

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

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During this season of Lent, and through the reminders of the Scripture passages this Sunday, we are all called to return to the Lord and obey His Law once again. Just as the Lord cleared the corruption of the Temple we are also called to clear our own body, mind, heart and soul from the corruption of sin as we too are temples because God's spirit lives in in. When we come to worship God we must put aside all distractions, Jesus wants us to experience the joy and peace of undistracted devotion to Him.

*Jesus, my life is filled with lots of thoughts, words and activities. Please show me which of them are good and which are not, so I can be like God's Temple, empty of anything wrong and filled with your love. Amen.*


**Summary of Listening Exercises, result of questionnaire and Bishop Stephen's response.**

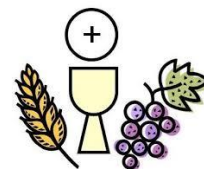
On our diocesan website <https://diocesehn.org.uk/> you will find all the summaries from the various listening exercises that have been running since the summer of 2023, and the results of the Questionnaire for the Dicastery of Bishops Report from March 2023. These are together with Bishop Stephen's response to what has been presented to him. He reflects on the past, present and our future together. The documentation is necessarily lengthy, too lengthy for a pastoral letter.

**LOUDfence . . .** St. Mary's Cathedral and Newcastle Cathedral 3rd - 6th March. Welcome to all. Together with the Diocese of Newcastle, our diocesan family is privileged to be hosting a LOUDfence at St. Marys' Cathedral and at Newcastle Cathedral. It will begin at the 11.30am Sunday Mass on the 3rd March at St. Mary's Cathedral and end with a Service of the Word at Newcastle Cathedral on the 6th March at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to these liturgies and to visit both Cathedrals during the days to offer their prayers and support for all who have suffered abuse within church communities and all contexts. We are invited to leave prayers and messages, together with provided items like the prayer ribbons presented to Bishop Stephen at his Installation Mass, which are still tied to his Bishop's Chair. People can leave their prayers and messages within or outside of the Cathedrals, recognising some people would rather not enter a place of worship. There will be people available for pastoral accompaniment if that is requested. As a diocesan family we pray for all who have suffered abuse and recognise our shared duty to safeguard the vulnerable.

**Cleveland Newman Circle . . .** 'Madonna House' spirituality ~ more than meets the eye! The speaker is Jeanne Guillemette of Madonna House, Robin Hood's Bay. The talk is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March in Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall, TS8 OTW at 7.45pm. (coffee/tea from 7.30pm). All welcome. For more details tel. 01642 645732 or e-mail: [p.egerton123@gmail.com](mailto:p.egerton123@gmail.com)

**The Vicariate for Faith and Mission have produced booklets of Daily Lenten Reflections** which are available for viewing, downloading and printing from the Diocesan website. As we prepare to commemorate Jesus' salvific death and resurrection at Easter, we hope that this year's edition will once again foster prayerful reflection on the Scriptures and a renewed sense of purpose and hope amongst the people of the Diocese.

| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>   |           |  |   |
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| 3  | Sunday    | 9.00am   | Dennis Watt   |
| 4  | Monday    | 9.15am<br>5.30pm   | Nicola Holmes<br>Medjugorje Rosary ~ All welcome  |
| 5  | Tuesday   |  |   |
| 6  | Wednesday |  |   |
| 7  | Thursday  | 12 Noon<br>6.00pm  | Requiem Mass ~ Lawrie Ryan<br>Stations of the Cross & Exposition<br>of the Blessed Sacrament. |
| 8  | Friday    |  | No Mass   |
| 9  | Saturday  | 9.15am   | Eileen and Craig Chapman  |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>   |           |  |   |
| 10   | Sunday    | 9.00am   | People of our Parish  |
| <b>Anniversaries:</b>  |           | John Cawley, Terence Murphy, Sarah Todd,<br>Eileen Chapman   |   |
|  |           | Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret<br>Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie<br>Owens, Andrew Brydon, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno,<br>Brian Lee, Kathleen Hanley, Samuel Kiberu Brian<br>Wetherell, Sheila Kerr, Joyce Thomas |   |
| <b>Reader for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March ~ Maurice Ward</b>                      |           |  |   |
| For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003                     |           |  |   |



### **Year of Prayer 2024**

Prayer helps us renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and thank him for the many gifts of his love.

*Grant us a pure heart. May the gift of your Holy Spirit enable us to see your presence in our sisters and brothers, that we may love each other with the same unconditional love. Amen.*

### **Pope's Prayer Intention for March . . . For New Martyrs**

~ Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.



**The Stations of the Cross** this week will be led by the SPUC, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7pm. Deacon Mick will lead on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March and the Reader's Group on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:** Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

**The SPUC Club Draw** will take place on Sunday, 17 March 2024. Could you please let Christine, Maurice or Eileen have any outstanding monies. Thank you.

**St. John Passion** (J.S.Bach) ~ Cleveland Philharmonic Choir and Mowbray Orchestra. Stockton Baptist Church, TS18 1TE on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Tickets are £18 for an adult and £5 for student/child. Tickets are available from [www.clevelandphilharmonicchoir/concerts](http://www.clevelandphilharmonicchoir/concerts) or by telephoning 07910 381258.

**The Band of the Royal Yorkshire Regiment.** St. Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets for this event are free. Please telephone 01642 597750.