

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARY

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

16 - 30 APRIL 2017 (TWO WEEK EDITION)



One approach to the Easter Sunday scriptures is to begin at the Gospel and work your way back to the first reading. Using this approach, you find a new way to look at familiar passages and discover a depth to the readings you may not have noticed before.

Mary of Magdala comes to the tomb early and in darkness. When we began to discover what our faith was about we were, perhaps, very young and willing to accept what we were taught. After a time, and this happens I suppose to everyone, the darkness of the world that surrounds us begins to hide those early beliefs and can lead us away from God. Last night we celebrated the Mass of Light; light came into the world to banish the darkness. This light is the light of faith and just as it allowed Mary to see that the stone had been rolled away so too this light enables us, and all who seek for Christ, to see and understand, to banish the darkness in our own lives.

Peter and John must have been devastated by the events of the last few days; despite their good intentions; their frail human spirits have let them down. Now they see that something is happening and they race towards it at breakneck speed. Can you imagine the thoughts that are tumbling through their minds; what new torment are they going to endure. The tomb is open; the grave clothes lie empty but carefully wrapped and, instead of fear, their hearts are filled with hope. This is no grave robbery; the tomb is empty, Jesus is risen and death is defeated because, in truth, death cannot overcome love.

Peter lived through the days of Christ, he walked those dusty ways with Him, every experience is written into his memory. Now he begins to understand and that understanding fills him with the need to tell, everyone he meets, of his life with Jesus. Cornelius represents the Gentiles; he is a Roman official who is coming to faith, the flickering light he sees is fanned into a flame through his meeting with Peter and by the power of God's grace that has entered his life. Just as last night's converts found their courage to say yes to the invitation from Christ to join his church so Cornelius, in his day, adds his acceptance of the way, the truth and the life offered by Our Risen Lord.

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 is closed for the Easter Holiday and will reopen on Monday 24 April. Thank you for your continued support.

CONFERENCE ON YOUTH - THE WAY WE SEE IT: A RESPONSE

As we move into new partnerships, an important emerging is our relationship with young people. The report of the young people's survey 'The Way we See it' and Pope Francis' call for a Synod on Youth invite us to reflect on this relationship. All adult parishioners and young people of sixth form age are invited to a diocesan conference at the Newcastle Assembly Rooms on Saturday 13 May. Further details are in the booking form available from the Cathedral office or from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org details also on YMT website www.ymt.org

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.

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.

JOINT CHRISTIAN/MUSLIM VISIT TO PRAY FOR PEACE.

There will be a time of prayer at St Mary's Chapel, Reid Road, Jesmond on Saturday 20 May 2017 at 1.30pm. This is arranged by the Diocesan department for interreligious dialogue. The afternoon is for women and young children only.

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

A TALK ABOUT THE WORK OF MAHER

Sr Lucy Kurien will be visiting St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields on Tuesday 16 May to give a talk about Maher an organisation which helps women and children at risk of domestic violence in India. Sr Lucy will share challenging and inspiring stories that will help us see with new eyes. The evening begins at 7.00pm with drinks and nibbles before the talk at 7.30pm. Suggested donation is £5.00 for the evening.

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.

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

NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Every month we are asked to pray for particular Churches in the City Centre. In the month of April we pray for the Danish Church and the Martin Luther Kirche.



From the Cathedral Archives... 18 April 1915

Fr Newsham is new Administrator.

*(The notices now written by him are numerous and very verbose,
and a great number of them are requests - or rather demands - for money!)*



The Lord has truly risen, Alleluia!

The Cathedral Clergy would like to wish you all a very Happy and Holy Easter. Thank you too, to all those who have played a part in preparing for the liturgies of Holy Week. We congratulate those who were baptised, received into full communion and confirmed at the Easter Vigil; Robert French, Jennifer Gianfreda, Lesley Sherriff, Catherine Taylor and Kirk Young. We assure them of our prayers as they continue the journey the Lord has called them to and we thank those who have prepared them since September. May you and your families really experience the joy of Easter in your hearts and homes.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI 90 today!

Today Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI celebrates this very special birthday. We wish him every blessing .

Ad multos Annos!



Archbishop Edward Joseph Adams New Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain



His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed as Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain His Excellency Edward Joseph Adams, titular Archbishop of Scala until now, Apostolic Nuncio in Greece.

