



Jesmond St Mary Partnership

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Diocesan News

New Bishop for Hexham and Newcastle - Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Robert Byrne as Bishop of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Bishop Byrne will be the fourteenth Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle.

Bishop Séamus has therefore been appointed as Apostolic Administrator, by Pope Francis, until Bishop Robert's installation on 25th March 2019.

Spirituality in Times of Trauma – on Saturday 23rd March there will be the second Ministry of Consolation day led by Bishop John Wilson who was involved in supporting people in the aftermath of the murder of Ann Maguire in Corpus Christi, Leeds and the Grenfell Tower fire. The day will take place at Ushaw College from 10-15 am until 3-30 pm. The day is free but donations would be welcomed. To reserve a place, please complete a booking form and return it to the Department for Spirituality. Contact Anne Grant or one of the welcomers for an application form.

Music and Worship with Matt Maher – On Wednesday 29th May from 7-00 to 9-00 pm St Mary's Cathedral are hosting an evening of Praise, Worship and Adoration led by eight times Grammy nominee Matt Maher. He is an international Christian music artist who has had success writing and recording songs. One of the highlights of his ministry was leading three million young people in adoration as he knelt on the stage with Pope Francis in Rio at 2013 World Youth Day. Entry by Ticket only – price £10. See poster on notice board for details.

Partnership News

Liturgy of Mercy - There will be a Liturgy of Mercy for our Partnership at St Teresa's Church, Heaton Road Heaton NE6 5HN on Sunday 17th March 2019 at 4.00 pm. Priests will be available for confession. Prayer Stations will be displayed and there will be light refreshments afterwards. The music is being specially prepared for us by Voices of Hope. Everyone is welcome. There will be no other Lenten service in any JSM parish that afternoon.

Rough Sleeping Initiative - a new initiative www.streetzero.org, which is combating rough sleeping in Newcastle. Various groups are already on board but at the moment there is no representative from the Catholic diocese on the Board and Fr Chris wondering if anyone would be interested in representing the diocese. Please get in touch with Fr Chris if you would like to know more. You can contact email: him_chris1707hughes@live.co.uk or 0191 257 5801.

St Columba's Pilgrimage – to Lisieux and Lourdes in July this year leaves Wallsend on 24th July arriving at Lisieux in the evening of that day and spends two nights there. The following morning they will leave for Lourdes where they will join the Diocesan pilgrimage, leaving Lourdes on 1st August to return to Wallsend on 2nd. Price is approximately £700 based on full board sharing 9 there are no single rooms available. There are eight places available - to request a booking form or more details contact Fr David Smith at Our Lady and St Columba's, Wallsend.

The Minutes for the January meeting of JSM Partnership PDG are on St Aidan's website. A paper copy is on the notice board.

The monthly Diocesan Communications E-Newsletter communications@rcdhn.org.uk now includes Partnership News.

St. Aidan's
Coach Lane, Benton, NE12 8AD
www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com

Thanks to all the children (and their parents / grandparents / friends) who collected money in their Smarties tubes before Christmas and for their suggestions of gifts to buy with the donations. The money raised has been sent to CAFOD to purchase the following gifts:

3 Mosquito nets to keep families living in makeshift refugee camps safe from diseases;

Chirpy chickens so the poorest people have eggs to eat and sell;

The goat that gives which will provide up to 12 pints of milk a week and will also produce free fertiliser to help grow crops;

Water for a family to provide safe water for drinking and cooking.

Many thanks to all parishioners for their generous donations.

December:

Loose plate £1350, Gift Aid envelopes £512, Standing orders £643

Fund raising (raffle) £69.00

Special collection (Fr John home town cyclone appeal) £201.00

Advent collection £181.00, Fundraising(Christmas raffle) £145.00

Christmas offering £10

January:

Loose plate £738.50; Gift Aid Envelopes £360.50;

Please Pray for our Sick and Housebound Parishioners:

St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus

Heaton Road, Heaton, NE6 5HN

office@stteresasheaton.org.uk / www.stteresasheaton.org.uk

Tuesday Ladies – the Ladies will be out for morning coffee on Tuesday 19th February.

Baby & Toddler group - is not on next week as it is half term. We will start again on Tuesday 26th February 9 -11am. All babies and toddlers welcome to come along and enjoy some playing, singing and socialising.

