

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARY

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

19 MARCH 2017

Faith is found in the most unexpected places, it is the love of God wrapped up in a word, a gesture, a touch, it can begin at any time, night or day and it blossoms in a heart that is open and waiting. Today's readings are about faith; how it is given to some and not all, how it can change lives and how it can inspire others.

The Israelites left Egypt full of faith; they followed their God into the wilderness to a land of promise. But hearts can grow cold, faith can weaken and die and after years of wandering the desert the people grew restless and tired. Their faith was shaken and so they turned to false gods and to complaining about the God who led them to this unending suffering. God answered the prayers of Moses and the faithful people through a flow of living water gushing from the rock at Mount Horeb and their thirst was satisfied. Sometimes in our lives we experience a thirst for good news. We are often beset by worry, about money or health or family and our faith grows weak; at these times, we too must turn, like Moses, to prayer and open our hearts and minds to seek for his help.

Paul speaks to us about "*the love of God which has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit*". This is the "*living water*" that Jesus speaks of to the Woman at the Well, our Gospel passage.

During our working day the last thing we expect is an encounter with God. We have a daily routine, often forced upon us by circumstances and our lifestyle. The Samaritan woman was an outcast, a woman of ill repute for, instead of joining the other women of her village in an early morning visit to the well, she goes at noon time when the sun is at its highest and she goes alone. She sees the man and she ignores him. He, however, is prepared for this; he asks for a basic human need, a drink of water. What follows is a conversation, a leap of faith and a conversion. Through this simple encounter, and an opening of the heart and mind, God enters into her life in a new and life changing way. Let us pray that, this Lent, the free gift of life giving water flowing from the heart of God will flow into our hearts and bring us to a fresh understanding and, perhaps, a new beginning.



Cathedral News...

*All are very welcome to our Masses today;
especially those who are visiting for the first time.*

CLOISTER CAFÉ AND RESTAURANT

The Cloister Café and Restaurant are open today after the 10.00am and 11.30am Masses. Why not treat yourself!

CAFOD EAST AFRICA CRISIS APPEAL

Over 16 million people across South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya are in urgent need of food, following months of drought. In South Sudan alone, 4.9 million people - more than 40 per cent of the country's population - urgently need food, and nutrition assistance. In many places, such as South Sudan, the crisis has been exacerbated by conflict and economic collapse. CAFOD are already working with local Church partners on the ground, who are providing vital aid to communities affected by hunger and drought. **There will be a retiring collection this Sunday** to help those who are suffering at the present time. You can also donate online at www.cafod.org.uk just follow the link.

IT'LL BE RATHER CHILLI!

On Saturday 25 March at 7.00pm we will have our second fundraiser for Fr Dermott's Silver Jubilee - a Chilli and Rice evening with Play your Cards Right, Bingo and Raffle. Tickets are £5.00 and liquid refreshment will be available. **Tickets have now sold out!** We would be grateful for any donations of Raffle Prizes. Please bring them to the office. Thank you.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year 2017/18 will be distributed at the back of Church This Sunday, 19 March. Your named envelopes will be available for collection.

BIBLES FOR LENT

As a Cathedral, in conjunction with Pauline Books and Media we are looking for people of the Parish to donate a Bible to our Cathedral Primary School, Our Lady and St Anne's. There are two Bibles we are looking to Donate: The Good News Bible which is priced at £15.00 which is for the older Children and the Barnabas Schools' Bible priced at £10.00 for the younger children in our School. If you would like to donate a Bible, please call into the bookshop who will be more than happy to assist. Each Bible will have a name plate for the Donors name and Children will be encouraged to pray for the person every time they use the Bible. The appeal will be open until the end of Lent. During Easter there will be a special Mass in School in which Parishioners will be invited, along with staff from the Bookshop to present the Bibles and for them to be blessed.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Mass on Saturday at 10.00am, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord will be a sung Mass with Organ and Cantor. All are welcome to attend.

LENTEN REFLECTION AFTERNOONS

These continue this week in Cathedral House using the Diocesan Spirituality Resource - To be a Pilgrim: In the Footsteps of Jesus. The afternoons take place on Mondays from 1.30-3.00pm on March 20 & 27, April 3 & 10. All are welcome to attend.

