



NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP



THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE

In the pastoral care of Bishop Stephen Wright



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28th April 2024 (*Year B*)

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I enjoy gardening, it brings me close to nature and naturally to God. I often think of God as a gardener, sorting through His people, His seeds, deciding what to grow and then sowing, caring for the seedlings, and eventually planting them in the garden and watching for the results.

Saul, now back in Jerusalem, was a great orator; he spoke out boldly, proclaiming the Good News to anyone who would listen, so much so that he stirred up a hornet's nest of argument and opposition among his listeners. This caused a problem for the followers of Jesus who were, at last, living in an uneasy peace, with their neighbours. Eventually he was sent to Tarsus for his own safety and that of the community. When pruning and caring for a vine it is sometimes better to leave the vine in peace so it can grow and begin to produce fruit.

John's letter speaks to us about love and urges us to make it "real and active, not just "words or mere talk". Sometimes the word "love" is used casually, without thought, and this can lead to misunderstandings. Love is truthful, and should be spoken about with respect for the power of the meaning of the word. John continues his letter with some wise words about our conscience'. There is something within us that knows the difference between Good and Evil. If we follow the Word of the Father, then we should act in goodness in all our activities. In this way our love is shown to be true to the Spirit of God living within us.

The true vine is the teaching of Christ guiding our way through life. If we follow him, we can allow ourselves to be pruned by his love so that we can bear fruit in plenty to build his kingdom. If we turn away from him then we cut ourselves away from the vine and our life will be wasted. Because of the amount of work that is falling on the shoulders of our priests and religious there is a great need today for the Laity to use their gifts and talents in the church. Each of us should look beyond our own needs and see and seize the opportunities that are available to work at grass roots in our parishes. The vineyard will only survive if each branch is fruitful and ready to bear fruit, without the work of human hands, and God's caring love, we can do nothing.

David Frank

CITY CENTRE CLERGY

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

Rev. Fr Andrew Shaw (*Parish Priest St Andrews, Priest Chaplain to Newcastle & Northumbria Universities*)

Rev. Fr William Nicol (*Parish Priest St Michael's; Assistant Priest, Cathedral*)

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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NEWS FROM THE CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Office. As we undergo a recruitment process for the administration for the City Centre Churches, the capacity of the Cathedral office will be severely restricted. We hope to have a new team trained and in place by mid-May at the latest. I thank you in advance for your patience during this time. - *Canon Simon.*

NEWS FROM ST DOMINIC'S

Safeguarding. "The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency(CSSA) and Diocese's policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Angela Shanley** or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk

Feast of St Catherine of Sienna - Monday, 29 April. As part of their 50th Anniversary celebrations the children and staff of St Catherine's School invite you to celebrate Mass with them on that day. Mass will begin at 10 o'clock -this is an extra Mass on that day. Tea and coffee will be available in the Community Room after mass.

St Elizabeth of Hungary Stained Glass Window. The cost of restoration of the window will be **£3170.00**. The Charity boxes at the back of church will be used in the coming weeks to raise funds to offset the costs involved. These are now available for your kind donations. Please support the restoration programme. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

MASS FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

Tuesday 30 April has been nominated by the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales as the National Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Healing Mass for Survivors of abuse at the Cathedral at 12.05pm. All are welcome to attend. Members of the Safeguarding Team will also be available after Mass for anyone who wants to discuss issues.

MONSIGNOR PHILIP CARROLL RIP

Monsignor Philip Carroll Tuesday 9 April, he was 77 years of age. Fr Phil was ordained at the Cathedral on 18 December 1971 and undertook studies in Rome until July 1972. This was followed by 6 years as curate at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate in Washington. Following further studies in Ireland from September 1978-July 1979, he was curate at the Cathedral from July 1979 until August 1988 before moving on to become Assistant General Secretary then General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales until 1996. Monsignor Phil was then parish priest at St Bede's, Washington until 2006 when he took up the position of Spiritual Director at the Venerable English College in Rome for 5 years, before returning to the diocese as parish priest of St Paul's, Alnwick for 6 years. He retired to St Andrew's Worswick Street in 2015, and in 2019 became Spiritual Director at the Royal English College in Valladolid, Spain. This meant remote teaching from St Andrew's from February 2020 due to the pandemic. Monsignor Carroll moved into St Joseph's Home and the care of the Little Sisters of the Poor in August 2023.

Monsignor Phil's body will be received into St Agnes, Crawcrook on Wednesday 1 May with Mass at 7pm

His Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Stephen at the Cathedral on Thursday 2 May at 12.05pm.

The Requiem Mass at the Cathedral will be live-streamed to the Cathedral's YouTube page.

ASSOCIATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Association of the Eucharist is holding a Holy Hour on Sunday 5 May at St Andrews, from 2.30-3.30pm followed by refreshments. All are welcome to attend.

'SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED US WELL'

The Sick and Retired Priests' Collection will remain open until this weekend for anyone who might like to make further or individual donations. This collection goes to support our Sick and Retired Priests who have served our diocese over many years and we wish to make sure that this Fund is also there for future retired priests. Thank you for the generosity shown so far.

