

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARY

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22 APRIL 2018

Things are really heating up for the Apostles in Jerusalem. Peter and John are pulled before the Sanhedrin and asked to explain why they are ignoring the authorities and preaching a crucified Christ. Filled with the Spirit, these two, who only a few short weeks ago were cowering in their rooms after the events of Good Friday, speak out firmly on behalf of Jesus. They repeat the old prophesy which has now become their mantra "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone". This stone is the foundation of our faith; Christ, and we stand today united in our faith with those first apostles of the Lord.

We know, from listening to the Word for many years, that the authorities never let up in their persecution of those who believed in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. The early centuries of our faith are red with the blood of many martyrs who were killed for their belief in the Lord. In John's letter he warns, perhaps a fresh generation of believers, that walking with Jesus down the road of faith will not be easy. He reminds us that we are God children, lavished by his love, just pause for a moment and think about that phrase; the creator of the universe gives his love to you as you would give your love to your children.

One enduring image of Jesus is of a shepherd with his staff in his hand and a tiny lamb draped over his shoulders. It is an image of a protective father figure, someone to turn to in time of trouble; a mighty rock upon which the crashing waves of despair and disaster are dashed away to nothing. John sets this image against the utter confusion surrounding the cure of the man born blind. This cure, you may recall, causes all sorts of arguments with the man himself, his parents, his neighbours and the religious authorities, all thoroughly confused about what has happened. Eventually the man is thrown out by the authorities and he is found by Christ and welcomed into the fold. Whenever you find the pressures of the world are too much for you; whenever you see others failing because their faith is not strong enough; whenever you are lost and in despair for whatever reason look to the image of the Good Shepherd. In Him you will find a peace and tranquility which may be missing from your life and in his arms you will experience the love of God.

David Frank



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR.

The annual appeal to support the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor will take place in the Cathedral this Sunday, one of the sister's will be here from St Joseph's Home to tell us about their invaluable work. There are Gift Aid envelopes available at the back of the church.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

Donations are invited to the Northern Brethren Fund which is a fund that supports the Sick and Retired Clergy of our Diocese. This fund was originally set up in 1650 helping Priests who were serving the area in Penal times. Please support our Sick and Retired Clergy in giving generously to this appeal. Gift Aid envelopes and Standing Order forms are available from the back of Church today. The appeal will remain open until next Sunday 29 April.

GOOD SHEPHERD MASS

The annual Mass of the Good Shepherd will take place in the Cathedral this Monday at 1.15pm. This is the Mass in which the children from our Diocesan Schools will present their cheques to Bishop Seamus for money collected for St Cuthbert's Care .

DIOCESAN MASS FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

The annual Diocesan Mass for Justice and Peace will take place in the Cathedral next **Saturday 28 April at 10.00am.**

**Blackfriars
Partnership**



ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION - THE PERFECT DISCIPLE

Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSP will lead the Annual Day of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and anyone who holds a ministry within the Blackfriars Partnership on **Saturday 5 May 11.00am - 3.30pm** in St Cuthbert's Primary School Hall, Balmain Road, Kenton. The day will begin with coffee at 10.30am and participants are asked to take a packed lunch. There will be a collection on the day. For further information or to confirm your attendance, telephone: 0191 2841690

CAN YOU HELP?

Could you spare an hour or two to join a small group of volunteers who clean the Cathedral on a regular basis? If you think you might, please contact the Cathedral office.

Telephone : 0191 232 6953 ext 200

Email: office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk

YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE - PRACTICAL STEPS FOR PARISHES AND PARTNERSHIPS

A conference will take place on Saturday 12 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

Cathedral Dates for your Diary...

MAYFLOWER FESTIVAL

A Mayflower Festival will take place here at the Cathedral on Saturday 19th May. It will begin with Mass at 11.45am followed by a processions and the rosary.

All are welcome

LATE SHOWS - SATURDAY 19 MAY

Last year as part of the Late Shows event more that 350 people visited the Cathedral during the course of a Saturday evening and we are delighted to be involved again this year. Our doors will be open from **7.00pm -11.00pm on Saturday 19 May** and our programme is entitled *Mediaeval to Modern*.

