Intentions of Peter &amp; Lucy Lockton</b> <i>(Spoken)</i> <b>Arthur Kabigting</b> <i>(Cantor)</i> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> <b>Thanksgiving (AL)</b> <i>(Cathedral Choir)</i> <b>People of the Parish</b> <i>(Music Group)</i>

## Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially...

Kath Armstrong, Sally Hawthorn, Darren Maddison, Patrick Barrett, Margaret Sweeney, Caroline Mary Cassidy, Frank McKale, Peggy Johnson, Susan Chilton, Mary O'Brien, Ernest Sultman, Jimmy Exley, Michelle Hawthorn, Fr Bill Bellamy, Tom Scott, Jadwiga Stoinska, Peggy Hoy, Lorraine Warren, Molly McIver, and Fr Jim Docherty

## We pray for those who have died...

and for Anne McKenna and Betty Leach,  
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

