



*The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle*

# NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

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The  
14th & 15th SUNDAYS  
of  
ORDINARY TIME  
6th & 13th July 2025



## JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST

When Pope Pius IX was in exile in 1849, he turned to the Blood of Christ for strength. One particular devotion in the Catholic Church connected to the

Passion of Jesus Christ is the honouring of his Precious Blood. It is a recognition of Jesus' sacrifice and how he spilled his blood for the salvation of humanity. Furthermore, this blood is made present through the gift of the Eucharist and is something we can consume at Mass, along with the body of Christ, under the appearance of bread and wine.

Over time the Church developed various feasts of the Precious Blood, but it wasn't until the 19th century when a universal feast was established.

During the First Italian War for Independence in 1849, Pope Pius IX went into exile to Gaeta. He went there with Don Giovanni Merlini, third superior general of the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood.

While the war was still raging, Merlini suggested to Pope Pius IX that he create a universal feast to the Precious Blood to beg God's heavenly aid to end the war and bring peace to Rome. Pius IX subsequently made a statement on June 30, 1849 that he intended to create a feast in honour of the Precious Blood. The war soon ended and he returned to Rome shortly thereafter.

On August 10 of that year he made it official and proclaimed that the 1st Sunday in July will be dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Later, Pope Pius X assigned July 1 as the fixed date of this celebration.

After Vatican II the feast was removed from the universal calendar, but a votive Mass in honour of the Precious Blood was established and can be celebrated in the month of July (as well as most other months of the year).

Some dioceses, especially in Europe, still celebrate the July 1 feast day.

For these reasons the entire month of July is traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood, and Catholics are encouraged to meditate on the profound sacrifice of Jesus and the pouring out of his blood for humanity.

Below is the opening prayer of the votive Mass, as well as an additional prayer that can be used as our own personal meditation or prayer during July.

O God, who by the Precious Blood of your only Begotten son  
have redeemed the whole world,  
preserve in us the work of your mercy,  
so that, ever honouring the mystery of our salvation,  
we may merit to obtain its fruits.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen

## CHURCHES

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## CLERGY

### V. Rev Canon Simon Lerche

*Cathedral Dean & Parish Priest St Dominic's*

### Rev. Fr William Nicol

*Parish Priest St Michael's; Administrator St Andrew's*

### Rev. Fr Dermot Preston SJ

### Rev. Fr Peter Randall SJ

### Rev. Fr Gero McLoughlin SJ

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## DIOCESAN JUBILEE DAY

**Alive in HOPE: A Church for MISSION.** Bishop Stephen invites you to a **Jubilee Day** on **Saturday 27th September**, from 10 am to 3 pm, at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead.

Everyone is welcome! There'll be guest speakers from the Prisons' Chaplaincy and the Justice & Peace Refugee Project, and a choice of seminars/forums to reawaken and empower us for mission. This is an opportunity to connect with old friends and new, and to celebrate our diocesan family as we explore what a Church in Mission invites us to be and do! There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a prayer space in the chapel, and praise and worship led by Durham musicians 'Set A Fire'. Take a look around the marketplace where there'll be stands and gifts from some of our Catholic partners and groups.

Registration and refreshments from 9.15am, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample parking is available and entry is FREE but please register at <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25> where you'll also find more information about the seminars you'll be able to join during the day.

For enquiries and parish/group bookings, email Amy at [formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk) or telephone 0191 2433316.

Search on Facebook, X and Bluesky using the hashtag #DHNAlive25 for the latest information and updates.



**STELLA MARIS**

**SEA SUNDAY**

13 July 2025

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 13 July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need.

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses over the weekend 12/13 July. You can also donate by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.