Please remember Archbishop Adams in your prayers.

Bishop Séamus' Easter Message



In St. Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 28 verse 2 we read, "And suddenly there was a great earthquake for an angel of the Lord descending from Heaven came and rolled back the stone and sat on it".

The stone which closes the tomb symbolises the obstacles in our lives that prevent us from living life to the full. Many of us have an experience of the obstacles that get in the way of us being free. For example, holding on to hurts and wounds of the past that are festering away deep down within us and possibly paralysing us. Sometimes fear of the future gets in the way. At other times people can weigh us down like a big boulder. Some way or another they seem to have power over us; they cramp our style. In their presence we cannot be our true selves, we feel a heavy weight on our shoulders.

When resurrection happens an angel comes into our lives and rolls the stone away. That angel may be another person who has a kind word for us. Maybe even just something as simple as a smile, a word of affirmation. We may experience resurrection when we spend time in prayer letting God in and allowing him to take over. Allowing Him to touch us in the depths of our being, to dispel the darkness as His light shines. On occasions like this the weight that stops us from living is removed – suddenly we are set free; we are no longer weighed down.

The angel seats itself on the boulder like a victor. The boulder becomes a symbol of the victory of life over death. It reminds us that a miracle has taken place, that our tomb has been broken open and we are set free. Now we are in a position to live life to the full - this is resurrection.

"All I want is to know Christ and to experience the power of His resurrection. To share in His sufferings, to become like Him in His death in the hope that I myself will be raised from death to life". There is no resurrection without the cross. Cross and resurrection go hand in hand. Far too often we try to go it alone, to heal ourselves, to set ourselves free. It is in dying to ourselves that we are set free. We must journey with Christ every step of the way and this means entering into and embracing His passion, suffering and death if we are to experience resurrection and new life.

For those who have died...

Robert James Hawthorn, Maureen Seagrave,
Winnie Bell and Charles Brett
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Thought for the Week...

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered... God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed.

Pope Benedict XVI

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, Mary Robison and Peggy Johnson

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

DAY	TIME	MASS SERVICE EVENT
Sunday 16 April Easter Sunday	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am 11.30am	Arnold Masterson (Cantor) People of the Parish (Cantor) <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Federick Adrian Louis (Cathedral Choir) NO EVENING MASS TODAY
Monday 17 April Octave of Easter	10.00am 12.05pm	<i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Deceased Aynsley & Kerr Families
Tuesday 18 April Octave of Easter	10.00am 12.05pm	<i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Robert James Hawthorn (A) & Maureen Seagrave (A)
Wednesday 19 April Octave of Easter	10.00am 12.05pm	<i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Paul (Stan) Callan
Thursday 20 April Octave of Easter	11.00am 12.05pm	<i>Requiem Mass for Veronica Connolly at St Joseph's Home</i> A Special Intention
Friday 21 April Octave of Easter	10.00am 12.05pm	<i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Anniversary Intentions: Melany & Tony Lawless
Saturday 22 April Octave of Easter	10.00am 10.00am 10.30am	John Benet Unsworth <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am
Sunday 23 April 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am 11.30am 6.30pm	Jack & Nancy Potts (Said) Winnie Bell (A) (Cantor) <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Maximilian's Health (Cathedral Choir) People of the Parish (Music Group)
Monday 24 April St George, Patron of England Solemnity (Transferred from Sunday)	10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm	<i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Ruby Alex (Cantor)
Tuesday 25 April St Mark, Evangelist (Feast)	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm 5.00pm	Charles Brett (A) <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament John Patterson Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5.30pm
Wednesday 26 April Weekday of Easter	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm	Joe Farley <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Special Intention (ML)
Thursday 27 April Weekday of Easter	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm 5.00pm	Riddell Guild of Cathedral Volunteers <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Jim Parsons Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5.30pm
Friday 28 April Weekday of Easter	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 12.05pm	Mr PSK Sodje <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Recitation of the Rosary Deceased Members of the Grundy Family
Saturday 29 April St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe	10.00am 10.00am 10.30am	Toni Scott <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am
Sunday 30 April 3rd Sunday of Easter	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am 11.30am 6.30pm	People of the Parish (Said) Peter Bell – 80th Birthday Intentions (Cantor) <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Kathleen Wilson (Cathedral Choir) Brian Cannon (Music Group)