



NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP



THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE

In the pastoral care of Bishop Stephen Wright



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - LAETARE SUNDAY

10th March 2024 (*Year B*)

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The image of Jesus that we see in today's Gospel can only be truly seen through the eyes of faith. When Nicodemus came to Jesus, he was looking for answers to the many questions Jesus was raising and which seemed to contradict his own beliefs. Nicodemus was a student of the scriptures, well versed in the Torah, the Law of God, yet here was a man, Jesus, who seemed to draw new meanings from the scriptures and through his miracles and his teaching was bringing new light into the darkness.

As they talked Jesus began to reveal to Nicodemus the real meaning of the Messiah; this was not the mighty king who would win freedom for Israel but a king who would rule in the hearts of the people. A king who would change the people of God into a spirit filled community who would show, by their actions, the love of God dwelling within them. Jesus reveals the Son of Man must be lifted up before the people, a direct indication of his death on the cross, and, through this lifting up, the people would come to believe in him. He speaks of a God who so loves the world that he willingly sacrifices his Son for them; a God who promises eternal life to all who believe in him.

Jesus is the Light of the World; now we no longer live in darkness but in his light. In darkness we find sin for sin cannot live in the light. Jesus shines to dispel the darkness and bring all who believe in him into God's clear light. We too must live as the man described in John's Gospel as "*the man who lives by the truth*". If we can do that then our light will shine and people will see that what we do is done in the name of God.

David Frank

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Today we join together with prayers to Our Blessed Lady, Mother of the Church, in thanksgiving to all our mothers in caring for their families. We also entrust to the loving mercy of God those of our mothers who have gone to Him.

A very happy Mother's Day to all of our mums, both those with us and those who have gone before us!

CITY CENTRE CLERGY

V. Rev. Canon Simon Lerche (*Cathedral Dean and Parish Priest St Dominic's*)

Rev. Fr Andrew Shaw (*Parish Priest St Andrews, Priest Chaplain to Newcastle & Northumbria Universities*)

Rev. Fr William Nicol (*Parish Priest St Michael's; Assistant Priest, Cathedral*)

Rev. Fr. Dermot Preston SJ, Rev. Fr Peter Randall SJ & Rev. Fr Gero McLoughlin SJ, (*Resident at St Dominic's* | www.jesuitsnewcastle.org)

Newcastle Hospitals Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Mariadass (0191) 273 3903 & Rev. Deacon Paddy Jackson (0191) 233 6161

ALL ARE WELCOME

The City Centre Partnership aims to be welcoming and inclusive and it is always a joy to welcome you to our celebrations of Holy Mass in our beautiful churches, whether you a regular attendee, or joining us for the first time - all are welcome!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

Fridays in Lent at 11.00am at the Cathedral.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

Regular times throughout the Partnership are listed overleaf.

EVENING PRAYER.

On **Tuesday evenings during Lent**, Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church) will be prayed at 6pm in the Cathedral, including a short reflection on the Gospel. All are invited and most welcome to attend this time of contemplation and prayer, which should last no longer than half an hour.

LENTEN MEALS—CHURCHES TOGETHER.

Thank you, to everyone who attended last Wednesday's lunch at Christ Church, the warm welcome we all received and to Fr Allan for leading the reflection on the Eucharist - The Real Presence. We next meet in St Dominic's on Wednesday 13 March at 12 noon, beginning with Stations of the Cross - lead by the children from St Catherine's School - please give them your support - followed by lunch and a reflection. You are all invited to join us.

LENTEN ONLINE RETREAT - THROUGH LENT WITH POPE FRANCIS.