Coffee in the Porch: The Coffee Servers and Bakers would like to take this opportunity to thank you all again for your generous donations. Since September 2018 nearly £500 has been given to charities, a full list of those charities supported is in the porch. If anyone would like to volunteer to serve coffee or bake please give your details to a Welcomer or coffee server. We are hopeful that if there is enough volunteers you will only be called upon once every two months or so, as they say, many hands make light work and you will be helping support good causes as well as providing an opportunity for parishioners to meet in a welcoming atmosphere. Thank you again for your support.

Children's Liturgy - will start again after half term. If you would like to help out with children's Liturgy, please see one of the Welcomers.

Please keep our sick and elderly parishioners in your prayers this week. Anyone who would like a home visit, or Communion, please inform the parish office.

Prayers etc.

RACIAL JUSTICE - Reflection

On Racial Justice Sunday we are invited to root our prayer and practical work for racial justice in our response to how God speaks to us in the scriptures at Mass this weekend. The focus of the Sunday this year is the exploitation of workers – both migrant workers in general and particularly victims of trafficking and slavery. For over a hundred and twenty years the Catholic Church has championed the rights of workers because of what we believe about the dignity of every person created in God's image and the nature of human work itself, as being part of how God wants us to fulfil his will for us in our lives. Moreover the rise of populist nationalism – in this country, the rest of Europe and throughout the world – has led to an increase in racial discrimination and hatred which Christians need to discern and denounce.

The prophet Jeremiah in our first reading this Sunday (17: 5-8) is facing in his society a level of moral chaos and political disintegration which perhaps we can recognise. But his call to the people and their rulers is to trust in God and not in 'man' - human institutions, especially the power of the State, which has always claimed so much power over people's lives. For Christians trusting in God rests on the resurrection of Christ from the dead, the belief which defines us as a community, which St Paul reflects about in our second reading from 1 Corinthians (15:12, 16-20). Those who oppress others in the world put before people false heroes and role models based on power and violence: by contrast our God is one who was crucified as a common criminal and who came back to life through God's power.

Luke's version of Jesus' Beatitudes (6:17, 20-26) unambiguously shows God as being on the side of the poor in history. The poor who suffer now will be vindicated by God. Moreover in Luke's version Jesus who tells the poor that they are blessed and happy also tells the rich that the tables will be turned and that they will be punished: perhaps this is why Luke's version of the Beatitudes is less well known than Matthew's. All of us are challenged today to put the poor first, especially migrants and others who are victims of labour exploitation.

Ministries

St. Aidan's Eucharistic Ministers and Readers				
Date	Host	Chalice	Chalice	Reader
17 February	Pat A	Terry L	Margaret A	Sr Dorothy
24 February	Julia F	Bernie L	Giovanni M	Tobin T
Dene Park Rest Home Sunday Visitor				
17 February	Julia F			
3 March	Terry L			
17 March	Alison R			

St. Teresa's Ministers				
Date	Eucharist	Reader	Prayers	Welcomer
17 th February	Andrea H Tony I Beverley PG	Michael P	Monica AT	Thomas N
24 th February	Claire H Dave H Fiona R	Owen B	Hayes Fam	Michael P

Services This Week

Day & Date	Feast	St. Aidan's	St. Teresa's
Sunday 17 th February	6 th Sunday of Year C	9:15 am Mass Special Inten- tion(T&C)	11:00 am Mass Ernie Stones (VI)
Monday 18 th February		No Service	CW & C
Tuesday 19 th February		6-30 pm Mass Frank Amis (RIP)	No Service
Wednesday 20 th February		10-00 am CW&C	6-30 pm Mass Philipson Family
Thursday 21 st February		10-00 am Mass Holy Souls	No Service
Friday 22 nd February	Chair of St Peter	10-00 am CW&C	10-00am Mass Special Intention (CO)
Sunday 24 th February	7 th Sunday of Year C	9:15 am Mass Lynn & Craig Grainger (MB)	11:00 am Mass Bob Currie (VI)

CW&C – Celebration of the Word and Communion

- * **Confessions** - St Aidan's Tuesday 6-00 pm;
- St Teresa's Wednesday 6-00 pm

- * **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**
- St Aidan's Tuesday 6-00 pm
- St Teresa's Wednesday 6-00 pm