PUBLIC LECTURE

The renowned religious historian and former President of Magdalene College, Cambridge, Professor Eamon Duffy FSA FBA KSG will visit Holy Name Church, Jesmond, on **Saturday 4 May** to give his lecture **Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson and the End of the World**. Professor Duffy will discuss Fr Benson's life and work, and that of his father, who was Archbishop of Canterbury. One of Fr Benson's brothers wrote "Land of Hope and Glory", while the other wrote the Mapp and Lucia novels. All are welcome at this non-ticketed event. 11:00 am for 11:30 am start, ends 12:30 pm, followed by cold refreshments.

IS GOD CALLING ME TO BE A PRIEST?

The Vocations Team extends an invitation to men aged 18+, who might be experiencing the call from God to discern priesthood to join the Vocations Team in finding out more. These monthly meetings will take place at St Joseph's Church, Stanley. The next meeting is **Tuesday 7 May** from 6-8pm. If you would like to attend, or for more information, please contact the Vocations Promoter, Fr Shaun Purdy by email: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk or on 01207 299012.

CDSC PENTECOST MASS

On **Saturday 11 May**, The Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion for Hexham and Newcastle (CDSC) will be hosting their annual Mass for Pentecost at the Cathedral Church of St Mary on the theme of '*Renewed in the Holy Spirit*'. This annual Mass for Pentecost is proving to be a blessed opportunity for sisters and brothers in Renewal to come together in communion on the path ahead for us in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle. Praise and worship from 1pm, Mass begins at 1.20pm, at the end of Mass members of the CDSC team will offer a Pentecost blessing.

VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

Cleaner, St Cuthbert's Chester le Street, part time. Closing date for applications: 1 May.

IT Field Engineer (two posts), Diocesan Offices Newcastle, full time, 9-month fixed contract. Closing date: 6 May.

Please visit diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact the HR department on 0191 243 3301

PROUD CATHOLICS

Do you identify as LGBTQ+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBTQ+ Catholics in the North East? The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Worswick St. The next meeting will be an AGM, on **Tuesday 21 May**, at 7.30pm. The group will be looking at the past year and sharing thoughts and reflections on the future. Elections to the Committee will also take place. All are welcome. Refreshments will follow. Zoom link available, get in touch if interested. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit the website proud Catholics.co.uk

HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP

There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp.

A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this Summer please visit svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island. If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk

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.

The promise of Easter is that the future is full of hope. We are children of the promise, and we believe that the Spirit is alive and working in our churches. We live in a time of great change. Our strength needs to be based in our communities, our leaders, and how we share the love of Christ with those we meet.

A Prayer based on "I am the vine, you are the branches, whoever remains in me with me in him, bears fruit in plenty."

Lord,

You call me to be part of your kingdom.

Give me the courage to come forward,

and offer whatever gifts I may have,

for the benefit of my community and your church

So that by my example, others may follow,

And your kingdom may come to dwell amongst us.

Amen



THE UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

Serving the Universities of Newcastle & Northumbria

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.

Mondays at 5.30pm: ROSARY. Pray the Rosary in a different way

Wednesdays at 6pm: CONTAGIOUS FAITH (including a hot meal of veggie pasta)

1st May: 'SVP 1833' with Kezia Harrow

8th May: 'The Social Teaching of the Church'

15 May: 'Death and Grief' with Chris Smith

22 May: Religious Life with Sr Sheila McNamara RSCJ

Please join the Chaplaincy WhatsApp group for further details.



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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK IN THE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

SUNDAY 28th APRIL The Fifth Sunday of Easter	5pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	People of the Parish
	5.30pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	People of the Parish
	8am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Kevin McAleavy RIP
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Susan Cummins RIP
	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Mary 'Molly' McIver RIP
	11am	<i>St Michael's</i>	People of the Parish
	11.30am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Living & Deceased Members of the Phelps Family
	6pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Adrian & Sheila Glentworth RIP
	6.30pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	People of the Parish
	7pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Sr Thomas More McGrath RIP
Monday 29th April <i>St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin, Doctor, Patron of Europe (Feast)</i>	<u>10am</u>	<i>St Dominic's</i>	School Mass
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Eileen Dodds (A)
	6pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Paddy Cosgrove RIP
Tuesday 30th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Gerard Rooney
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Intentions of Anna Rea
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Living & Deceased Members of the Sayers Family
Wednesday 1st May <i>St Joseph the Worker (Memorial)</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	The Welfare of LW
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Christian Barron RIP
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	In Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes
Thursday 2nd May <i>St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)</i>	9.30am	<i>St Michael's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	REQUIEM MASS: Msgr Philip Carroll RIP
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Leo Crossling RIP
Friday 3rd May <i>Ss Philip & James, Apostles (Feast)</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Anne Storey (A)
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Mark James Wilson (A)
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday 4th May <i>The English Martyrs (Feast)</i>	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Intentions of the Missionaries of Charity
SUNDAY 5th MAY The Sixth Sunday of Easter	5pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	People of the Parish
	5.30pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Anne & Bob Rourke RIP
	8am	<i>Cathedral</i>	People of the Parish
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	In Thanksgiving
	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	James McGrane (A)
	11am	<i>St Michael's</i>	People of the Parish
	11.30am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Pat & Joan McKenna RIP
	6pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Adrian & Sheila Glentworth
	6.30pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Kathleen Cunningham RIP
	7pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	People of the Parish

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Cathedral

Mon, Wed & Fri after 12.05pm Mass.

St. Andrew's

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

St. Dominic's

Wed 5pm-6.30pm



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Cathedral

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

St. Andrew's

Tues to Fri 4.45pm-5.15pm

St. Dominic's

Wed 5pm-6.30pm