Thank you.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 6th JULY

<b>SUNDAY 6th JULY</b> <b>The Fourteenth Sunday</b> <b>of</b> <b>Ordinary Time</b>	4pm	St Michael's	People of the Parish
	5pm	St Andrew's	Celebrant's Intention
	5.30pm	St Dominic's	Trish Saxby RIP
	9.30am	Cathedral	Joan Browne RIP
	10am	St Dominic's	Dorothy & Brian Glancey RIP
	11.30am	Cathedral	Intentions of Karen Robson
	6pm	St Andrew's	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Cathedral	People of the Parish
Monday 7th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	12.05pm	Cathedral	John Douglas Fairbrass (A)
	6pm	St Dominic's	For the intentions of Sheila McCormack
Tuesday 8th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10am	St Dominic's	Fr Colin Carr OP
	12.05pm	Cathedral	Fr Dermott Donnelly (A)
Wednesday 9th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10am	St Dominic's	Celebrant's Intention
	12.05pm	Cathedral	Daniel's Donor Family
	5.30pm	St Andrew's	Fr Sheedy (A)
Thursday 10th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	12.05pm	Cathedral	Bishop James Cunningham (A)
	5.30pm	St Andrew's	Wellbeing of KA
	6.30pm	Cathedral	Mass of Thanksgiving <i>For Departments of Education and Formation &amp; Mission</i>
Friday 11th July <i>St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe (Feast)</i>	12.05pm	Cathedral	Gavin Main RIP
	5.30pm	St Andrews	Wellbeing of SB
Saturday 12th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10am	Cathedral	Jack Stewart RIP

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 13th JULY

<b>SUNDAY 13th JULY</b> <b>The Fifteenth Sunday</b> of <b>Ordinary Time</b>	4pm	St Michael's	In Thanksgiving (TJR)
	5pm	St Andrew's	Celebrant's Intention
	5.30pm	St Dominic's	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Cathedral	People of the Parish
	10am	St Dominic's	Iris Richardson
	11.30am	Cathedral	Rosemary Peace RIP
	6pm	St Andrew's	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Cathedral	Gordon Young RIP
Monday 14th July	12.05pm	Cathedral	Joan Browne RIP
Weekday in Ordinary Time	6pm	St Dominic's	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday 15th July	10am	St Dominic's	Celebrant's Intention
St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)	12.05pm	Cathedral	Angela McAuliffe RIP
Wednesday 16th July	10am	St Dominic's	Celebrant's Intention
Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Memorial)	12.05pm	Cathedral	Mr James William Fairbrass RIP
	5.30pm	St Andrew's	As Announced
Thursday 17th July	10am	St Dominic's	Celebrant's Intention
Weekday in Ordinary Time	12.05pm	Cathedral	Maurice Bennett RIP
	5.30pm	St Andrew's	As Announced
Friday 18th July	12.05pm	Cathedral	George Fox (A)
Weekday in Ordinary Time	5.30pm	St Andrews	As Announced
Saturday 19th July	10am	Cathedral	Weir Larsen RIP
Weekday in Ordinary Time			
<b>SUNDAY 20th JULY</b> <b>The Sixteenth Sunday</b> of <b>Ordinary Time</b>	4pm	St Michael's	Kevin & Ann Milburn
	5pm	St Andrew's	As Announced
	5.30pm	St Dominic's	Patricia & Davie Kelly RIP
	9.30am	Cathedral	People of the Parish
	10am	St Dominic's	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Cathedral	Maureen Todd RIP
	6pm	St Andrew's	As Announced
	6.30pm	Cathedral	Vincent & Constance Bartley RIP

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Cathedral

Monday, Wednesday & Friday after 12.05pm Mass

St. Andrew's

Wednesday to Friday 4.45pm-5.15pm; Saturday 4.15pm-4.45pm.

St. Dominic's

Monday 5pm-5.45pm.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Cathedral

Monday to Wednesday & Friday 11am-11.45am. (Rosary on Fridays)

St. Andrew's

Wednesday to Friday 4.45pm-5.15pm.

St. Dominic's

Monday 5pm-5.45pm.

### SAFEGUARDING

Our parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency and Diocesan policies and procedures at all times. Each of the churches in our Partnership has a designated Parish Safeguarding Representative:

Cathedral: Migi & Robie Ramos 07584 048970 / 07824 155713

St Andrews: Terry Maxwell 07768 597512

St Dominic's: Angela Shanley: 07950 053009

St Michael's: Rebecca Daglish: 07934 881414

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team are available Monday-Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm on 0191 243 3305/07940 390210 or by email at [safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)  
[www.diocesehn.org.uk/services/safeguarding/](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/services/safeguarding/)

## NEWS FROM ST DOMINIC'S

**St Catherine's Primary School** - our parish school:

1) Ofsted carried out an inspection of the school on 3rd and 4th June. The report shows the school to be GOOD in all aspects of its work. Very well done! The school is fully inclusive with pupils at the centre. Pupils live up to the high expectations that the staff have for them and do well in English and Mathematics. Children in the Nursery and Reception Years benefit from the carefully considered environment, both outdoors and indoors. A copy of the report is available for you to read and is also available on the school website or by following the link <https://share.google/PdNlRSKRzIMKlxjzu>

2) **Job vacancy:** Class teacher - Full time Fixed 1 year contract. Start date 1st September 2025. Applications close at 9am on Wednesday 9th July, Lesson observation and formal interview Friday, 11th July. For more information contact Ms L Hoey headteacher - Tel: 0191 232 6803.

