

# CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARY

## Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

*In the Pastoral care of Bishop Séamus Cunningham*



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# THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER 2018

Today's readings are focused on marriage and family life. In Genesis we have a simple parable which tells the story of the creation of a woman from the rib of a man. The story reflects on the closeness of the relationship between husband and wife and how this relationship comes from God. The passage from Mark's Gospel tells us that the law concerning divorce in the Old Testament was given because the people were "*unteachable*" but that the basis of that relationship was and always should be that "*They are no longer two but one body*".

Our Psalm speaks to us about family life. Listen carefully to the words then take them to heart and cherish them with joy, for blessed indeed are those who love and follow the Lord, who work so that their families can live free from hunger and be happy and prosper. That happiness comes also to those of us that have grandchildren, we can speak joyfully the final prayer of the psalm "May you see your children's children".

In the early church the worshippers would meet in a family home and all the household, husbands, wives, children and servants would celebrate the Eucharist together as a family unit. This is the basis of the "domestic church" which is the phrase we use today to describe the role of the family and the importance of parents as the first teachers of their children. If parents are faithful to the church then their children will see their example and, hopefully, seek to follow it. The prayer life of a family comes initially from within the family unit; it is we, as parents, who teach our children to pray and to act as children of God.

We tend to make everything complicated, but Jesus teaches us today about simplicity. He does this through the image of a child. Children have a way of taking things at face value; we do not need to teach them to love, for our love flows into them, and a loved child is a happy contented child. It is only when that love is restricted or missing that a child can lose their natural tendency to love. As adults we need to rediscover that simple child like love for if we give our love freely to one another then we shall be loved in return. I remember reading a gravestone in a nearby churchyard. It read simply "Loving and Loved". What greater epitaph can we wish for.

**David Frank**



## **CATHEDRAL WEEKDAY CLOSURE**

The Cathedral is currently closed during the week due to the total replacement of the radiators and some work to the pipes. Consequently there will be no weekday Masses or Confessions during this period and there is no access into the Cathedral.

We have been advised that the Cathedral should be closed during the process because of the scale of the work and associated Health and Safety factors. We realise that this may cause some inconvenience but it is unavoidable as this work must be completed before the winter. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated and needless to say we offer our sincere apologies.

**The Cathedral will be open as normal on Saturday and Sunday, the Cloister Café and Cathedral book shop are both open as normal, please give them your usual support.**

## **CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY - FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER**

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day took place last **Friday 5th October**. This year the campaign has focused on the need for clean water and the story of Longora, a young mother from Uganda. Longora lives in a remote village in an area so hot and dry that the people struggled to get enough clean water to survive. A few years ago, when Longora was in the later stages of her pregnancy, she became seriously ill after drinking dirty water from a river and as result her baby died. Donations from parishes enabled CAFOD's partner, Caritas Moroto, to repair the water hole in Longora's village and train the villagers to maintain it. A speaker will update the Cathedral community on the work of the organisations at all Masses this Sunday 7 October and retiring collections will take place for this cause. Gift Aid envelopes are also available at the back of the church.

## **CATHEDRAL DEANS' CONFERENCE**

This week from 8 - 10 October we are delighted to welcome the National Cathedral Deans' Conference which will take place here in the Cathedral. Despite the ongoing works, a special Mass, celebrated by Bishop Seamus, will take place here this **Wednesday 10 October at 12.05pm**. The Cathedral will open for this one off event only.

## **LITURGY ROTAS**

The new Liturgy Rotas are currently being prepared. If you have any changes to the information listed for you, please contact Angela Telephone: 0191 285 2651. **In the event that you are unable to honour your commitment, can we please remind you to use the contact numbers provided.**

## **CANONISATION OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO**

Bishop Seamus will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving here in the Cathedral for the Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero next **Saturday 13 October at 11.00am**. Please note there will be **no 10.00am Mass on that day**.

## **GENERATIONS TOGETHER CONCERT - SOLD OUT**

We are happy to report that the concert of 'Generations Together', featuring the Felling Male Voice Choir, Swing Bridge singers and young people from two local schools, taking place in the Cathedral next **Saturday 13 October at 7.00pm**, is sold out.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2019**

In accordance with Diocesan guidelines, the programme for First Holy Communions is going to begin in the next few weeks. It is for Year 4 children primarily but is also open to Years 5 and 6. If your child is in Year 4 or above, not in a Catholic Primary School and would like to make their First Holy Communion, please contact the Cathedral Office as soon as possible.

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## **SHARING FAIR SALE**

Sharing Fair Co-operative sells crafts on behalf of women overseas living in poverty.

Volunteers from the group will be running a stall in The Cloister Café after Masses on Sunday 21 October.

Goods for sale include jewellery, bags and childrens' toys. Shop for Christmas knowing you're helping women support themselves and their families with dignity.

