



NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP



THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE

In the pastoral care of Bishop Stephen Wright



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th February 2024 (*Year B*)

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Freedom is a precious commodity; it gives us the time to decide what we want to do with our lives and the space to make that happen. With freedom, however, comes responsibility. We live in the world; our lives are full of choices, and it is these choices that will indicate whether we follow the Lord's teaching, or we allow the world to dictate our way of life. Nobody is truly free, but if we follow God's way then we may find that our freedom can free others and fill our world with joy and peace.

Job never seems to be free of the worries and concerns of life. He is a good man who has lost everything, even faith in God. He is at his lowest ebb, worn down by the tragic events he has suffered. He has lost hope, he is far from joy; life is passing him by. The book of Job is very long, a dialogue with three friends and with God. In the end God listens to Job's prayers for his friends and restores to him all he has lost and more.

Paul finds his freedom in being a slave to God's work; he does this willingly so that those who listen to him find their freedom in Christ. He finds his reward in saving souls for the Lord, his peace in gathering a share of God's blessings.

Today's passage from Mark reminds us that the ministry of Christ is like a runaway train, he has set off and his life, his freedom, is forfeit to his mission. The demands on His time come from all sides and He must find His freedom when He can. Our lives can be like that, we must build a time for ourselves, for our freedom, perhaps. Like Jesus, we need to find a lonely place for it is in prayer that we find the transforming grace of Christ. When our burdens become too heavy, we need to find a quiet place and sit in prayer with Jesus. Then we will feel His arm around our shoulders and His word in our hearts "Do not be afraid, I am with you always".

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)

Newcastle Hospitals Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Mariadass (0191) 273 3903 or 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 ST DOMINIC'S

Ash Wednesday is 14 February. The Ash distributed comes from burning the previous year's palms. Do you have any palms at home? If so please bring them along and place them in the basket at the back of the church. Thank you..

St Joseph's Altar. Work needs to be carried out in the coming weeks to make safe the Maria Cosway painting above the altar and the St Elizabeth window to the left of the altar. **For your safety** we ask that you don't use the area in front of the altar until the necessary work has been carried out. The candles from this area are now by the Sacred Heart Altar.

Preparing for the Sacraments. We continue to pray for the children preparing for First Holy Communion and for those adults preparing for Confirmation at Easter. We welcome into the parish community those children who have been baptised recently.

NEWS FROM ST ANDREW'S

White Flower Appeal. Many thanks to all who were able to contribute financially to the recent appeal made by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. Your donations raised £160.50.

PREPARING FOR LENT AND EASTER

Ash Wednesday falls on 14 February this year. Good Friday is 29 March and Easter Sunday 31 March.

We will shortly be making available the schedule of Lent, Holy Week and Easter liturgies throughout the City Centre Partnership.

ASSOCIATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Association of the Eucharist is holding its monthly Holy Hour on **Sunday, 4 February** from 2.30pm-3.30pm, followed by refreshments at St Andrew's. All are most welcome to attend.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral on **Saturday, 17 February** at 12.00pm to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage and Family Life. This is taking place during National Marriage Week. All married couples will be invited with particular focus on those celebrating a significant anniversary together with bereaved spouses, separated individuals and families experiencing or having experienced domestic difficulties. In these unprecedented times we remember couples in crisis and individual adults and children experiencing difficulties and abuse in their family relationships. We wish all to know that none is forgotten and that the Sacramental life is very much alive and prayed for. Please note that there will be no 10am Mass on this day.

'REAWAKENING THE CATHOLIC VISION'

How can the Catholic Church understand and respond to an increasingly disaffected and disengaged generation? A conference at Trinity University, Leeds, on **Saturday, 17 February**, 9am-5pm. Tickets cost £45 or £160 (group of 4) Lunch & refreshments included. A mission marketplace with stalls on resources for evangelisation will be available. Book at:

www.trinityconcerence.co.uk Bookings close 9 Feb. Members of the Upper Room Group from the City Centre Partnership are planning to go. If you'd like to link-up with them, contact Fr Peter Randall. prandallsj@jesuit.org.uk or 07852 591292

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION

The Diocesan Rite of Election for those currently preparing to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter will take place on **Sunday, 18 February** at 3.00pm at the Cathedral We ask you remember all the candidates in your prayers as they continue on their Journey in Faith.

