

# CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARY

## Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

*In the Pastoral care of Bishop Séamus Cunningham*



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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### 9 APRIL 2017

**W**e live in a noisy world with all manner of voices clamouring for our attention. As we come to the threshold of Holy Week these voices become ever more strident as the pace increases and we are drawn into the drama of the last days of Our Lord's earthly ministry.

Passion Sunday begins with noise; Jesus is entering into the City of Jerusalem and a great crowd has gathered to mark the arrival of a king. But who is this King; he rides a donkey, his companions are fishermen and tax collectors, a bunch of nobodies. No regal entry this; just a man riding, the crowd, a mixture of believers and the perplexed, "Who is this?" is the question on people's lips. "Hosanna" cry the crowds, "Blessings on Him who comes in the name of the Lord".

During this coming week, the question we need to answer, in the depths of our hearts, is one of faith. Do you believe that this Jesus, who everyone is talking about, is the Son of God who has come into the world as our Lord and Saviour? If you believe this, then everything else that you hear this week will make sense. If you do not believe then it is all just noise. Isaiah was an Old Testament prophet; he speaks to us about the life of a disciple. Each day he opens his ears to listen to God, he opens his mouth to speak His word and he spends each day following in the footsteps of the One who guides him. He does not question his faith, to him it is as basic as breathing.

Paul speaks up for believers. His words are a hymn of joy to the one who comes to us, teaches us how to live our lives and shows us how to accept every burden, even the ultimate sacrifice. Paul is the apostle of hope; he speaks to a world searching for meaning and Paul is certain that Christ Jesus has been raised high by God and He is the one to whom we should turn to, in the hope of eternal life.

There are many Gospel passages this week; many voices, but we must listen for one voice, the voice of love that belongs to our Lord. Marvel at how he meets each challenge, each dissenting voice, each blow, each word of derision and mockery.

Jesus is as human as we are, something gives him the strength to stand firm against the tide of suffering that envelopes Him. His strength comes from Our Heavenly Father, flowing through His Son and filling us with His Spirit of Love. His voice is the one that will lead us to eternal life.



# 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!

## HOLY PLACES COLLECTION

This Sunday there will be the annual collection for the Holy Places. The Holy Places of our faith are eloquent witnesses of the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. From those places, the Easter proclamation has spread throughout the world, and it continues to spread. A Christian community has remained in those regions down the centuries, even at the cost of great sacrifice and martyrdom. Since the first Pentecost, it has bravely shown the universal face of the Church to the world. Today, as we know, living the Christian faith in the Middle East is not all that easy. Especially in Iraq, Syria and Egypt, where Christian communities have experienced an "ecumenism of blood", individuals are daily pressured to abandon their land, or even their faith. Keeping hope alive in such circumstances is both difficult and vitally important. Please be as generous as you can.

## 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 close this week.** 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.

## 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 April 3 & 10. All are welcome to attend.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) DURING HOLY WEEK

During Holy Week The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Tuesday at 5.00pm and Wednesday after 8.00am Mass. There are no confessions on Good Friday and Holy Saturday in the Cathedral.

## LITURGIES FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM

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

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	Chrism Mass	11.00am	
	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.00pm	<i>(Night Prayer at 9.15pm)</i>
<b>Good Friday</b>	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	
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	Office of Readings and RCIA Rites	10.30am	
	The Easter Vigil of the Holy Night	7.30pm	
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	8.00am <i>(Cantor)</i> , 10.00am <i>(Cantor)</i> , 11.30am <i>(Cathedral Choir)</i> ,		<b>There is no evening Mass</b>

## EASTER DECORATIONS

It is only three weeks until Easter Sunday. As always, we will be decorating the Cathedral. If you would like to make a contribution towards the cost of the decorations in memory of a loved one, you can do so by putting your donation in an envelope with the name you wish to be remembered on the front of the envelope. A list will be displayed of the names we are remembering. **Please make sure your donation is handed in by Good Friday.** Many thanks.

