

NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP



THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE



In the pastoral care of Bishop Stephen Wright

THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th September 2024 (Year B)

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The dignity of each human person is God given and needs to be respected. Where there is disharmony and conflict we always find a sense of inequality whether it is social, racial or gender the disrespecting of a person leads to a diminishing of society. We cannot be a real society when some sectors of that society are without basic human dignity.

The message of Isaiah in the first reading echoes this call for respect. He tells his listeners "Courage! Do not be afraid". He sees the ills of humanity through the eyes of those who cannot see, the ears of those who cannot hear, the infirmity of the lame and the silence of the dumb. Sometimes these are physical disabilities, but our society can also refuse to listen, refuse to see. Isaiah dreams of a gushing stream which will create a lake which will flood the parched lands of discrimination and bring wholeness to all of humanity. James sees this lack of respect within places of worship. He speaks of those who see only with their eyes. Those who fail to see the dignity of those they meet because they do not open the eyes of their hearts. How often do we judge others by their dress or their outward appearance? Are we corrupt judges?

Today's gospel from Mark recalls the healing of the man born deaf and dumb. It is important to note here that the man was brought to Jesus by his friends. Sometimes, in life, we find ourselves struggling with another's disability. The very act of bringing that person to God can have an effect far greater than the physical effort taken. Look around you, if you see someone who is in need then take courage and ask if you can help; the effort is almost always worthwhile.

Another aspect of today's gospel is the use of the word "Ephphatha". This word represents a very important part of the Baptismal service. During the service the priest touches the ears and the mouth of the child and says "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father, Amen". The healing of the man born deaf and dumb is also our healing; it is God calling to us to listen to the Gospel and profess our faith in Jesus Christ. We are the deaf who hear and the dumb who speak.

David Frank

CITY CENTRE CLERGY

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

Rev. Fr William Nicol (Parish Priest St Michael's; Parochial Administrator St Andrew's. Resident at St Andrew's)

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

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CITY CENTRE LISTENING EXERCISE II

Following our initial set of meetings across the city partnership, we warmly invite you to our next set of listening exercise meetings.

This meeting will be repeated at different times and churches, in the hope that you will find a meeting convenient for you.

The dates and times of meetings are:

Tuesday 10th September at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral.

Thursday 12th September at 1pm at St Mary's Cathedral.

Saturday 14th September at 6pm at St Andrew's, Worswick Street.

Monday 16th September at 7pm at St Dominic's, Newcastle

NEWS FROM THE CATHEDRAL

Live-Streaming. We are currently looking for volunteers to operate the equipment used to live-stream Masses. Full training will be given. If you're interested, please contact the Cathedral office.

NEWS FROM ST DOMINIC'S

Change of Times. As part of the recently announced weekday changes, confessions will now be heard on Monday evenings from 5pm-5.45pm, during this time there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This replaces the previous arrangement on Wednesday evenings.

Tea and Coffee resumes this weekend after the 10am Mass on Sunday. Thank you to the "teams" who set up the community room and serve the refreshments.

Long Term Illness. Many parishioners require our prayers of support as they battle against their illness. We wish them comfort in the days ahead.

Northern Cross. Our Diocesan Newspaper continues to be on sale at the back of Church, price £1.50.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to have a Mass offered in any of our churches for a special intention, occasion or person —living or deceased, please use the envelopes available at the back of church. Hand these to the clergy, Cathedral office or place in the offertory basket. If you require a specific date please remember to give a couple of weeks notice.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses this weekend for Education Sunday. As the new academic year starts this is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 176 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead.

We pray for all pupils in our partnership as they prepare for the new challenges they face in the new academic year. A warm welcome is extended to all students as they return to their studies and they can be assured of the support of the parish. Thank you for your generosity.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Evangelii Gaudium Sunday, formerly called Home Mission Sunday. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to be joyous in proclaiming the faith – seeking new ways of understanding the faith and reaching out to others.

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend to support the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference. Through this directorate, the vision of the Holy Father is embraced in a fuller way and promotes the whole ideal of proclamation, evangelisation, dialogue and catechesis. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

SVP have worked to help those in need (whatever that need may be) in Newcastle for well over one hundred years. To continue that work it is essential that we are able to recruit new members and we are hoping that some of you may be prepared to join us in what we do. For further information contact John Doyle on 0793 3005840 or e mail jdoyle67@btinternet.com

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE

Fr Dermot Preston SJ speak about Heart speaks to Heart: the Life and Significance of St John Henrry Newman. The meeting will be at Holy Name parish hall, Jesmond, Newcastle, on **Wednesday 11 September** at 7.30pm.

DURHAM CLIMATE PILGRIMAGE 2024

Join a mediative walk along the river and to reflect on our place in creation on **Saturday 21 September**, meeting at 10.30am at Framwellgate Bridge. The event will include times of reflection, prayer and song and culminate in a Season of Creation service outside the Cathedral along with some resources to act. Registration is free at eventbright.co.uk/e/9749938, for more information please email ccanortheast1@gmail.com

VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint the following role.

Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Old Elvet, Durham – 10 hours a week. Closing date: 9 September.

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 07789 885 118.

RCIA

The next programme for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins on **Tuesday 17 September** from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Sessions take place in the Conference Centre at St Mary's Cathedral. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith, or wish to become a Catholic, please fill in a form at the back of the Cathedral with your contact details and hand it in to the Cathedral Office. One of the team will then be in touch with you to have a chat, give you more information and answer any queries you might have. We look forward to welcoming you.

COURSE FOR READERS

The Diocesan Liturgical Formation team is running a day-course for Readers of all levels of experience to explore the new translation of the Lectionary on **Saturday 23 November** at St Aloysius, Hebburn, NE31 1BE. This day will provide an opportunity to look at the background of the new Lectionary and to be ready to proclaim the Scriptures. For more information and to book, please visit: bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents. Details of other Liturgy days are also available on the Diocesan website.

DIOCESAN CHOIR

Your Diocesan Choir needs YOU! We are looking for new members to join our existing singers – sopranos, altos, tenors and bass, all ages, all levels of experience and from all corners of the Diocese are welcome to come along and praise God in one of the best ways possible. We sing at Diocesan events at St Mary's Cathedral (ordinations, Chrism Mass, Marriage Mass, Healing Mass, and other special events) and perform at various venues at Christmas. Come along and join our friendly group when we rehearse on Thursday evenings at St Bede's Church, Jarrow from 7.00 – 8.30pm. and be part of something rewarding and joyous! For more information, please email Mary Frain at hndiocesechoir@outlook.com.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER

During Ordinary Time (Autumn) we are asked to pray for these intentions: Students & teachers; the spread of The Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice & peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families.

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.

A Prayer based on "Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him "Ephphatha", that is "be Opened" (Mark 7: 34)

Lord.

You are not a distant God, far above your people.

You are my brother, Mary's son,

You know the trials and tribulations, the joys and the sorrows of this earthly life.

Bring your healing and peace to our world so much in need of your loving presence.

And fill us with your sighs of love and compassion.

Amen





THE UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

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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.



Please join the Chaplaincy WhatsApp group for further details.



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK IN THE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

	5pm	St Andrew's	Irene Little
SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER The Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30pm	St Dominic's	Anne & Bob Rourke RIP
	8am	Cathedral	Sheila Hoyle RIP
	10am	St Dominic's	Wellbeing of Anne Burleigh
	10am	Cathedral	The Recovery of Caroline Teeney
	11am	St Michael's	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Cathedral	Melvyn & Jessie Yong - 33rd Wedding Anniversary
Education Sunday	6pm	St Andrew's	People of the Paish
	6.30pm	Cathedral	Michael MacKean RIP (First Anniversary)
	7pm	St Dominic's	People of the Parish
Monday 9th September	12.05pm	Cathedral	Harris & Donnelly RIP
St Peter Claver, Priest (Memorial)	6pm	St Dominic's	T Hodgson
Tuesday 10th September	10am	St Dominic's	Anne Burleigh
Weekday in Ordinary Time	12.05pm	Cathedral	Deceased Members of the Aynsley & Kerr Families
Wednesday 11th September	10am	St Dominic's	Iris Richardson
Weekday in Ordinary Time	12.05pm	Cathedral	Mary Philomena RIP
	5.30pm	St Andrew's	Wellbeing of MW
Thursday 12th September	9.30am	St Michael's	Celebrant's Intention
The Most Holy Name of Mary (Memorial)	12.05pm	Cathedral	Theresa Cairns RIP
	5.30pm	St Andrew's	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 13th September	12.05pm	Cathedral	Deceased Members of the Aynsley & Kerr Families
St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)	5.30pm	St Andrew's	Wellbeing of RB
Saturday 14th September	10am	Cathedral	Wedding Anniversary Intentions of Molly & John Pichen
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)			
	5pm	St Andrew's	Celebrant's Intention
SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER The Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30pm	St Dominic's	Michael Addison RIP
	8am	Cathedral	People of the Parish
	10am	St Dominic's	Renzo Frasinetti (A)
	10am	Cathedral	In Thanksgiving
	11am	St Michael's	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Cathedral	Mary Catherine Johnson RIP
Evangelii Gaudium Sunday	6pm	St Andrew's	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Cathedral	John Douglas Fairbrass RIP
	7pm	St Dominic's	Jayne Douglas RIP

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Cathedral

Mon, Wed & Fri after 12.05pm Mass.

St. Andrew's

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

St. Dominic's

Monday 5pm-5.45pm



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Cathedral

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

St. Andrew's

Weds to Fri 4.45pm-5.15pm

St. Dominic's

Monday 5pm-5.45pm

Our Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the Catholic Safeguarding Standards
Agency (CSSA) and Diocesan policies and procedures at all times.

Each of our churches has a designated Parish Safeguarding Representative indicated on the Safeguarding posters

displayed in each church.