EASTER EGG TOMBOLA - NEXT SUNDAY!

Some of our Young People are once again going to help on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Our Young People provide vital support to the assisted pilgrims. Our Young people are asking for your support in donating Easter Eggs for an Easter Egg Tombola which will take place on Sunday 26 March. If you are able to donate an Easter Egg, please drop it off at the Cathedral Office by Thursday 23 March. Many thanks.

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 only be given on payment.

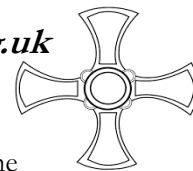
LITURGIES FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM

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

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 John's, Grainger Street)</i>
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3.00pm	
Holy Saturday	Office of Readings and RCIA Rites	10.30am	
	The Easter Vigil of the Holy Night	7.30pm	
Easter Sunday	8.00am (<i>Cantor</i>), 10.00am (<i>Cantor</i>), 11.30am (<i>Cathedral Choir</i>),		There is no evening Mass



Diocesan News... *Information here can be found at www.rcdhn.org.uk*



LENTEN ALMS APPEAL 2017

This Lent, please consider supporting St Cuthbert's Care's Hardship Fund. Our Fund offers financial support to hundreds of people each year across our two residential and nursing homes, who are unable to meet the full cost of their care. Our fund ensures no one is ever turned away from one of our homes due to an inability to pay.

If you would like to find out more about the Hardship Fund or our two homes please contact Joanne Bulford on 0191 228 0111 or email joanne.bulford@stcuthbertscare.org.uk and she will be delighted to help you.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP: FOR THOSE THINKING ABOUT PRIESTHOOD

The meetings this year will take place: 22 March, 3 May, 24 May and 21 June 2017 all 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

MEN'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Northern Men's Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham - Friday 16th to Sunday 18th June 2017. Cost, including coach travel, bed & breakfast and evening meals, plus a traditional Sunday lunch prior to departure for home is £150. A deposit of £35 will reserve your place with the balance payable by 1st. May. Contact John Robertson Tel 0191 4877790 or John Ross 0191 4404391.

JESUS CHRIST THE HEALER

On Thursday 23 March at 7.00pm there will be an evening of Praise and Worship, Scripture, Testimony, Prayer Ministry for healing in St Robert's Church, Cedar Road, Fenham, Newcastle, NE4 9PH. All are welcome to attend.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION DAY OF REFLECTION

Fr Chris Jackson will lead a day titled "Today, Listen to the Voice of God". Saturday 6 May. 11.00am – 3.30pm, Coffee 10.30am (*bring a packed lunch*) St. Cuthbert's Primary School Hall, Balmain Road. Kenton, Enquiries ; 0191 2841690. There will be a collection on the day towards costs.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES JULY 2017

Have you ever considered going to Lourdes as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage? Booking Forms for the 2017 Pilgrimage are now available. You can ring Tangney Tours (01732 886 666) and ask for them to send you a form. There are several opportunities whilst in Lourdes to offer your services either as helpers, youth, nurses. If you are interested check out the Diocesan Pilgrimage Website for more information www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

Are you due to have a stay in the RVI or Freeman Hospital? Don't forget to let the chaplain, Fr Andrew know. 0191 232 1892. The Chaplain is not automatically made aware of your stay in Hospital.

Other News...



ST ANNE'S COURT

There is a 1 Bedroom Flat for Rent. We are looking for prospective applicants for our quiet scheme in Summerhill Grove, Newcastle. The Scheme would suit older, more active persons. Rent is eligible for Local Housing Allowance. For more information, please contact John Mein on 0191 230 1993 or 07917 700593

CATHOLIC PEOPLE'S WEEKS

For over 70 years CPW have been providing "holidays that make a difference", Where you'll find food for thought, faith and Friends. In 2017 they are holding nine events on a range of themes. For more information, please contact the local representative, Brid Fitzpatrick on 07766774822.

NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Every month we are asked to pray for particular Churches in the City Centre. In the month of March we pray for St John the Baptist (Grainger Street) and St Andrew (Worswick Street).



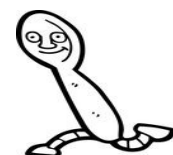
From the Cathedral Archives... 20 March 1881

Grammar School closed under late management but Bishop is making arrangements for its re-opening under new management.



On a lighter note...

'Did you hear about the troublesome teaspoon?



It went into the kitchen and caused a stir!

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

DAY	TIME	MASS SERVICE EVENT
Sunday 19 March 3rd Sunday of Lent <i>Day of Prayer for Candidates of the Sacraments</i>	8.00am 10.00am <i>10.00am</i> 11.30am 6.30pm	Tony Broderick (A) <i>(Spoken)</i> People of the Parish <i>(Cantor)</i> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Henry Lanscoe Atkinson <i>(Cathedral Choir)</i> The McHugh Family <i>(Music Group)</i>
Monday 20 March St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>Solemnity</i>	8.00am <i>11.00am</i> 11.30am 12.00pm 1.30pm 7.00pm	Intentions of Bishop Séamus Cunningham <i>(Episcopal Ordination Anniversary)</i> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Requiem Mass for Fr Leo Coughlin ***NOTE CHANGE OF TIME*** Lenten Reflections in Cathedral House Manifest <i>(Young Adults 18-30)</i> in Church
Tuesday 21 March Weekday of Lent	8.00am <i>10.00am</i> 12.05pm 5.00pm 6.30pm	Margaret Dibden <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> William Henry (A) & Margaret Allen Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5.30pm Journey of Faith in the Cloister Café
Wednesday 22 March Weekday of Lent	8.00am <i>10.00am</i> 12.05pm	Deceased Aynsley & Kerr Families <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass</i> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Special Intention (ML)
Thursday 23 March Weekday of Lent	8.00am <i>10.00am</i> 11.30am 12.05pm 5.00pm	Sherwood Hunter (A) <i>Requiem Mass for Teresa Marshall at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Victoria Robertson – Successful Operation Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5.30pm
Friday 24 March Weekday of Lent	8.00am <i>10.00am</i> 11.20am 12.05pm	Recovery of Oliver Duffy <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass</i> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Stations of the Cross Intentions of John & Elaine Bennett & Family
Saturday 25 March The Annunciation of the Lord, <i>Solemnity</i>	10.00am <i>10.00am</i> 10.30am	Toni Scott <i>(Cantor)</i> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am
Sunday 26 March 4th Sunday of Lent <i>Day of Prayer for Candidates of the Sacraments</i>	8.00am 10.00am <i>10.00am</i> 11.30am 6.30pm	Thanksgiving (TJ & M) <i>(Spoken)</i> Mary Catherine Johnson <i>(Cantor)</i> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Mary Ann (A) & Walter Jones <i>(Cathedral Choir)</i> People of the Parish <i>(Music Group)</i>

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially...

William Weston, Susan Chilton, Kelly Hudson, Patrick Barrett, Paul Lynn, Patrick Henry, Laura Duffy, Jack Murnane, Robert English, Alan McGovern, Mary O'Brien, Catherine Dunn, Ernest Sultman, Jacob Barton, Jimmy Exley, Julie Conroy, Lynne Fullerton, Zoe Halliwell, Audrey Thompson, Michelle Hawthorn, Jim Henry, Mary Donnelly, Irene Clement, Fr Bill Bellamy, Alban & Kate McKie, Sue Grant, Tom Scott, Karen Dilks, Jimmy Mullen, Linda Stafford, Norman Greenwood, Adam Bradford, Kay Bean, Yadriga Stoinska, Fr David Tanner, Jean Burnett, Sonia, Arthur Kabigting, Lorraine Warren, Peter Sayers, Marie Cain, Molly McIver, Patrick Hoey, Jack Harris and Mary Robison

We pray for those who have died...

Tony Broderick
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.



Thought for the Week...

Be yourself no matter what other people think.
God made you the way you are for a reason.

Besides, an original is always worth more than a copy.