3) **School leavers Mass** - St Catherine's year 6 pupils invite you to join them for their final School Mass in St Dominic's on Wednesday, 16th July at 10 o'clock. We wish them well as they prepare for their secondary schools in September.

**Couples for Christ** - will be attending their Annual gathering - this year in Birmingham, on the weekend 19/20 July. They will be presenting a dance routine. To help with their rehearsals they will use the community room each evening until then 6pm - 9pm. Keep Dancing and Good luck

## ASSOCIATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Hour followed by refreshments at St Andrews, 2.30pm-3.30pm Sunday 6 July. All are welcome.

## DIOCESAN EDUCATION MASS

School Directors and Governors are invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving for their dedication and service to Catholic education. The Mass will be at 6.30pm on Thursday 10 July at the Cathedral and will be celebrated by Bishop Stephen.

## VACANCY

A Parish Secretary is required for Newcastle parishes for 17 hours per week. The hours are split as follows: English Martyrs, Newcastle and St Cuthbert's, Newcastle: 6 hours per week and St Robert's, Newcastle and All Saints, Newcastle: 11 hours per week This change reflects the growing administrative needs of the parish, including support with parish finances and planning. The closing date for applications is 11th July 2025. If you have any questions or require further information please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies/> or contact [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk) or 0191 243 3301.

## ST ANDREW'S & ST MICHAEL'S SPONSORED WALK

Last year St Michael's organised a sponsored walk in which all who took part enjoyed. This year St Michael's are joining forces with St Andrew's to walk on Saturday 19 July starting at 10am from St Andrew's via the Cathedral to St Michael's (under 2 miles) where there will be light refreshment. Sponsorship forms are available at the back of St Andrew's and St Michael's. If you are not taking part, please consider sponsoring someone.

## ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2025

The Newcastle and District Society of Organists are holding a series of recitals at St Dominic's on selected Friday nights, starting at 7.30pm for 70 minutes. Tickets are £10 and include refreshments. The next recital is on 18 July with Eleni Kventsidou (Rugby School).

## VOICE OF THE SHEPHERD

**Discipleship groups for children and parents:** The sessions for these groups (called Voice of the Shepherd) are guided by a team of catechists, and the purpose is to nurture faith and friendship through play, and prayer, with the Bible. Children can enter from P3 upwards, and if they need preparation for Baptism and First Holy Communion that is given within their journey of discipleship with the Good Shepherd. With enough children joining, it is hoped that there will be 2-3 groups of different ages. While children are in their own groups, parents have their own session with Fr Peter or a catechist. These sessions commence in September, and will be held at St Dominic's, one Saturday per month. The timing of the sessions will depend on the group. For more information contact Fr Peter Randall by 18 August, to help us to prepare dates and groups. [prandallsj@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:prandallsj@jesuit.org.uk) 07852 591292

## ST DOMINIC'S SVP

The St Dominic's Conference of Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) is twinned with the SVP Conference at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Assumption, Vellore, in the province of Tamil Nadu, Southern India. SVP St Dominic's are sponsoring a project with SVP in Vellore where local people are trained in tailoring skills, and equipment is provided so that they can be self supporting and in future can train others in those skills and so future generations can be self supporting. This is only a small part of SVP work in the area and beyond but for it to continue SVP is in need of new blood. For further information contact John Doyle by e mail - [jdoyle67@btinternet.com](mailto:jdoyle67@btinternet.com) or phone 0793 3005840.

## LISTENING FROM THE HEART

**St Mary's Cathedral Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 12.45pm-3.30pm**

Does the Israeli/Palestinian conflict leaving you feeling confused/angry/determined to know more?

*Listening from the Heart* is a video-based programme in which parents from both sides who have lost children in the conflict meet and speak very openly.

It's a programme which does not resolve the conflict but helps us to understand it from different points of view.

You can come for a little while or stay for the whole session.

Further information on the programme can be found at [www.parentscirclefriends.org/listening/](http://www.parentscirclefriends.org/listening/)



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Join us for social time in the Chaplaincy Room after Sunday Mass at St Andrew's.

CHAPLAINCY EVENTS WILL RESUME IN THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

