

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARY

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

SUNDAY 12 AUGUST 2018

The Eucharist is a constant reminder to us of God's love. Our lives have been spent trying to get to know Jesus of Nazareth. The scriptures tell His story; each year the cycle of His coming among us, His ministry and His death and resurrection are proclaimed. His journey attracts many who follow Him for a while but fall away, only those who really come to know Him stay strong. His message and the language that He uses is sometimes difficult to understand. Our faith reminds us that if we believe in Him and follow Him He will lead us to eternal life.

The Bread of Life has a cosmic dimension, it is literally a bread for life, a way of living life's journey following the path that Jesus lays down for us. Our communities are in a period of change, we are beginning a diocesan journey, as partnerships, often spread across neighbouring towns and communities. Different styles of community are being formed. We need guidance as we begin these new communities and that guidance comes from our faith. Just as Elijah needed sustaining through the desert and Paul was inspired to pastor to the Ephesians, it is always Jesus, the Bread of Life, who is there with us in His Word and in His Eucharist.

When I read Elijah's story I glimpse, in there, the journey I am on and how the bread of life, sustains me in my spiritual journey. When I listen to Paul's advice to the Ephesians I recognise that this is Paul setting out rules for community life, life sustained by the Holy Spirit, the gift of God through the day of Pentecost and how we are loved by Jesus through His gift, on the cross of our sins, "a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God".

And when I read the gospel passage I do not stand among the Jews and dismiss this Jesus of Nazareth "who we know"; I stand with Him. I believe He was sent by the Father to bring us to Him, to follow His ways and that through Him we will see the Father. That the bread He gives us is the bread of life and that, through His gift of the Eucharist, that bread is there, always, for all who believe that Jesus Christ is Our Lord and Saviour.

David Frank



MASS TIMES FOR AUGUST - ADVANCE NOTICE

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this Wednesday 15 August. Mass in the Cathedral will take place at 8.00am, 12.05 pm (Cantor) and 5.30pm. Just a reminder that there will be **no 8.00am weekday Masses during the remainder of August**. Masses at 12.05pm will take place as usual.

Although the Cathedral Choir is on holiday during August there will still be music, led by cantor and organ at the 10.00am and 11.30am Masses. The choir will also be leading the music on the Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral at 12.05 on Tuesday 21 August.

THANK YOU

Mrs Bernadette L writes:

Thank you so much to the Cathedral community, for your prayers and good wishes during my stay in hospital last week. My operation was successful and I am delighted to be home again to recover in the coming weeks. All the messages of support I received have been very much appreciated.

PAULINE BOOKS AND MEDIA

Pauline Books and Media will be closed on **Mondays throughout August**.

CATHEDRAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

In accordance with national safeguarding guidelines, an additional (simple) declaration form for all Eucharistic Ministers is now in operation. Could we ask all volunteers who hold this ministry to contact the Cathedral Office and arrange a time to come in and complete this paperwork or alternatively speak to Tom Millen who will be in the Cathedral for 11.30am Mass on Sundays.

WW1 COMMEMORATION - CAN YOU HELP?

As part of the Cathedral commemoration of the end of the First World War, we are looking for any photographs or documentation which will form part of a slideshow display. If you have any such material and would be happy for it to be photocopied and on public display we would love to hear from you. Your material would be carefully looked after and returned to you. If you are able to help please contact the Cathedral office.

Telephone: 0191 232 6953 ext 200.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2018.

Preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin later this year. Parents of 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 and who are interested in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the Cathedral Office:

Telephone: 0191 232 6953 ext 200

Email: office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk

BECOMING A CATHOLIC - RCIA

The new Journey of Faith programme will begin later this year on **Tuesday 18 September** and continue each Tuesday from 6.30 - 8.30pm in the Cloister Café. Why not come along to St Mary's Cathedral RCIA group for a friendly introduction to the Catholic faith?. If you would like more information, please complete the form at the back of the Cathedral and return to the Cathedral office.

