



# NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP



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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

14th April 2024 (*Year B*)

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Today, we look back in time to the first few weeks after the death and resurrection of Our Lord and 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 relationships 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, and ours, to understand the Word of God.

*David Frank*

### 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](http://www.jesuitsnewcastle.org))

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## NEWS FROM THE CATHEDRAL

**Cathedral Office.** As we undergo a recruitment process for the administration for the City Centre Churches, the capacity of the Cathedral office will be severely restricted. We hope to have a new team trained and in place by mid-May at the latest. I thank you in advance for your patience during this time. - *Canon Simon.*

## NEWS FROM ST DOMINIC'S

**Gift Aid.** Our tax rebate for the year April 2022 - March 2023 has been reclaimed from Inland Revenue. The parish received **£5692.54** at no additional cost to the donors. Thank you for supporting the scheme. It's never too late to join Gift Aid - you can contribute by envelope, standing order or by using the Dona card machine. For more information contact Ian and Josie Luke (Tel: 0191 2580113 or email: [jwidl167@gmail.com](mailto:jwidl167@gmail.com)).

If donors would like confirmation of their contribution for 2022/2023 please contact Ian and Josie as this information can not be left at the back of church as it would breach data protection.

**St Elizabeth of Hungary Stained Glass Window.** The cost of restoration of the window will be **£3170.00**. The Charity boxes at the back of church will be used in the coming weeks to raise funds to offset the costs involved. Please support the restoration programme. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

**Long & Short Term Illness.** Please remember in your prayers those members of the parish who are in need of our support so they don't suffer alone.

## THANK YOU...

**Colleen Farrell writes...** I want to convey my sincere thanks for the continuous support I have received in my very happy 23 years at St Mary's Cathedral. I have been privileged to have been involved in such a period of progress and development and to have worked closely with clergy, staff, volunteers and members of the Cathedral congregation during that time and for the past three years with Canon Simon and Fr William.

Thank you too for the numerous good wishes, cards and gifts I have received upon my retirement from people from across the Partnership, your kindness has been overwhelming and very much appreciated.

## MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the response of the soul of Monsignor Philip Carroll who died on 9 April. Monsignor Carroll, priest of the Diocese and former General Secretary of the Catholic Bishops Conference lived in retirement at St Andrew's. Please pray also for Deacon John Hawthorne of Sacred Heart parish, North Gosforth, who died on 10 April.

## LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) urgently need to replace some of the kitchenettes and furnishings. Specialist flooring on the main corridors of the care units requires essential upgrades to ensure the safety, comfort, and well-being of the residents and to maintain required standards of infection control. The flooring not only enhances the homeliness and comfort of St Joseph's Home but also plays a crucial role in maintaining the safety of the residents by providing a hygienic and comfortable surface, thus reducing the risk of trips and falls.

**A collection for St Joseph's Home will be taken at all Masses next weekend, 20/21 April.** If you wish to make a private contribute, you can do so by sending cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' to St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure online donations can be made by visiting the website at [www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/).

The Little Sisters of the Poor are deeply grateful for your continued support and prayers. Your generosity plays a significant role in enabling them to fulfil their mission of providing safe, affordable, and quality care to vulnerable older people in need. Please know that your contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference in the lives of the residents.

## EDEN STELL GUITAR DUO CONCERT

This Saturday, **20 April** the world renowned Eden Stell Guitar Duo return to St. Mary's to perform a concert with the Newcastle Guitar Orchestra in support of Ukraine.

Entitled *Primavera!*, the concert will be a celebration of the guitar and hope for the future, inspired by the music of Italy, with music by Monteverdi, Bach, Scarlatti, Vivaldi and Ludovico Einaudi. Those of you who attended their concert last year will know that we have a wonderful evening in store! Doors open at 7pm for pre-concert refreshments and the concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets, available on the door are £15.

## CHAPLAINCY PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Chaplaincy celebrates 70 years this year. We are having a celebratory Mass on Saturday **27 April** followed by a reception.

The Mass is at St Andrew's at 5pm presided by Bishop Stephen Wright, and the reception is at Brunswick Methodist Church Hall (no alcohol venue). You are welcome to join us.

## YOUNG ADULTS PRAYER GROUP

A new monthly prayer group for those aged between 18-30 will take place at St Teresa's Church, Heaton. The Group is for those who would like to meet others to discuss their faith, to spend time together in prayer, and to encourage each other in following the Lord's will for them. The evenings will begin at 7pm at end in the Catholic Club for some social time. The group will meet on the final Thursday of every month, with the next meeting taking place on Thursday **25 April**. For more information, please contact Fr. Jonathon Bowes at [stteresa.heaton@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:stteresa.heaton@diocesehn.org.uk)

## MAYORAL ASSEMBLY

On **2 May** there will be an election for a new Regional Mayor who will lead the North-East Combined Mayoral Authority. Tyne & Wear Citizens invites you to a Mayoral Assembly on Monday 22 April, 6.00–8.00pm, at the Tyne Theatre & Opera House in Newcastle. Candidates will be asked to respond to some of the issues Citizens have been campaigning on after a listening campaign across the region, including: the cost-of-living crisis, housing, racial justice in education, mental health support in schools and transport.