## **VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP: FOR THOSE THINKING ABOUT PRIESTHOOD**

The meetings this year will take place: on 24 October, 19 November and 19 December here at St Mary's from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. A meal will follow these evenings of prayer and reflection Further details from Fr David Smith:

01912676063 [stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com)

### **HOLY SOULS MEMORIAL CANDLES**

The tradition of lighting candles on the sanctuary steps in memory of loved ones will again take place on the feast of The Holy Souls, **Friday 2nd November** .

Over the last few years this practice has proved to be a most moving tribute to those who are sadly no longer with us. Should you wish to sponsor a candle, please collect a "Memorial Candle" envelope, complete the label with the name of the person or persons, replace it in the envelope together with your donation (minimum £3), seal it and hand it in to the sacristy after Mass or to the Cathedral Office. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY MONEY AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.**

Due to the weekday closure, these envelopes can be obtained from the bookshop and Cathedral Office as well as at the information desk at the back of church. As has happened in the past, your candles will be available to reclaim after the evening Mass on November 2nd. and during the following week.



### **FLAME - WEMBLEY ARENA 2 MARCH 2019**

Flame is the bi-annual National Youth Congress which gathers 10,000 young people from all over England and Wales. The event is due to take place on **Saturday 2 March 2019** in Wembley Arena and coaches will be travelling from all parts of the diocese, including here at the Cathedral. Booking forms will be available later this month however in the meantime any young people or young adults in Year 10 or above who wish to attend should contact the Cathedral Office.

### **DIOCESAN ALTAR SERVERS MASS**

The annual Mass for the altar servers of the diocese will take place in the Cathedral on **Saturday 3 November at 11.00am.**

### **'CHILLI NIGHT' AT THE CATHEDRAL**

Come and enjoy an evening of Chilli and music in the Cloister Café on **Saturday 24 November at 7.30pm** (doors open at 7.15pm) . Tickets priced at £10 will be on sale in the Cloister and Cathedral Office from Saturday 13 October. Please be aware that numbers are limited and tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis.

### **CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting of the Cathedral Book Club will be on Tuesday November 13th at 4.30 pm in the Book Centre when we will discuss "Being Human" by Rowan Williams.

Our January 8th meeting will discuss "Journeying towards Jesus in Advent" by Denis McBride. Both books are now available in the Book Centre and if you would like to come along, to a meeting, there is no need to book! Everyone welcome....

## **Other Items...**

### **BLACKFRIARS CONCERT IN PONTELAND**

The Riverside Brass Band will be performing a concert in St Matthew's Church, Ponteland on Thursday October 25 at 7.30pm. This is a Blackfriars Partnership event which has been organised by the Catenians. Proceeds from the evening will be donated to Mary's Meals. Further information regarding tickets will be available in next week's newsletter.

### **ARE YOU A UNIVERSITY STUDENT?**

There is a dedicated Catholic Chaplaincy just for you! We are located at St Andrew's Church, Worswick Street and are a friendly and diverse community. The main Mass for students is on Sundays at 6.00pm and is followed by social time in the Chaplaincy room. There are many other regular and ad hoc events, both social and exploring faith which you are welcome to join. Please check the website for further details and join us when you can [www.catholicchaplaincy.org](http://www.catholicchaplaincy.org)

Next Sunday 7th October, there is a Meet & Greet at 5.30pm at the front of Haymarket Metro and two students will escort you to St Andrew's. There are some information cards about the work of the Chaplaincy at the back of the church.

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

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.**

## 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.

## Current Mass Times in the Cathedral

<b>Saturday 6 October</b>	10.00am	Mass at St Joseph's Home	
Weekday	10.00am	<b>Holy Souls (GRN)</b>	(Cantor)
	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am	
<b>Sunday 7 October</b>	8.00am	<b>People of the Parish</b>	(Spoken)
<b>Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year</b>	10.00am	<b>Lilian (A) &amp; Patrick (A) Molloy</b>	(Cantor)
	10.00am	Mass at St Joseph's Home	
	11.30am	<b>Goretti Usher</b>	(Cathedral Choir)
	6.30pm	<b>Deceased members of the Aynsley &amp; Kerr Families</b>	(Music Group)

<b>Saturday 13 October</b>	10.00am	Mass at St Joseph's Home	
Weekday	10.00am	<b>Thanksgiving for the Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero</b>	
	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am	
<b>Sunday 14 October</b>	8.00am	<b>People of the Parish</b>	(Spoken)
<b>Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year</b>	10.00am	<b>Jeremy Catto</b>	(Cantor)
	10.00am	Mass at St Joseph's Home	
	11.30am	<b>Perla Cajimat</b>	(Cathedral Choir)
	6.30pm	<b>Geraldine Moore</b>	(Music Group)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick.

We pray for those who have died

and for Lillian Molloy, Patrick Molloy and Robin Askew  
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.**

