

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARY

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

In the Pastoral care of Bishop Séamus Cunningham



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

18 MARCH 2018

So small and insignificant, one seed among so many,
a tiny grain, but, within there is contained
the power to feed so many.

But first, it has to die, to fall from its high position.
Once raised so tall by the bright sunshine of hope;
now falling to the earth to be buried deep in the rich soil.
A soil that promises so much, not for today,
but for tomorrow's harvest.

We never know what we sow in this beautiful life we lead.
We cannot say what our words, our actions inspire,
we move along life's highway, following His way always striving to live in His love.
But it is in the following, that our witness begins, It is in the living, that our example shines,
and it is in the dying to self, that we rise to new life.

Teach me Jesus to trust in you. You are the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies.
May our tiny, insignificant grains of existence grow through your love,
and may we come to your harvest in heaven

Amen

David Frank





TOILET REFURBISHMENT

The public toilets are currently undergoing extensive refurbishment. This will involve a four week period of work which will lead to limited access and use, although some facilities will always remain available. During this time the only access to Pauline Books and Media will be from their Clayton Street entrance or from the connecting door in the Cloister Café. This work is to ultimately improve provision for all who visit the Cathedral site and whilst we strive to ensure minimal disruption, some may be inevitable. We ask for your understanding at this time.

SUNDAY PARKING PERMITS - The current Parking Permits run out at the end of March. New ones will be available for purchase this Sunday, priced £20.00. **No permits can be pre - ordered or reserved**, but can be given only on payment.

LENTEN ALMS APPEAL 2018

This Lent, please consider supporting St Cuthbert's Care's Hardship Fund. The Fund offers financial support to hundreds of people each year across two residential and nursing homes, who are unable to meet the full cost of their care, and ensures no one is ever turned away from one of the homes due to an inability to pay. If you would like to find out more about the Hardship Fund or residential care, please contact Joanne Bulford.

Telephone: 0191 228 0111 or email joanne.bulford@stcuthbertscare.org.uk.

EASTER EGG TOMBOLA

Some of our Young People are once again going to help on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes where they provide vital support to the assisted pilgrims. In support of the pilgrimage, they are asking for donations of Easter Eggs for a tombola which will take place next weekend of Saturday 24 and Palm Sunday 25 March. If you are able to donate an egg, or any similar appropriate items, please drop it off at the Cathedral Office by this **Wednesday 21 March**. Thank you.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES JULY 2018

Have you ever considered going to Lourdes as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage? Booking Forms for the 2018 Pilgrimage are now available. You can ring Tangney Tours (01732 886 666) and request a form. There are several opportunities whilst in Lourdes to offer your services either as helpers, youth, nurses. If you are interested visit the Diocesan Pilgrimage Website for more information www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk

LITURGIES FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Our Easter Triduum liturgies will take place at the following times:

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| Holy Thursday | Chrism Mass | 11.00am |
| | Mass of the Lord's Supper | 7.00pm <i>(Night Prayer at 9.15pm)</i> |
| Good Friday | Stations of the Cross with St John's | 11.00am |
| | | <i>(Starting in St Mary's Cathedral)</i> |
| Holy Saturday | Celebration of the Lord's Passion | 3.00pm |
| | Office of Readings and RCIA Rites | 10.30am |
| Easter Sunday | The Easter Vigil of the Holy Night | 7.30pm |
| | | 8.00am <i>(Cantor)</i> , 10.00am <i>(Cantor)</i> , 11.30am <i>(Cathedral Choir)</i> , |

There is no evening Mass

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION

Next Sunday there will be the annual collection for the Holy Places. This collection is taken throughout the world and is to support the work of the Holy See. Please be as generous as you can.



News from the Mercy Hub...

A MESSAGE FROM YVETTE

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS

As always, thank you for your donations which are received with gratitude and appreciation. We will continue to collect items on the last Sunday of the month. Forthcoming dates are:

(Sundays) **25 March (Palm Sunday)**

29 April

27 May.

Other News...

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

A Lenten Penitential Service will take place on **Tuesday 27 March at 7.00pm in St John Vianney Church, Hillhead Parkway, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE5 1DP.**

YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE - PRACTICAL STEPS FOR PARISHES AND PARTNERSHIPS

A conference will take place on Saturday 12th May at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn to help parishes and partnerships engage with young people in their communities. The keynote speaker is Fr Dominic Howarth, responsible for Youth Services in Brentwood Diocese, and the programme includes 12 workshops. The conference is for everyone who is concerned about our young people and will offer inspiring examples of good practice. The conference fee is £10 and includes lunch.

ANNUAL TRAINING FOR CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS or those interested in becoming catechists, will also take place this year within the Youth Ministry Conference .

Further details are in the booking forms which are available in parishes or downloadable from the website

www.ymt.org

email admin@ymt.org

LISTENING SERVICE

A Team of trained and experienced counsellors are 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 arrange an appointment.

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

| DAY | TIME | MASS SERVICE EVENT |
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| Sunday 18 March Fifth Sunday of Lent Special Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments | 8.00am 10.00am <i>10.00am</i> 11.30am 6.30pm | People of the Parish <i>(Said)</i> Eileen Dunphy <i>(Cantor)</i> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters)</i> Colin Brumby <i>(Cathedral Choir)</i> Jean George (A) <i>(Music Group)</i> |

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| Monday 19 March Weekday of Lent St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 8.00am <i>10.00am</i> 11.30am 12.05pm | Welfare of Baby Anthony & Mum Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Special Intention (ML) |
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| Tuesday 20 March Weekday of Lent St Cuthbert Bp, Patron of the Diocese | 8.00am <i>10.00am</i> 11.30am 12.05pm 5.00pm | Riddell Guild of Cathedral Volunteers <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Kevin Gardner Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5.30pm |
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| Wednesday 21 March Weekday of Lent | 8.00am <i>10.00am</i> 11.30am 12.05pm | Deceased Aynsley & Kerr Families Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Dennis Welsh |
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| Thursday 22 March Weekday of Lent | 8.00am <i>10.00am</i> 11.30am 12.05pm 5.00pm | Holy Souls <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Requiem Mass for Catherine Carr Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5.30pm |
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| Friday 23 March Weekday of Lent | 8.00am <i>10.00am</i> 11.30am 12.05pm | Sherwood Hunter (A) Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Requiem Mass for Patricia Preston |
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| Saturday 24 March | 10.00am <i>10.00am</i> 10.30am | Intentions of Allan Bean <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am |
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| Sunday 25 March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord <i>Collection for Holy Places taken today.</i> | 8.00am 10.00am <i>10.00am</i> 11.30am 6.30pm | George Coulter <i>(Spoken)</i> People of the Parish <i>(Cantor)</i> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Federick Adrian Louis <i>(Cathedral Choir)</i> Paddy, Chris & Geraldine Moore <i>(Music Group)</i> |
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Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially...

Darren Maddison, Patrick Barrett, Margaret Sweeney, Caroline Mary Cassidy, Frank McKale, Peggy Johnson, Susan Chilton, Mary O'Brien, Ernest Sultman, Jimmy Exley, Michelle Hawthorn, Fr Bill Bellamy, Tom Scott, Jadwiga Stoinska, Peggy Hoy, Lorraine Warren, Molly McIver, and Fr Jim Docherty

We pray for those who have died especially...

Catherine Carr and Patricia Preston and for Jean George and Sherwood Hunter whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

