

# CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARY

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

*In the Pastoral care of Bishop Séamus Cunningham*



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# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## 16 DECEMBER 2018

**Lord,**

Today we celebrate your gift of Joy.

At a time when joy seems to be missing from so many people's lives how do we even begin to celebrate in our broken world.

The people of Zephaniah's time lived in a world of great inequality, yet they believed that God would exult in them with joy, renew them by his love, dance with them with shouts of joy.

Paul speaks to the Philippians, reminding them to be happy at all times, to be tolerant of those who have no faith and seek God with prayer and thanksgiving and the peace of God will be theirs.

**What about today, in our world?**

We have the gift of life; it is a precious gift for it gives us the time and the energy to change, change not only our own lives but the lives of those around us.

We have the gift of family and friendship, there are people around us who are ready to support and nourish us, helping us to find the true path to happiness.

We have the gift of faith, we believe in our God of Love who is ever forgiving and always there through the joys and sorrows of life.

**What must we do?**

Share our gifts, shun complacency, never be content with our lives, strive, each day, to make a step down the way of Christ and then dance with joy, let your heart sing, free your spirit to soar and fill your days with love, of God and of your neighbour. Amen

David Frank

## **CATHEDRAL 175TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE CALENDARS - ON SALE**

Thank you to all of you who purchased one of our Cathedral 175th Commemorative Calendars. Your support has helped to raise £370.00 toward Cathedral funds.

## **AFTERNOONS of REFLECTION for ADVENT**

The last afternoon of Reflection for Advent will take place this **Monday 17 December at 1.30pm** in Cathedral House. We offer our continued appreciation to Angela Joyce for organising these very popular seasonal liturgies.

## **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

The Cathedral Carol Service will take place this **Thursday 20 December at 7.00pm**. The Cathedral choir will be joined by the children of Our Lady and St. Anne's Primary School and Joe Kirwin will speak for a short time on the work of the Mercy project, which we hope to begin in earnest in January. There will be a collection during the evening and the proceeds will go to support this work.

## **ADVENT RECONCILIATION DAY**

Next **Saturday 22 December** there will be the usual Advent reconciliation day. It is always a very simple and reflective day in which we celebrate the Mercy of God. All are welcome to attend. The day will be as follows:

<b>12.Noon</b>	Reconciliation Service with Bishop Séamus
<b>12.30pm</b>	Individual Confessions until 4.00pm
<b>4.00pm</b>	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

## **CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL**

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Monday 24 December	10.00am Mass
		8.00pm First Mass of Christmas with the Cathedral Choir
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Tuesday 25 December	8.00am ( <i>Mass with Cantor</i> )
		10.00am (Children's Mass with Choir)
<b>Boxing Day</b>	Tuesday 26 December	12 05pm <i>Mass</i>
<b>New Year's Eve</b>	Monday 31 December	12.05pm Mass



## **CAFOD WORLD GIFTS**

We would like to support CAFOD World Gifts again this Christmas. Gift catalogues are available at the back of the Cathedral to enable you to choose and decide what you are able to give. For example you may wish to contribute £20.00 towards chirpy chickens or £4.00 for Happy bees. If you would like to know more about CAFOD please visit the website. [www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts) Envelopes are also available at the back of the church for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation. Thank you for your support.

## **ADVENT ALMS APPEAL 2018 - A MESSAGE FROM ST CUTHBERTS CARE**

At this time of year, our charity's focus is to ensure as many families and individuals as possible are supported with the basics of daily life: food, toiletries and warm clothing. During Advent our efforts increase tenfold, as we distribute new toys and gifts for children towards the run up to Christmas.

This year we wish to allocate all Advent donations to our community work and have arranged Giveaway Days at targeted community centres and foodbanks, including four diocesan homeless projects in Newcastle, Sunderland, Gateshead and Stockton. We also receive many desperate requests from frontline social workers, seeking support for impoverished families; many of whom are facing eviction. The resonance of these families to the plight of the Holy Family is stark and we thank you for all your continued support.

***There will be retiring collections at Masses this Sunday to assist in the work of the organisation.***

# News from the Mercy Hub...

## A MERCY PROJECT UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has supported the work of the Mercy Project so far. We are at a very exciting stage in our development and are looking to start our work in January. But to do that we need your help. We are looking for volunteers who can offer any skills or time they may have.