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Cathedral book club will take place on **Tuesday 11 September** when the group will discuss *Memoir by John McGahern*. Meetings start at 4.30 pm in the Book Centre and last no more than 90 minutes. New members are always welcome, please feel free to just turn up. The group discussions are friendly, informal and non academic. Looking further ahead, the Tuesday 13 November will focus on discussion of the book *Being Human by Rowan Williams*. Both books are available in the book centre now (remember they are closed on Mondays)

Thank you...

As you know, St Mary's Cathedral regularly helps the West End foodbank and the community has responded to the urgent appeal for more items to help families in need during the holiday time, with a bumper amount of food

Gemma from the West End Foodbank came to collect the items from the Cathedral and she said: "Thank you to all at St Mary's Cathedral for your generosity. We are absolutely delighted with this amount of food. During the school holidays some children are in special need as they are not getting breakfast or lunch at school anymore."

Robert, one of our valued Cathedral volunteers, co-ordinates the Cathedral foodbank collection, ensuring that the bags for donations are always available in the Church and he collects all the donations together for transporting to the warehouse. Robert explained, "The white food bags for donations are always kept near the Side Porch door in the Cathedral. We are really pleased to have people who are able to give so much food."

The food was then carried out and the fully loaded van headed to the warehouse in Newburn. There it is weighed, sorted and made up into parcels which are taken to the centres in the West End for people to collect.

Gemma confirmed "We feed between 800 -900 people each week and about half of these are children. Our busiest time is during the school holidays."

The West End Foodbank was set up in 2013 and has increased in size and scope since then, as more and more families are hit by austerity, and left hungry.

Robert has been helping coordinate foodbank collections at the Cathedral since they commenced and is keen for people to continue donating items.

He asked "Please place items in the white bags at the Side Porch entrance of the Church and we will store them in Cathedral House ready for the next foodbank collection."

At the moment the foodbank is in special need of...

Tinned Items (Especially Fish, tomatoes, Vegetables, Fruit, Rice Pudding and Custard)

Dried Items (Potato, packet soups and pot noodles)

Our next food collection in the Cathedral will take place on **Sunday 26 August**. Could we ask anyone wishing to make a financial contribution **NOT** to leave money in these bags but to instead **hand it in to the Cathedral office**.

Thank you again for your support.



THE GREAT EXHIBITION OF THE NORTH

The Great Exhibition of the North is well underway and bringing many visitors to enjoy this free, summer long celebration of the North of England's pioneering spirit. The country's biggest event in 2018 consists of a programme of amazing exhibits, live performances, displays of innovation, new artworks and unforgettable experiences lasting 80 days. 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 which takes place until 9 September.**



DIOCESAN VACANCIES

There are a number of vacancies for a variety of posts currently advertised on the Diocesan Website.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit the www.rcdhn.org.uk or

Telephone: 0191 243 3301 or email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

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

DAY	TIME	MASS SERVICE EVENT
Sunday 12 August Nineteenth Sunday of the Year	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am 11.30am 6.30pm	Holy Souls Roseanna McGrane (A) <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Fr Peter Smith - Anniversary of Ordination People of the Parish
		(Spoken) (Cantor) (Cantor)
Monday 13 August Weekday	10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm	<i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Catherine & George R Carr (A)
		(Cantor)
Tuesday 14 August St Maximilian Mary Kolbe Memorial	10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm 5.00pm	<i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Intentions of A B Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 15 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm 5.30pm	Intentions of Pat Legender <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament People of the Parish Intentions of GG
Thursday 16 August Weekday	10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm 5.00pm	<i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mary Reilly Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 17 August Weekday	10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm	<i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> The Holy Rosary Concep Tepage
Saturday 18 August Weekday	10.00am 10.00am 10.30am	Riddell Guild of Cathedral Volunteers <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am
Sunday 19 August Twentieth Sunday of the Year	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am 11.30am 6.30pm	Health & Recovery of AGM In Thanksgiving <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Alphonsus Donnelly (A) People of the Parish
		(Spoken) (Cantor) (Cantor)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick.

We pray for those who have died especially..

Frank McHale and for Roseanna McGrane, George R Carr and Alphonsus Donnelly
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