PROUD CATHOLICS

Sharing Our Stories with Bishop Stephen: Do you identify as LGBTQ+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBTQ+ Catholics in the North East? The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Andrew's. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 20 February**, at 7.30pm. The group welcomes Bishop Stephen for prayer and share experiences as LGBTQ+ Catholics in parishes and as members of Proud Catholics. There will be an opportunity for reflection on the future of LGBTQ+ ministry in the Diocese, as well as the usual social time and shared refreshments. Zoom link available, get in touch if interested. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit the website proud Catholics.co.uk

SVP HOLY ISLAND CAMP

Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2024? Let them join us for a week on Holy Island. They'll stay in our Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe, fun time. We do lots of interesting and enjoyable activities such as rock pooling, longball, football, rounders, walking, craft and art, table tennis, long ball, quizzes and competitions and marathons as well as laser tag, silly sports, sandcastle building, swimming and scavenger hunts. Girls and boys can be aged 9-12 and it is a great way for them to meet new people and make friends from all over the North East. A week's all-inclusive holiday costs a donation of £150 and can be paid in instalments. In some circumstances children may be able to receive partial or full funding to attend. If you're interested, or know of a child who could benefit from such a holiday, please visit our website for further details at svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island

ST DOMINIC'S ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) CONFERENCE

The SVP Conference at St Dominic's was established in 1908 and has worked within the Parish continuously since. However in recent years although the number of members has diminished the Conference has worked tirelessly to help those in need in the Parish and beyond. However following the recent passing of the driving force, Peter Eggleston recruitment of new members is essential to ensure the good work of the last 116 years can continue. Full support, training and assistance will be given to new members. Further information can be provided. Please contact John Doyle Tel 0793 3005840 or email jdoyle67@btinternet.com.

IS GOD CALLING ME TO BE A PRIEST?

The Vocations Team extends an invitation to men aged 18+, who might be experiencing the call from God to discern priesthood to join the Vocations Team in finding out more. These monthly meetings will take place at Sr Joseph's Church, Thorneyholme Terrace, Stanley. The evening begins at 6pm and ends at 8pm. The next meeting is **Tuesday 6 February** and then 5 March, 9 April and 7 May. If you would like to attend, or for more information, please contact the Vocations Promoter, Fr Shaun Purdy by email: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk or on 01207 299012.

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.

To pray is one of the most rewarding actions of our lives, but praying is not easy. Many of us struggle to find the words. There are prayers in books and missals, but they never seem to say what we are trying to say. Pope Francis has designated 2024 as "the Year of Prayer" and so gives us an opportunity to discover anew, how to pray.

Each week there will be an example of a prayer taken from the Sunday Scriptures, the hope is that these prayers will encourage you to think more deeply about your prayer life and, perhaps find the words to express your hopes and fears to the Lord.

A Prayer based on *"In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house and went off to a lonely place and prayed there."* (Mark 1: 35)

Lord, lead me to a place where I can be with you,

To speak to you of my fears, my hopes, my dreams.

A place where I can wait, patiently, for your word to come alive in me.

A place where I can find that peace which you alone can give.

And, in the busy moments of my life, when everybody is looking for me,
remind me of that lonely place that you found,
so I can sit silently at your feet and listen for your voice.

Amen



THE CYCLE OF PRAYER

In the winter months leading up to Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God;

Christian Unity; The Sick and their Carers;

Victims of Trafficking and Those who Combat it; The Unemployed



THE UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

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

Wednesdays at 6pm: CONTAGIOUS FAITH (including a hot meal of veggie pasta)

Wednesday 7 February 'The Call to Religious Life' with Sr Sheila McNamara RSCJ

Wednesday 14 February 'Journey Through Lent'

Wednesday 21 February 'Mary and the Hope of Heaven'

Wednesday 28 February 'When the Pope Calls' - In the Company of Bishop Stephen

Tuesday 13 February 'Pancake Night' 7pm at the Chaplaincy. Everyone is welcome!

Please join the Chaplaincy WhatsApp group for further details.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK IN THE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Pat Higgins RIP
	5.30pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Raymond Taylor (A)
	8am	<i>Cathedral</i>	In Thanksgiving - Melvyn Yong & Family
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Bibiana Cabral Dealmada
	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Joe & Helen McPartlin RIP
	11am	<i>St Michael's</i>	Intentions of Maureen Affleck
	11.30am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Joan Yvonne Hennity (A)
	6pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	People of the Parish
7pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	People of the Parish	
Monday 5th February <i>St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr (Memorial)</i>	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Carol Pujol RIP
	6pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday 6th February <i>St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Welfare of Tilly Valentine
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Theresa Cairns RIP
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Leo Crossling (A)
Wednesday 7th February <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Elizabeth, Molly & Members of the Hall & Tunstall Families
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Birthday Intentions of Alastair
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Bryan Crossling RIP
Thursday 8th February <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	<i>St Michael's</i>	People of the Parish
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Diamond Wedding Anniversary Intentions (P&B)
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	<i>Genevieve Brechenmacher</i>
Friday 9th February <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Bishop Richard Preston RIP
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	In Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Lady
Saturday 10th February <i>St Scholastica, Virgin (Memorial)</i>	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Bishop Richard Collins (A)
SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	In Honour of St Joseph
	5.30pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	8am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Wellbeing of Arnie & Maria
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Infali Caramo Cassama
	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Bernie Suttie RIP
	11am	<i>St Michael's</i>	Mary Dix RIP
	11.30am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Dorothy (A) & Cyril (A) Corney
	6pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	People of the Parish
	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



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