We shall also be holding an open evening for everyone to come along and see the Hub and find out more information on **Sunday 9 January 9 from 6.00 - 8.00 pm**. If you are interested in volunteering or would like some more information please contact Joe Kirwin.

Telephone: 07904881430 or email: [Joe.Kirwin@TheMercyProject.org.uk](mailto:Joe.Kirwin@TheMercyProject.org.uk)

## PAULINE BOOKS AND MEDIA

The Bookshop will close at 4.00pm on Saturday 22 December and will re-open at 10.00am on Thursday 3 January 2019.

## CLOISTER CAFÉ

The Cloister Café will be closed from Monday 24 December and will re-open on Monday 8 January 2019.

## FLAME 2019

The National Catholic Youth Congress, Flame, takes place at Wembley Arena on **2nd March 2019**. 800 young people from our Diocese are invited to participate and coaches will leave from pick-up points in every area including Newcastle. This is an opportunity not to be missed. Please encourage young people to attend. The cost is £20 (subsidised by our partnership) which includes coach travel and Wembley ticket. Please pick up a letter from the back of the Cathedral and return forms to Catherine Armstrong c/o the Cathedral office.

## CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Pauline Books and Media are working alongside a Newcastle-based religious congregation who support local families as we launch this year's 'Christmas Books and Bible appeal'

Why not call in and purchase a Bible or Christmas story book which will be donated to support families in our area.

***The Book Centre is now stocked with a wide range of gifts and resources for Advent and Christmas, including cards, books, candles and nativity sets.***

## 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.

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

DAY	TIME	MASS   SERVICE   EVENT
<b>Sunday 16 December</b> Third Sunday of Advent	<b>8.00am</b> 10.00am <b>10.00am</b> <b>11.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Jesus B Sabijon</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>(Spoken)</i></span> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> <b>Mary Catherine Johnson (A)</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>(Cantor)</i></span> <b>Cath S- 90th Birthday Intentions</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>(Cathedral Choir)</i></span> <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 17 December</b> Weekday of Advent	<b>8.00am</b> 10.00am <b>12.05pm</b>	<b>Brother Charles Anthony Jukes sss (A)</b> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> <b>Requiem Mass for Antonio Gregorio</b>
<b>Tuesday 18 December</b> Weekday of Advent	<b>8.00am</b> 10.00am 11.30am <b>12.05pm</b> 5.00pm	<b>The Intentions of Niki B</b> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>Bill Moran (A)</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>Wednesday 19 December</b> Weekday of Advent	<b>8.00am</b> 10.00am 11.30am <b>12.05pm</b>	<b>The Children of the World</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation</i></span> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>In Honour of St. Peregrine</b>
<b>Thursday 20 December</b> Weekday of Advent	<b>8.00am</b> 10.00am 11.30am <b>12.05pm</b> 5.00pm	<b>Deceased Members of the Aynsley &amp; Kerr Families</b> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>Goff &amp; Heather Esther</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>Friday 21 December</b> Weekday of Advent	<b>8.00am</b> 10.00am 11.30am <b>12.05pm</b>	<b>Birthday Intentions - Jerome Dixon</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation</i></span> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Recitation of the Holy Rosary <b>George &amp; Catherine Carr</b>
<b>Saturday 22 December</b> Weekday of Advent	<b>10.00am</b> 10.00am 12 .00	<b>Intentions of Joan McKenna</b> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Advent Reconciliation Service (until 4.00pm)
<b>Sunday 23 December</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent	<b>8.00am</b> <b>10.00am</b> 10.00am <b>11.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>(Spoken)</i></span> <b>Keith Sawyers</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>(Cantor)</i></span> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> <b>Tony Glynn (A)</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>(Cathedral Choir)</i></span> <b>Paddy, Chris &amp; Geraldine Moore</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>(Music Group)</i></span>

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick.

We pray for those who have died especially..

Antonio Gregorio and William Pierce  
and for Mary Catherine Johnson, Bro Charles Anthony Jukes,  
Bill Moran and Tony Glynn whose anniversaries occur at this time.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