## 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.

## HOLY PLACES COLLECTION

This Sunday there will be the annual collection for the Holy Places. This collection is taken throughout the world and is to support the work of the Franciscans who are the custodians of the Holy Places in the Holy Land which had been granted to them by the Holy See in 1342. Please be as generous as you can.

## CATHEDRAL SICK LIST

If you know of someone who would like to be prayed for on our list of those who are sick, please let the office know. Likewise, if their name needs to be taken off the list, please let the office know. Thank you.





## **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](mailto:joanne.bulford@stcuthbertscare.org.uk) and she will be delighted to help you.

## **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](mailto:admin@ymt.org) details also on YMT website [www.ymt.org](http://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](http://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk)

# Other News...



## **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...**

**15 April 1923**

We have noticed that a number of Saint Mary's congregation are not paying outdoor collection for the schools although they have been working all through these hard times. Saint Mary's share of the building of the new school at St Aloysius' and in payment for the land was £15,000

## **On a lighter note...**

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. Surprise Surprise.... it was an Apple. But with extremely limited memory. Just 1 byte...

Then everything crashed!

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

DAY	TIME	MASS   SERVICE   EVENT	
<b>Sunday 9 April</b> <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>  <i>Holy Places collection taken today</i>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <i>10.00am</i> <b>11.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Mary Broderick</b> <b>Anne McKenna (A)</b> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> <b>People of the Parish</b> <b>The Reichal Family</b>	<i>(Spoken)</i> <i>(Cantor)</i>  <i>(Cathedral Choir)</i> <i>(Music Group)</i>
<b>Monday 10 April</b> Holy Week	<b>8.00am</b> <i>10.00am</i> 11.30am <b>12.05pm</b> 1.30pm	<b>Recovery of Una Hynes</b> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>Jean Royal</b> Lenten Reflections in Cathedral House	
<b>Tuesday 11 April</b> Holy Week	<b>8.00am</b> 11.30am <b>12.05pm</b> 5.00pm <i>5.00pm</i> 6.30pm	<b>Deceased Members of the Aynsley &amp; Kerr Families</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>Gerard Brydon (A)</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5.30pm <i>Reception of the Body of Pat Donald and Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Journey of Faith in the Cloister Café	
<b>Wednesday 12 April</b> Holy Week	<b>8.00am</b> <i>10.00am</i> 11.30am <b>12.05pm</b>	<b>Jean George</b> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>Intentions of Peggy Johnson</b>	
<b>Thursday 13 April</b> Holy Thursday	<b>11.00am</b> <i>5.00pm</i> <b>7.00pm</b> 9.15pm	<b>Chrism Mass</b> <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Joseph's Home</i> <b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> Night Prayer of the Church	
<b>Friday 14 April</b> Good Friday	11.00am <i>3.00pm</i> <b>3.00pm</b>	Stations of the Cross with St John's Anglican Church <i>(Starting at St John's)</i> <i>The celebration of the Passion of the Lord at St Joseph's Home</i> <b>The celebration of the Passion of the Lord</b>	
<b>Saturday 15 April</b> Holy Saturday	<b>10.30am</b> <i>5.00pm</i> <b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Office of Readings and RCIA Rites</b> <i>Easter Vigil Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> <b>Easter Vigil Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 16 April</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b>  <i>Holy Places collection taken today</i>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <i>10.00am</i> <b>11.30am</b>	<b>Arnold Masterson</b> <b>People of the Parish</b> <i>Mass at St Joseph's Home</i> <b>Federick Adrian Louis</b> <b>NO EVENING MASS TODAY</b>	<i>(Cantor)</i> <i>(Cantor)</i>  <i>(Cathedral Choir)</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, Mary Robison and Peggy Johnson

## We pray for those who have died...

Anne McKenna and Gerard Brydon  
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*



## Thought for the Week...

If you can't do anything about it then let it go.  
Don't be a prisoner to things you can't change.

~ Tony Gaskins