



# NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP



THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE

In the pastoral care of Bishop Stephen Wright



## THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

19th May 2024 (*Year B*)

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Today is the birthday of the Church. It was born today in the upper room in scenes that are described in our first reading of rushing wind and tongues of fire. Although these events were almost two thousand years ago there is a sense that they are of today for every time there is a Baptism the events of Pentecost are recalled as the Holy Spirit descends on another child of God. In each generation we discover the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives through the living witness of the scriptures as Jesus, through the Gospels, and those early Apostles in their letters, continue to speak to us and inspire us across the centuries.

In our second reading Paul speaks to us of the fruits of the Spirit. To come to an understanding of these fruits; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, truthfulness, gentleness, and self-control, I read through them, slowly, deliberately pausing after each word, seeking a name, someone to whom all these attributes could apply. Someone who inspired those around them, who recognised the good in every individual but also saw their brokenness.

When we speak of love our thoughts turn to Jesus who loved us so much that he sacrificed his life for us. He radiated joy, but he also had an aura of peace about him, a peace which the world cannot replicate. He was certainly patient; look at how he accepted Peter's impulsiveness and how he understood the ambitions of the sons of thunder, and their mother! He was kindness and goodness personified; he touched lepers and made them clean, he gave sight to the blind, restored hearing and made the dumb speak, healed those crippled by illness, comforted those in distress and reconciled sinners. Jesus is someone we can trust because he speaks in truth and with authority; he is gentle, giving power and dignity to the children, and to the child within each of us, and always, even in his trial and death, in control of himself and the circumstances he found himself in.

Perhaps the lesson we take from today is that the fruits of the Holy Spirit can make us perfect and, if we do not possess them all, we should aspire to them, for, if we do, then the Kingdom is ours and we can take up the promise of Christ that we too may be consecrated in truth.

*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](http://www.jesuitsnewcastle.org))

Newcastle Hospitals Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Mariadass (0191) 273 3903 & Rev. Deacon Paddy Jackson (0191) 233 6161

## ALL ARE WELCOME

The City Centre Partnership aims to be welcoming and inclusive and it is always a joy to welcome you to our celebrations of Holy Mass in our beautiful churches, whether you a regular attendee, or joining us for the first time - all are welcome!

### 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

**Masses This Week.** Mass will not be celebrated Monday-Thursday and there will be no exposition/confessions this week only. The usual schedule resumes on Friday morning.

**Fund Raising.** Despite the recent very wet weather Maureen, Eileen and their husbands have re-started Car Boot Sales at weekends. They have raised **£500** to date. We thank them for all their efforts as they continue throughout the summer months. They wish this money to be used towards the repair of the stained glass window.

**St Elizabeth of Hungary Stained Glass Window.** The collection boxes at the back of church are being used for your donations towards the restoration cost of **£3170**. We now have **£810.10** in the fund (£500 from car boot sales and £310.10 in donations). Thank you for your kindness.

**Retiring Collections.** Thank you for your donations to Cafod (£372.20) and World Communication Day (£84.10). Our next collection is next weekend 25/26 May for the Lay Training Fund in the Diocese.

**Portuguese Club.** Meets each fortnight, on a Saturday morning (10.30am - 1pm). Their next meeting is in the Community Room on **Saturday 1 June**.

### DIOCESAN VISION

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

In order to grow as a synodal Church it is important that we all have a chance to pray and discern how the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in mission in our parishes and communities. To facilitate this, I together with others, offer an initial Diocesan vision for your prayerful reflection. Our discerned Diocesan commitments are: To Walk with Jesus and Enable Others to Encounter Him; To Grow as One Diocesan Family – Rebuilding Relationships; Forming and Developing People for Mission; Living Justly and Caring for Our Common Home. Each of these commitments are developed in the vision. It is not my intention to impose this vision. It is offered for further reflection and I invite all of our parishes and communities to prayerfully reflect on them. We offer accompanying and support to enable this reflection. Please contact your parish office if you would like hard copies of these materials which are all available on the Diocesan website.

With assurances and prayers,  
**Bishop Stephen**

### VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. The weekend will be held **24-26 May** in Liverpool For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit the website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

### YOUNG ADULTS DISCERNMENT WORKSHOPS

A series of online workshops looking at the principles and practice of Ignatian Discernment. Open to young adults (20s and 30s). Held on **28 May, 11 June and 25 June**. In these workshop we will consider what Ignatian spirituality teaches us about clarifying our choices, ways of listening to God's Spirit in our lives and discerning the way forward. To register please email [FCJCentreStHughes@gmail.com](mailto:FCJCentreStHughes@gmail.com)

### MARIAN PROCESSION & SUNG VESPERS

The Parish of St Lawrence's Byker invites you to join them in bringing the month of Our Lady to a close with Sung Vespers & May Procession. This will take place on **Sunday 26 May** at 5.00pm at St. Lawrence's Church, Byker. We will then process with Our Lady through the streets of the Byker Wall while praying the Rosary.

