



NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP



THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE

In the pastoral care of Bishop Stephen Wright



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7th April 2024 (Year B)

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The Easter season poses a question which each of us must answer: What does the resurrection really mean? If you read the Book of Acts and the Gospel accounts of the period after Our Lord's resurrection you will be struck by two things; initially there is a great outpouring of the Spirit which spreads the Word across the known world but, after this period, there comes a test of faith through persecution and this is when the real strengths of the people of God emerge.

The one thing that sustains the people of God through these trials is their faith and that faith is underlined by the resurrection of Jesus. It is impossible for us to imagine the effect that this event must have had on the apostles and disciples. It is clear from today's readings that it gave them a unique glimpse of the power of God working through Jesus. The Jews lived every day with their belief in an almighty God; one who would save them from all the evil that surrounded them. To actually witness this power will have changed them in a very special way.

Today's readings speak to us of a movement that sprang from the communities' faith in the resurrected Jesus; a community which shared everything and was united in spirit and in love. This group of individuals became one and began a journey which continues in many thousands of communities throughout the world today. John bases this movement in the love of God which has permeated down to our community and to the love we have for each other; a love that is strengthened by its sharing among us.

The events in the upper room are shared with us to show that Jesus died and rose again for each one of us. We are the disciples. There are even one or two Thomas's among us, and we know that Christ is risen and that, through His resurrection, we too will rise, with Him, in His chosen time. Today we suffer from a society which is indifferent to Christ; a society which seems to deny that the resurrection ever took place. If the resurrection means something to us then it is our responsibility to remind society, through the way we live, that Jesus is indeed risen, alleluia.

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*)

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ALL ARE WELCOME

The City Centre Partnership aims to be welcoming and inclusive to all, and it is always a joy to welcome to our celebrations of Holy Mass those of our brothers and sisters who are not in full communion with the Catholic Church. If you are not (yet) a Catholic or are indisposed to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, you are invited to come forward at the appropriate time and receive a blessing from the priests distributing Holy Communion, indicating this by folding your arms over your chest.

We would ask those who are in communion with the Church and are able to receive, to familiarise themselves with the correct means of receiving the Sacred Host and consume the Host before moving away from the priest or minister of Communion to go back to your place.

If you are considering becoming a Catholic and would like more information, one of the priests would be more than happy to explore this with you.

NEWS FROM THE CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Office. The Cathedral office will be closed this week for the Easter holiday (until 15 April). 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.

NEWS FROM ST DOMINIC'S

This Week there will be NO Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and no exposition/confessions on Wednesday evening. The regular schedule resumes on Saturday.

Triduum. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way in making our Holy Week services truly joyful and prayerful occasions.

Congratulations. We extend a very warm welcome to Dler and Shay who were received into the Church during the Easter Vigil. Also to Maria Da Luz, Maria Bamba and Nazareth Cassama, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Gift Aid. Please use your new envelopes from this weekend 6th/7 April. You can join the scheme if you pay UK income tax. St Dominic's can claim back 25% of your contribution at no further cost to you.

Northern Cross. The Diocesan monthly newspaper is available at the back of church costing £1.50.

Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available for your own personal intentions.

'SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED US WELL'

The Sick and Retired Priests' Collection will take place at all Masses this weekend and remain open until 28 April 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.

If people felt able to give a suggested minimum of £5 or £10 per person in recognition of all the priests who have served their parishes over many years, it would be a great gesture as we "serve those who have served us well".

For further information on Gift Aid, one-off larger donations, or a bequest in your Will, please do not hesitate to contact Fr Ian Jackson by telephone on 0191 586 4319. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

THANK YOU...

Coleen Farrell writes... I want to convey my sincere thanks for the continuous support I have received in my very happy 23 years at St Mary's Cathedral. I have been privileged to have been involved in such a period of progress and development and to have worked closely with clergy, staff, volunteers and members of the Cathedral congregation during that time and for the past three years with Canon Simon and Fr William.

Thank you too for the numerous good wishes, cards and gifts I have received upon my retirement, your kindness has been overwhelming and very much appreciated.