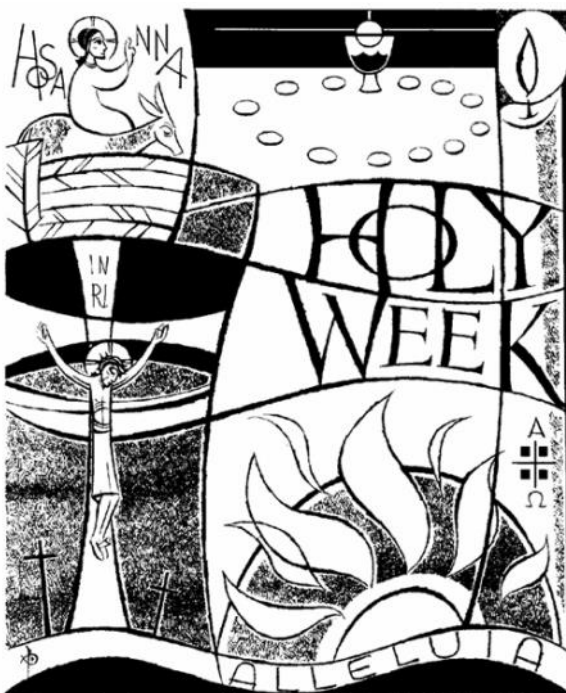
The Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow, invite us to join a Lenten online retreat. In this daily online retreat there is a daily quotation from the writings of Pope Francis and add a suitable quotation from Scripture. There's also a picture and some music to help stimulate prayer and a suggestion for pondering over this subject matter. Take as much as you find helpful. You don't have to use everything, sometimes less is more! Find the site at onlineprayer.net/lent-2024

ST CUTHBERT'S CARE LENTEN ALMS.

From St Cuthbert's Care... Over the last 12 months the achievements of the Charity include: Some of the Children's Services have been rated as OUTSTANDING by Ofsted; The opening of a brand new Independent Living Support Project, enabling people with learning disabilities to live in their own homes; The organisation's two Nursing Homes are benefiting from the expertise of a dementia specialist to implement new initiatives in improving the well being and quality of life of those residents living with dementia. There will be an opportunity to donate to St Cuthbert's Care throughout Lent in all of our churches.



HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES IN THE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP



PALM SUNDAY: 24th March

Cathedral 8am, 10am, 11.30am (celebrated by Bishop Stephen), 6.30pm

St Andrew's 5pm (vigil) 6pm

St Dominic's 5.30pm (vigil) 10am, 7pm

St Michael's 11am

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 28th March

The Mass of Chrism

Cathedral 11am Celebrated by Bishop Stephen

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Cathedral 7pm Celebrated by Bishop Stephen

St Andrew's 5.30pm

St Dominic's 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY: 29th March

Stations of the Cross

Cathedral 11am

St Dominic's 7pm

The Commemoration of The Lord's Passion

Cathedral 3pm Celebrated by Bishop Stephen

St Andrew's 3pm

St Dominic's 3pm

St Michael's 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY: 29th March

Rite of Ephphatha

Cathedral 10am

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Cathedral 7pm Celebrated by Bishop Stephen

St Andrew's 5pm

St Dominic's 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY: 30th March

No evening Mass at the Cathedral or St Dominic's

NEWS FROM THE CATHEDRAL

Livestreaming. We are currently looking for people to join a rota to operate the livestreaming system at the Cathedral. The system is easy to use, but training would be given. The commitment would be for the 11.30am Mass on Sundays and for the various liturgies taking place at the Cathedral, such as the Easter ceremonies etc.. If you feel that you could help, please speak to Canon Simon or contact the Cathedral Office.

Gift Aid Envelopes. Gift Aid envelopes for the new Financial year 2024/2025 will be available for collection at all Masses this Sunday. Our Cathedral Gift Aid organiser will be available at the back of the Church to distribute named envelopes to those who are already in the scheme and to offer advice and information to anyone who is a UK Tax Payer and may be interested in joining.

St Cuthbert's Care. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses today in support of the work of St Cuthbert's Care. Thanks in advance.

NEWS FROM ST DOMINIC'S

St Catherine's School - Nursery Provision. We are delighted to announce that from September 2024 we will offer a 30 hours provision for nursery aged children. The facility for wraparound care is also available with the provision of Breakfast and After School Clubs too. For further information contact Miss Hoey (Head Teacher) - Tel: 0191 232 6803.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

There will be a holy hour at St Joseph's, High Street West, Gateshead this Wednesday, **13 March**, 7-8 pm to pray that the current attempt to decriminalise abortion up to birth will be rejected by MPs. All are welcome to attend.

PROUD CATHOLICS – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Do you identify as LGBTQ+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBTQ+ Catholics in the North East? The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Andrew's. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 19 March**, at 7.30pm, with Stations of the Cross followed by refreshments in the Chaplaincy room. Zoom link available, get in touch if interested. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit proudcatholics.co.uk.

