



NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP



THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE

In the pastoral care of Bishop Stephen Wright



THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24th September 2023 (Year A)

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Change occurs in our lives at unexpected moments and however much we plan events occur that leave our dreams in disarray. We try to select our moments, but God does not work to our timetable but His own, as the prophet Isaiah writes “my thoughts are not your thoughts”.

The people of Israel were often turning away from God; they foolishly believed that they were masters of their own lives and had no need for God. Today Isaiah begs them “Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near”, God's abundant mercy was always there for them but so often they turned away, even when God sent his only Son to them. God is always giving us the chance to change and turn back to him, can we, today, heed the advice of the prophet?

Paul has a dilemma, he is tired of forever moving from place to place, of facing all sorts of terrors whilst proclaiming the Good News. He has made his choice, he is for God, and his life's work is preaching and teaching the people about the faith that comes from Christ. Death will bring the glory he is hoping for, but life brings glory, every day, through the conversion of souls to faith in the Lord. He leaves with us a parting message which we should take to heart, “Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel of Christ”.

When I read the parable of the generous landowner, I experience two, very different, emotions; as one who has been in management and learned the skills of managing, in a fair way, the expectations of those who worked under my supervision, I am horrified by the thought of rewarding someone who has worked for an hour with the same wage one gives for a full day. I can almost hear the Trade Union official knocking on my office door. However, as one who has worked with people in a church setting, who come to faith at various stages of their lives, I also believe that the generous love of God has no limits, that our concept of fairness is based on our limited human capacity for love, while God's love is abounding in mercy, forgiveness, and acceptance, no matter how late the hour. God chooses the moment when He calls to us, it may be the first hour, it may be the last, who are we to know the mind of God.

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)

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ALL ARE WELCOME

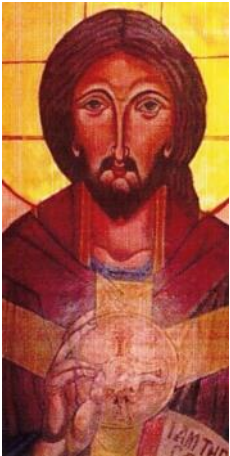
The City Centre Partnership aims to be welcoming and inclusive to all, and it is always a joy to welcome to our celebrations of Holy Mass those of our sisters and brothers who are not in full communion with the Catholic Church. If you are not (yet) a Catholic or are indisposed to receive Our Lord in 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 to 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.

THE ICON OF CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

The Diocesan Icon of Christ the Eternal High Priest is making its way around the 18 Partnerships in the Diocese and will be in the City Centre Partnership throughout September. During September there will be various opportunities for us to come together to pray more fervently for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.



*Heavenly Father,
in Baptism you called us by name
and made us members of your family, the Church.*

*Help all your people
to know their vocation in life,
and to respond by living a life of holiness.*

*For your greater glory and for the service of your people,
raise up dedicated and generous men who will serve
as priests for the Church of Hexham and Newcastle.*

*Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen our communities,
our seminarians and all who are discerning their vocation.
Amen.*

NEWS FROM ST MICHAEL'S

Anniversary Mass. To celebrate St Michael's Patronal Festival in Our 150th Year, Bishop Stephen will celebrate Solemn Mass on **Friday 29 September** at 10am, at which we will be joined by our entire school. All are welcome

NEWS FROM ST DOMINIC'S

Retiring Collection at all Masses this weekend for **Education Sunday**. As the new academic year starts this is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 175 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. We pray for all pupils in our partnership as they prepare for the new challenges they face in the new academic year. A warm welcome is extended to all students as they return to their studies and they can be assured of the support of the parish. Thank you for your generosity.

St Catherine's is our parish Primary School. There are still a few places available in Nursery (Age 3+ years) and Reception Class. For more information contact Miss Hoey - Head Teacher. Tel:(0191) 2326803.

ASSOCIATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Hour next Sunday, **1 October**, at St Andrew's from 2.30-3.30, followed by refreshments. All are welcome to attend.

CITY CENTRE PARKING PERMITS

Newcastle City Council has once again agreed to extend the Sunday Parking Permit arrangement for a further six month period. The cost is £10 and the permit will be valid from 1 October until 31 March 2024. The permits, are available from the back of the Cathedral from this Sunday and then from the Cathedral Office Monday to Friday 10.00am – 2.00pm and at the back of the Cathedral after all Sunday Masses. Permits will also be available at St Andrew's.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Diocesan Environment Group invites you to attend online event to mark the Season of Creation which will take place via Zoom at 10.00 – 12.00pm on **Saturday 30 September**. You will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers about the Season of Creation. We will be reflecting on the Season of Creation, progress made over the last few months, with updates from parishes and schools working towards the Live Simply Award also sharing their good practice, looking ahead, plus a Q&A session with members of the DEG. Bishop Stephen has confirmed he is able to attend to give the opening address and participate in the event, including the Q&A session. Places can be booked by visiting diocesehn.org.uk.