PAULINE BOOKS & CLOISTER CAFÉ

Pauline Books & Media will reopen on Wednesday 10 April and The Cloister Café will be reopen on Tuesday 16 April.

MAYORAL ASSEMBLY

On 2 May there will be an election for a new Regional Mayor who will lead the North-East Combined Mayoral Authority. Tyne & Wear Citizens invites you to a Mayoral Assembly on Monday 22 April, 6.00–8.00pm, at the Tyne Theatre & Opera House in Newcastle. Candidates will be asked to respond to some of the issues Citizens have been campaigning on after a listening campaign across the region, including: the cost-of-living crisis, housing, racial justice in education, mental health support in schools and transport.

You can book your place at <https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-north-east-devolution-mayoral-assembly>.

Tickets are free. For more information contact Fr Chris Hughes at: northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk or 0191 2575801

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.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonisation at the Vatican of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called “Divine Mercy Sunday.”

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy.

She wrote in her diary that He said:

I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it...

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

Pope John Paul II discussed the significance of the image of Divine Mercy in his homily for the canonisation of St. Faustina:

From that Heart [of Christ], Sr. Faustina Kowalska, the blessed whom from now on we will call a saint, will see two rays of light shining from that heart and illuminating the world. “The two rays”, Jesus Himself explained to her one day, “represent blood and water” (Diary, entry 299). Blood and water! We immediately think of the testimony given by the Evangelist John, who, when a soldier on Calvary pierced Christ’s side with his spear, sees blood and water flowing from it (see Jn 19:34). Moreover, if the blood recalls the sacrifice of the Cross and the gift of the Eucharist, the water, in Johannine symbolism, represents not only Baptism but also the gift of the Holy Spirit (see Jn 3:5; 4:14; 7:37-39).

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, “Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified.”

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 “The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul.” (Acts 4:32)

Lord,

These Easter days fill me with such hope for our church.

*There are so many working, so hard, with such courage, to build something new.
Let your Holy Spirit come to our communities and bring us that hope that flows from you.*

Help us build on rock so that whatever we face, we face together.

Lord, strengthen our Communities for the challenges ahead.

May the spirit of the first Christian communities be our inspiration for the future.

Amen



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WEEKLY CHAPLAINCY ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME IN THE NEW TERM



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK IN THE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

SUNDAY 7th APRIL The Second Sunday of Easter <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	5pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	People of the Parish
	5.30pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Jean Docherty RIP
	8am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Arnold George Masterson RIP
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Susan Cummins RIP
	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Winnie Bell (A)
	11am	<i>St Michael's</i>	People of the Parish
	11.30am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Health of Claire
	6pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Adrian & Sheila Glentworth
	6.30pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	People of the Parish
Monday 8th April <i>The Annunciation of The Lord (Solemnity)</i>	<u>10am</u>	<i>Cathedral</i>	Theresa Cairns RIP
	6pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Giuliano Francesco Neri RIP
Tuesday 9th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Grace Cawley RIP
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Ben Nicholson RIP
Wednesday 10th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	NO MASS
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Thomas Watson (A)
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Bryan Crossling RIP
Thursday 11th April <i>St Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr (Memorial)</i>	9.30am	<i>St Michael's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	NO MASS
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Charles Brett (A)
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Pierre Brechenmacher RIP
Friday 12th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	NO MASS
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Isabel Y Pat (A)
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Leo Crossling RIP
Saturday 13th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Dr Kotha Panikkar RIP
SUNDAY 14th APRIL The Third Sunday of Easter	5pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	People of the Parish
	5.30pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Patricia & Davie Kelly RIP
	8am	<i>Cathedral</i>	N D Tharian RIP
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	People of the Parish
	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Wellbeing of Jean Cyldesdale
	11am	<i>St Michael's</i>	People of the Parish
	11.30am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Anne Lister
	6pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Adrian & Sheila Glentworth
	6.30pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	People of the Parish
	7pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	John N Snowdon RIP

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

Resumes Wednesday 17th April



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

Resumes Wednesday 17th April