

Sick and Retired Priests Collection

The Sick and Retired Priests Fund closes this weekend. Any donations should be placed in an envelope and clearly marked.

Welcome

Tonight we welcome Fr Sean Purdy from St Aidan's Ashington who will celebrate our vigil Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday morning before Mass and it is a wonderful time for quiet prayer. Please come along if you are able to. *[all we ask is that is that you come in quietly as voices can be easily heard in Church].*

Tea and Coffee after Mass

We have Tea and Coffee available after the Vigil Mass each Saturday evening and we invite you to come along and join in.

Celebration of Marriage

Bishop Séamus will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 5th May at 11.00am to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage. He has invited each parish community to be represented by at least two couples, young or old, newly married or celebrating a significant anniversary. In addition, everyone is welcome to attend. This promises to be a wonderful celebration and will provide affirmation and support for Marriage across the diocese and to the wider North-East community.



Mass Intention Envelopes

Please use the brown envelopes available, ensure the offerings are sealed inside and the details completed on the front of the envelope.

DVD Course on Our Lady

During May St Robert's, Morpeth will be holding a video Course from CaFE on Our Lady, led by Fr Peter. This will begin on Thursday 10th May (Ascension Thursday) at 10am in the Church Hall at St Robert's. The first day will consist of two videos (a double session), so will be a little longer than normal, but then all other sessions will be on Thursday 17th, 24th and 31st May at 10am for about one hour.



Rosary on the Coast

This Sunday is the national Spiritual event, "Rosary on the Coast" (Sunday 29th April). We do hope you will feel able to come along and join in 3pm at St Bartholomew's Anglican Church at Church Point, Newbiggin.

Baptism Preparation

The next meeting for Baptism Preparation will be held on Thursday 17th May at 7.30pm at St Robert's. Any parents wishing to organise a Baptism should make an appointment to discuss this with Fr. Peter or Deacon Stephen. For Baptism, one parent of the child to be baptised must be a baptised Catholic. Mass on a Saturday Evening or a Sunday is expected. One of the godparents is also expected to be a practising Catholic. We ask parents also to attend the Baptism Preparation meeting. These meetings alternate between Morpeth and Bedlington. After the Baptism Course, the parents should then make an appointment to fix a date for a Baptism. PLEASE NOTE: dates are not usually given before the Baptism Preparation Meeting.

"Immortal Diamond" Group

We are offering a series of sessions of group reflection and sharing based on Richard Rohr's book "Immortal Diamond: The Search for Our True Self" (required reading). Group meetings will take place on the last Wednesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, beginning on 25 April; at Our Lady and St Joseph's Parish House, New Hartley. If you are interested in this course, please contact; Mary McCullough on ☎ 01665 712247 or mary.mccullough@yahoo.co.uk

Apostleship of the Sea Pilgrimage

The Fifteenth Annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne will take place on Saturday 2nd June led by the Bishop Paul Mason, AoS Bishop Promoter, England & Wales. A peaceful day of prayer and reflection to pray for seafarers and for everyone involved in this ministry and charity. Everyone invited to join them on Holy Island. For further information contact Regional Port Chaplains; Paul Atkinson (07906 212426) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924504).

Diocesan Festival June 2018

The sixth Diocesan Festival takes place on Saturday 23 – Sunday 24 June at the Youth Village in Consett. This year's theme is 'Encounter' with talks from Magnus MacFarlane -Barrow OBE [Mary's Meals founder], Sr. Judith Russi and Sara Bryson, including prayer, liturgy, reflection, discussion and music. You are warmly invited to experience the festival as a parish group, as a family or as individuals. Everyone is welcome. Booking forms will be sent to parishes shortly and can be downloaded below. For more information, email: festival@diocesehn.org.uk or contact the team on 01207 592244.

Diocesan Vocations Evening

For those thinking about Priesthood (aged 16 and over), an evening of prayer and reflection with an opportunity to listen to speakers talk about their own discernment, faith journeys and vocations will be held on Wednesday 23rd May at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, between 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Further details are available Fr. David Smith, on ' 0191 262 3882.

Helping our young people

A conference will take place on Saturday 12th May at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn to help parishes and partnerships engage with young people in their communities. The conference is for everyone who is concerned about our young people, for all catechists, and will offer inspiring examples of good practice. The conference fee is £10 and includes lunch. Further details are in the booking forms available in parishes, downloadable from www.ymt.org or contact admin@ymt.org

Diocesan Days of Reflection

Days of Reflection for All Ministries are to be held at Ushaw College, Durham on Saturday 19th May, from 10.30am - 3.30pm and at St. Joseph Parish Hall, Gateshead on Saturday 2 June from 10.30am - 3.30pm. These days are for anyone involved in Parish Ministry in any way. However, BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL AS PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED. To book a place directly, contact the Department for Liturgy on :- Tel : 0191 243 3312 e-mail: liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk

Collections

Offertory for Saturday 22nd April £247.50
And £173.60 for The Little Sisters of the Poor.