CATHOLIC VOICES

The Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Joe Ronan speaking about *Catholic Voices* in St Mary's Church Hall, Cullercoats on Wednesday, **27 September**, at 7.30pm. Catholic Voices is a project which aims to improve the Church's representation in the media, above all in news programmes and debates. It trains speakers via its national speakers' training programme. In the last few years, it has also trained speakers to give talks in parishes about the Catholic Voices method and how to use it to talk about controversial issues involving the Church. Joe has been with Catholic Voices since 2013 and is Chair of Trustees.

FIRST STEPS

Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? *First Steps* is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or their relationship with God. Perhaps you were baptised a Catholic, but didn't make First Communion, or receive Confirmation, or were baptised as a member of another Christian Church, or have never been baptised at all. If you are currently wondering whether joining the Catholic Church is the next step for you this may be the way forward. For further information, or to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3sHgZOF>. In previous years, some people have attended First Steps as a prerequisite to joining their local RCIA programme. First Steps online begins on Wednesday 11 October at 7 pm for 7 weeks and will be delivered via Zoom. Further information and the registration link can be found at www.diocesehn.org.uk

PRO LIFE PILGRIMAGE

A Pro Life Pilgrimage of prayers and reparation for the sanctity of life is planned to take place at Osmotherley, North Yorkshire on **Saturday 7 October**. For further details please contact Marileine on 07813 180340 or 0191 285 4395.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS EXHIBITION

The Association of the Eucharist warmly invite you to attend an exhibition about Blessed Carlo Acutis and the late teenager's inspiring documentation of Eucharistic Miracles from around the world. The exhibition will be held at St Joseph's, Gateshead, NE8 1LX from **Saturday 14 October to Saturday 28 October**. Bishop Emeritus Seamus Cunningham will celebrate the opening Mass, there will also be a guest speaker and a time of adoration. For the remaining two weeks, the exhibition will be available to visit for a period of time each day. Further details will be made available soon.

RAINBOWS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The North East Team of Rainbows is seeking to recruit local volunteers to work alongside their existing team of professional volunteers who train school staff to deliver age-appropriate peer support programmes for Children and Young People in both Primary and Secondary Schools. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact:- Ruth Higginbottom, Rainbows North East Secretary at rainbows.northeast@btconnect.com Or telephone 01670 518546. Check out their website for more information of the work of Rainbows, rainbowsgb.org

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. The evenings will take place at the Cloister Cafe, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on **Tuesday 3 October** and **Tuesday 5 December**. We start at 6.00pm with a period of prayer, talk/discussion, followed by a meal together, finishing around 8.00pm. If you would like to attend, or for more information, please contact the Vocations Promoter, Fr Shaun Purdy by email: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER

During Ordinary Time from September to Advent we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel;

Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation;

Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families



THE UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

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

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL STUDENTS IN OUR CITY

Welcome Meal

On Wednesday 27th September we have our WELCOME MEAL for all students at 7pm. It's free but please book with Mia

Tynemouth Trip

On 1st October we have our trip to Tynemouth! Visit the market and enjoy the beach.
Meet at 12:30pm at Monument Metro station by the ticket machines (pay for your own travel).

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK IN THE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

<b style="color: red;">SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER <b style="color: red;">The Twenty Fifth Sunday in <b style="color: red;">Ordinary Time	5pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Mollie Ridley
	5.30pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Thomas Hughes (A)
	8am	<i>Cathedral</i>	People of the Parish
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	People of the Parish
	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Deceased Members of the Aynsley & Kerr Families
	11am	<i>St Michael's</i>	People of the Parish
	11.30am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Howard Baker (A)
	6pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Kris Moore RIP
Monday 25th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Welfare of Rohan Nair
	6pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Kevin Francis Treanor RIP
Tuesday 26th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Eileen Dodds RIP
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	In Honour of St Joseph
Wednesday 27th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Sr Colette O'Hare - 90th Birthday Intentions
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Pamela Lamb
Thursday 28th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	<i>St Michael's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Nesa Aissatu Sow
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Elsie T Lumbania (A)
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 29th September <i>Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast) (Solemnity at St Michael's)</i>	<u>10am</u>	<i>St Michael's</i>	150th Anniversary Mass
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Intentions of Errington Family
	12.05pm	<i>Cathedral</i>	Michael & Norah Welton - Wedding Anniversary Intentions
	5.30pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Anne Lamb & Deceased Members of the Jones Family
Saturday 30th September <i>St Jerome, Priest, Doctor (Memorial)</i>	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Sr Patricia Bell - Diamond Anniversary Thanksgiving
<b style="color: red;">SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER <b style="color: red;">The Twenty Sixth Sunday in <b style="color: red;">Ordinary Time	5pm	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Anne & Bob Rourke RIP
	5.30pm	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Cuthbert Ridley
	8am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Birthday Thanksgiving - Grace & Giana
	10am	<i>St Dominic's</i>	Celebrant's Intention
	10am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Welfare of the Nair Family
	11am	<i>St Michael's</i>	People of the Parish
	11.30am	<i>Cathedral</i>	Adong Harriet & Francis Oroma Xavier (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	

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