### STELLA MARIS WEBINAR

Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an online update and thank you webinar on **Tuesday 28 May** from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event please visit the website [www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024)

## CORPUS CHRISTI DEVOTIONS & PROCESSION AT USHAW

On **Sunday 2 June**, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up on the sheet available at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. Please indicate if you are bringing a car: this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirements

## CHRISTIAN MUSLIM PRAY FOR PEACE EVENT

An event for women and children - men wishing to accompany their families are welcome. It is planned to meet at 2:30pm on **Saturday 8 June** in St Mary's Chapel, situated towards the Jesmond Dene end of Reid Park Road. If coming by car, please approach from Osborne Road. Folding chairs are provided but you may wish to bring your own. Readings about Mary from the Bible and the Qu'ran will be shared along with hymns and prayers for peace. Afterwards, vegetarian refreshments will be provided at Holy Name Parish Hall Towers Avenue.

## A WELCOME TO ALL

An event to welcome and celebrate refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to our diocese will be held at the Cathedral on **Tuesday 18 June at 6.30pm**. This event will celebrate the richness of our diocesan family by bringing together people of different nationalities who make their home here in the North East of England. We will have the opportunity to listen to people's stories, celebrate their talents and recognise that we are better off when we welcome the strangers and make them our friends. We will hear what the diocese has to offer and also see the gifts and talents of our new neighbours. During the event Bishop Stephen will receive, on behalf of the whole diocese, a Lampedusa Cross donated by CAFOD. This will then be housed in the cathedral as a sign of our commitment and welcome to those who are enriching life in our diocese.

## SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL WEEKEND

All are welcome to the Emmaus Village for the Significance Festival on **Saturday 29 June** from 10.00am. The day will offer a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music. Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen Wright will take place at 3.15pm, followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free with charges for accommodation and camping (self-catered) on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets will cost £10. All proceeds and any donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. To book email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244.

## 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.

A Prayer based on "But when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will lead you to the complete truth." (John 16: 13)

*Lord,  
Send your Spirit on our church today,  
to renew us in our love for you, and each other.  
Give us that Spirit of unity,  
that we may face the challenges of today  
as your Apostles faced the problems of their day  
and may that flame of Faith be always burning in our hearts,  
as we seek to follow you.  
Amen*



## THE UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

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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)**

22 May: Religious Life with Sr Sheila McNamara RSCJ    29 May: 'Spirituality in Pictures'    5 June: 'Any Questions'

### SOCIALS

Friday 24 May: 'Tote Bag Painting'

Sunday 2nd June: 'End of Year Barbecue'

*Please join the Chaplaincy WhatsApp group for further details.*



## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK IN THE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

<b>SUNDAY 19th MAY</b> <b>The Solemnity</b> of <b>Pentecost</b>	5pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Lillian Molloy (A)
	5.30pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Heather Anne Corbett (A)
	8am	<i>Cathedral</i>	People of the Parish
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Odorich L Riamta
	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Weir Larsen
	11am	<i>St Michael's</i>	People of the Parish
	11.30am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Basil Boot
	6pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Adrian & Sheila Glentworth
	6.30pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Guardian Angels (NP)
7pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Teresa Chappell (A)	
<b>Monday 20th May</b> <i>Mary, Mother of the Church (Memorial)</i>	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Dexter Ian & Maxima Dumoran RIP
	6pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	<i>No Mass This Evening</i>
<b>Tuesday 21st May</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	<i>No Mass This Morning</i>
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Rev Fr Malcolm Cairns & Parents
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Mgr Phil Carroll
<b>Wednesday 22nd May</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	<i>No Mass This Morning</i>
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Anne Cannon RIP
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Philomena & Roland Stephenson
<b>Thursday 23rd May</b> <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (Feast)</i>	9.30am	<i>St Michael's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	<i>No Mass This Morning</i>
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Theresa Cairns RIP
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Wellbeing of LC
<b>Friday 24th May</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Brian Santry
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Philip Myers
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	In Honour of St Joseph
<b>Saturday 25th May</b> <i>St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor (Feast)</i>	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Intentions of Margo Sweeney
<b>SUNDAY 26th MAY</b> <b>The Solemnity</b> of <b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>	5pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Gordon Robinson
	5.30pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Dieudonne Birali (A)
	8am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Arnold George Masterson RIP
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Nesa Aissato Sow RIP
	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Valerie Diamond RIP
	11am	<i>St Michael's</i>	People of the Parish
	11.30am	<i>Cathedral</i>	George W Sharman RIP
	6pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Adrian & Sheila Glentworth
	6.30pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	People of the Parish
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 (resumes 29 May)



### 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 (resumes 29 May)