Vocations Weekend for young women

The FCJ Sisters are holding a discernment weekend for women in their 20s and 30s, on "Discerning God's Call in my life" from 25th—27th May at Liverpool. There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org #

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Pilgrimage is from 27th July to 3rd August, with a direct flight from Newcastle Airport. 2018 marks the 160th Anniversary of the Apparitions in Lourdes to St Bernadette. See Fr Peter for further details or for a Booking Form. The pilgrimage has a Youth Section for all 15 to 25 year olds. The pilgrimage also runs a special section for those who need care and assistance. Please speak to Fr Peter for further details.

Pilgrimage Appeal for Adult Helpers

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is entirely dependent on its many volunteers who give up generously of their time and pay for their own pilgrimage to Lourdes to enable the sick pilgrims to go to Lourdes. To volunteer as an adult helper you don't need any experience or qualification. All that is required is that you are willing to help during the pilgrimage, are in reasonable health and undertake (or already hold) an enhanced DBS check with the Diocese. Forms are downloadable from the website or Tel: 01670 513410 [Fr Peter Stott]. www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk If you would like further information on ways in which you could help, then please contact Elaine Scannell, (President of Hospitalité) on 0191 478 7864 or by email: elaine.scan@btinternet.com

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 28th April	5.30pm Vigil Mass	Margaret Faulder	5th Sunday of Easter
Monday 30th April	10.00 am	Word & Communion Service	Weekday of Easter
Tuesday 1st May	10.00am	Word & Communion Service	Weekday of Easter
Wednesday 2nd May	10.00am	Word & Communion Service	St Athanasius
Thursday 3rd May	10.00am	Word & Communion Service	Ss Philip & James
Friday 4th May	10.00am	Word & Communion Service	The English Martyrs
Saturday 5th May	5.30pm Vigil Mass	People of Parish	6th Sunday of Easter

Devotions this week

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Friday	9.20am - 9.50am
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday	5.00pm - 5.15pm
The Rosary	Saturday	5.00pm

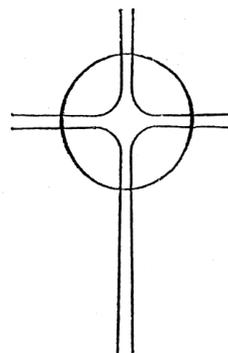
Please pray for:

- all who are sick, especially the housebound and those in hospital,
- all who have died,
- all whose anniversaries occur at this time



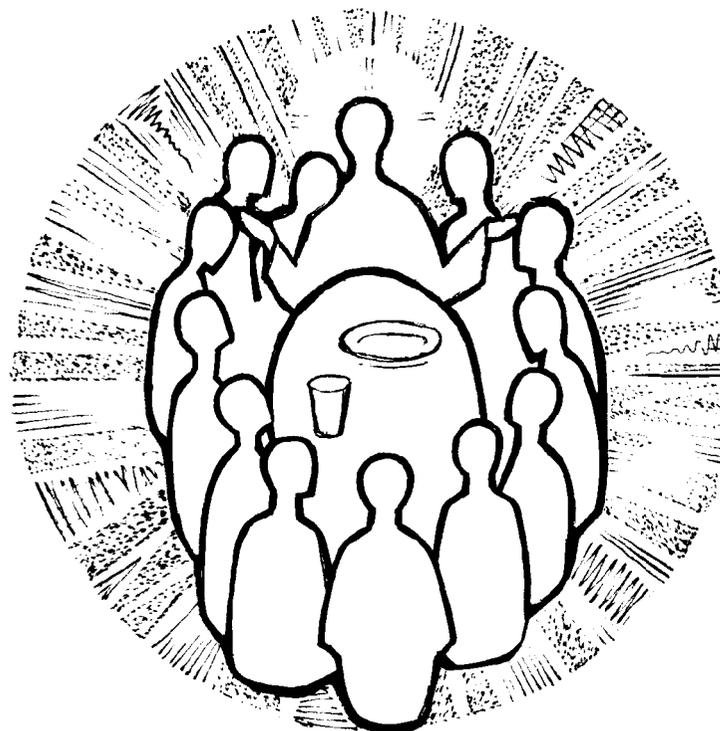
Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for April 2018

For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters: That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.



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Fifth Sunday of Easter | 29th April 2018