‘Come and visit St Mary’s Cathedral, built by AWN Pugin, one of the greatest Victorian architects (designer of the interior of the Houses of Parliament). Marvel at its needle spire, finely-carved altars, Victorian and contemporary stained glass, amazing neo-Gothic tiled floor and superb new organ. Come and sing medieval chant or explore your creativity by designing a stained glass window using our Victorian and contemporary glass as inspiration. Listen to a selection of heavenly music played on the new organ and climb the stairs to the organ loft for an angel’s view of the Cathedral.

Window design: 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00

Gregorian chant: 7.30, 8.30, 9.30, 10.30

Access to the organ loft: 7.15, 8.15, 9.15, 10.15’

More information will be given soon about what else will be happening. Do look out across the city for events taking place visit their website: **www.thelateshows.org.uk**

THY KINGDOM COME UPDATE

In 2016 Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu invited every parish in the Church of England to pray between the period of Ascension and Pentecost for people to come to know the love of Jesus Christ. The response was astonishing as churches up and down the country became involved and more than one hundred thousand people took part. Taken from the Lords Prayer this event was entitled ‘Thy Kingdom Come’.

One year later, the campaign’s broad ecumenical appeal led to more than 50 denominations and traditions participating including the Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church and the Redeemed Christian Church of God. Discussion explored what would happen if every Christian felt inspired and able to share the love of Jesus within their communities and with all the people that they know. What kind of transformation would that bring to families, societies and nations around the world?



This year, St Mary’s Cathedral will be taking part in ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ with ten days of prayer and worship events from **10 - 20 May**. During this time, each Mass will begin with a special prayer for the coming of the kingdom. The Lady Chapel will become a candle lit prayer space to symbolize the dispelling of darkness and the coming of the Kingdom into our world. The book of prayer will be located there for those who may wish to write intentions for family and friends they hope will come to know God manifest in Jesus Christ. On **Friday 18 May at 7.15pm** the Cathedral will hold an evening of prayer, open to all denominations, to include Taize chants. Refreshments will follow.

#PLEDGE2PRAY

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2018/2019

If you have not collected your named Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year 2018/19 they are now available from the Cathedral Office. 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

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.

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

| DAY | TIME | MASS SERVICE EVENT |
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| Sunday 22 April <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i> | 8.00am 10.00am 10.00am 11.30am 6.30pm | Intentions of Peter & Lucy Lockton <i>(Spoken)</i> Arthur Kabigting <i>(Cantor)</i> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Thanksgiving (AL) <i>(Cathedral Choir)</i> People of the Parish <i>(Music Group)</i> |
| Monday 23 April Weekday of Easter <i>St George, Patron of England</i> <i>Solemnity</i> | 8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm 1.15pm | Deceased Aynsley & Kerr Families <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Marjorie Hoggins <i>(Cantor)</i> Good Shepherd Mass |
| Tuesday 24 April Weekday of Easter | 8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm 5.00pm | Intentions of Reg & Kay Bean <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament César Morales Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| Wednesday 25 April St Mark, Evangelist <i>Feast</i> | 8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm | Kevin Wilkinson <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Margaret Woodhall (A) |
| Thursday 26 April Weekday of Easter | 8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm 5.00pm | Holy Souls <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Deceased Members of the Grundy Family Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| Friday 27 April Weekday of Easter | 8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm | Cathedral Benefactors <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament In Honour of St Jude |
| Saturday 28 April Weekday of Easter | 11.00am 10.00am 10.30am | Diocesan Mass for Justice & Peace <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30pm |
| Sunday 29 April <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> | 8.00am 10.00am 10.00am 11.30am 6.30pm | Michael Joseph Malone <i>(Spoken)</i> People of the Parish <i>(Cantor)</i> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Sylvia Lumsden <i>(Cathedral Choir)</i> Margaret Miller <i>(Music Group)</i> |

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick.

We pray for those who have died especially...

Jose Pinheiro and for Margaret Woodhall whose
whose anniversary occurs at this time.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