THE SOURCE

The YMT SOURCE is back again! It will be at St Mary's Cathedral from 7pm on **21 March**. The event will welcome y9+ students and staff from different secondary schools around the Diocese as well as young adults from University and beyond, who will be encouraged to pray together through praise, worship and adoration. The evening features vibrant music, inspiring life stories, moments of reflection and prayer as well as a chance to socialise together and enjoy some complimentary food. Please email nsalked@ymt.org for more information

VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

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

HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 28 March

Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Durham, 10 hours a week. Closing date: 15 March

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

THE YEAR OF PRAYER 2024 & THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Pope Francis has called a Jubilee Year for 2025, with the theme *'Pilgrims of Hope'*.

In preparation for the Jubilee Year, the Holy Father has also called for 2024 to be designated a Year of Prayer. Throughout this year, David Frank offers a short reflection and prayer based on the Sunday Gospel.

During the Season of Lent, we become aware of new faces in our communities. The journey of faith has brought men and women from all sorts of backgrounds to seek to know more about the God of Love. Their journey has brought them through the doors of our churches and they sit among us, soon to share in the banquet of faith at the Easter Vigil.

A Prayer based on "Everyone who believes may have eternal life in him". (*John 3:15*)

*Lord,
Many come to you in secret, following the call to faith.
For you are always at work in human hearts that are open to you.
Grant that those who seek you, find you,
and come to faith through the working of your Holy Spirit.
Amen*



THE UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

Serving the Universities of Newcastle & Northumbria

www.catholicchaplaincy.org | Lay Chaplain: Mia Fox BSc MA 07713259173

Join us for social time in the Chaplaincy Room after Sunday Mass at St Andrew's.

Mondays at 5.30pm: ROSARY. Pray the Rosary in a different way

Wednesdays at 6pm: CONTAGIOUS FAITH (including a hot meal of veggie pasta)

Wednesday 13 March 'Taking Opportunities' - with the Youth Ministry Team

Wednesday 20 March 'Any Questions'

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Chaplaincy and CathSoc AGM is after Mass on Sunday 17 March

Followed by the Annual Dinner - a chance to celebrate your chaplaincy community.

Please join the Chaplaincy WhatsApp group for further details.



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK IN THE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

SUNDAY 10th MARCH The Fourth Sunday in Lent <i>Lactare Sunday</i>	5pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	People of the Paris
	5.30pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Brian Glancey RIP
	8am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Sheila Hoyle RIP
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Teresa Dias Fernandes RIP
	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	People of the Parish
	11am	<i>St Michael's</i>	Fr Paul Offu RIP
	11.30am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Mary Catherine Johnson RIP
	6pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Jean Hindmarsh
	6.30pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Josephine Psaila RIP
	7pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	People of the Parish
Monday 11th March <i>Weekday in Lent</i>	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Judith Matheson RIP
	6pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Special Intention - JAD
Tuesday 12th March <i>Weekday in Lent</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Rachel Jones (A)
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Tom Turnbull (A)
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Leo Crossling
Wednesday 13th March <i>Weekday in Lent</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Intentions of Kathleen & Anne
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Elanor Staunton (A)
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Fred Stephenson
Thursday 14th March <i>Weekday in Lent</i>	9.30am	<i>St Michael's</i>	People of the Parish
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	<u>11am</u>	<i>St Michael's</i>	REQUIEM MASS: John Norman Snowdon RIP
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	In Thanksgiving - Jessie Ting
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 15th March <i>Weekday in Lent</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	William Herbert RIP
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Mary Heslin (A)
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Bryan Crossling
Saturday 16th March <i>Weekday in Lent</i>	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Gerry Hargreaves (A)
SUNDAY 17th MARCH The Fifth Sunday in Lent	5pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	People of the Parish
	5.30pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Colin Rutherford RIP
	8am	<i>Cathedral</i>	David Thompson (A)
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Kathleen & Tommy McCready
	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	John Bell (A)
	11am	<i>St Michael's</i>	People of the Parish (<i>St Patrick's Day Mass</i>)
	11.30am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Intentions of Peggy Johnson
	6pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Adrian & Sheila Glentworth
	6.30pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	People of the Parish
	7pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	People of the Parish

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Cathedral

Mon, Wed & Fri after 12.05pm Mass.

St. Andrew's

Tues to Fri 4.45pm-5.15pm; Saturday 4.15pm-4.45pm

St. Dominic's

Wed 5pm-6.30pm



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Cathedral

Mon to Wed & Fri 11am-11.45am (Stations on Fridays)

St. Andrew's

Tues to Fri 4.45pm-5.15pm

St. Dominic's

Wed 5pm-6.30pm