You can book your place at <https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-north-east-devolution-mayoral-assembly>. Tickets are free. For more information contact Fr Chris Hughes at: [northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk) or 0191 2575801

## PUBLIC LECTURE

The renowned religious historian and former President of Magdalene College, Cambridge, Professor Eamon Duffy FSA FBA KSG will visit Holy Name Church, Jesmond, on Saturday **4 May** to give his lecture *Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson and the End of the World*. Professor Duffy will discuss Fr Benson's life and work, and that of his father, who was Archbishop of Canterbury. One of Fr Benson's brothers wrote "Land of Hope and Glory", while the other wrote the Mapp and Lucia novels. All are welcome at this non-ticketed event. 11:00 am for 11:30 am start, ends 12:30 pm, followed by cold refreshments.

## 'SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED US WELL'

The Sick and Retired Priests' Collection will remain open until 28 April for anyone who might like to make further or individual donations. This collection goes to support our Sick and Retired Priests who have served our diocese over many years and we wish to make sure that this Fund is also there for future retired priests. If people felt able to give a suggested minimum of £5 or £10 per person in recognition of all the priests who have served their parishes over many years, it would be a great gesture as we "serve those who have served us well". For further information on Gift Aid, one-off larger donations, or a bequest in your Will, please do not hesitate to contact Fr Ian Jackson by telephone on 0191 586 4319. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

## HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP

There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this Summer please visit [svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island](http://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island). If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email [holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk](mailto:holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk)

## 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.

The promise of Easter is that the future is full of hope. We are children of the promise, and we believe that the Spirit is alive and working in our churches. We live in a time of great change. Our strength needs to be based in our communities, our leaders, and how we share the love of Christ with those we meet.

A Prayer based on "Why are you so agitated, and why are doubts rising in your hearts." (Luke 24:38)

*Lord,*

*There are times when doubt clouds my mind.*

*Sometimes the troubles of this world seem to overwhelm me  
and trying to see your presence in the pain and suffering is so difficult.*

*But, somehow, I cling on to belief in you and, slowly my vision becomes clearer  
and I see your hand behind the compassion and forgiveness shown by ordinary  
men and women in the face of great adversity  
and I glimpse you in their great acts of love.*

*Forgive me my agitation and teach me that forgiveness is the only way to build a  
world filled with your peace.*

*Amen*



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WEEKLY CHAPLAINCY ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME IN THE NEW TERM



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## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK IN THE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

<b>SUNDAY 14th APRIL</b> <b>The Third Sunday</b> <b>of</b> <b>Easter</b>	5pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	People of the Parish
	5.30pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Patricia & Davie Kelly RIP
	8am	<i>Cathedral</i>	N D Tharian RIP
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	People of the Parish
	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Wellbeing of Jean Cyldesdale
	11am	<i>St Michael's</i>	People of the Parish
	11.30am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Anne Lister
	6pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Adrian & Sheila Glentworth
	6.30pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	People of the Parish
	7pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	John N Snowdon RIP
<b>Monday 15th April</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Noel Courtney RIP
	6pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	In Thanksgiving (JAD)
<b>Tuesday 16th April</b> <i>St Bernadette Soubirous, Religious (Memorial)</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Intentions of Gerry Gordon
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Fernand Dauwe RIP
<b>Wednesday 17th April</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Bishop Thomas Wilkinson RIP
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Fr Phil Carroll RIP
<b>Thursday 18th April</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9.30am	<i>St Michael's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Joe Murphy RIP
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Wellbeing of LS
<b>Friday 19th April</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Weir Larson RIP
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
<b>Saturday 20th April</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Colin Archibald RIP
<b>SUNDAY 21st APRIL</b> <b>The Fourth Sunday</b> <b>of</b> <b>Easter</b>  <i>World Day of Prayer</i> <i>for Vocations</i>	5pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	People of the Parish
	5.30pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	People of the Parish
	8am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Special Intention for Peace
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Susan Cummins RIP
	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	People of the Parish
	11am	<i>St Michael's</i>	People of the Parish
	11.30am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Joan McKenna RIP
	6pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Adrian & Sheila Glentworth
	6.30pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Nancy Maloney RIP
	7pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Michael Gilberg

### 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 (Rosary on Fridays)

**St. Andrew's**

Tues to Fri 4.45pm-5.15pm

**St. Dominic's**

Wed 5pm-6.30pm