



Sunday 28th April, 2024

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This Sunday's gospel is a call to strengthen our relationship with Christ in order to continue to live in Him. The type of relationship that should exist between us and Christ is illustrated using the relationship between a vine and its branches. No branch can have life or bear fruit on its own, unless it is firmly attached to a tree. Likewise, in our spiritual life and journey as Christians, we cannot do without being firmly attached to Christ the vine, in whose name we were baptized. We are created, and called to remain in Christ for a purpose, and this purpose is to bear fruits in him. Jesus depends on us to be his hands and his voice carrying His care to others.

"Be kind and merciful and let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes and kindness in your smile." (St Teresa of Calcutta)

The Sick and Retired Priests' Collection will remain open until this weekend for anyone who might like to make further or individual donations. This collection goes to support our Sick and Retired Priests who have served our diocese over many years and we wish to make sure that this Fund is also there for future retired priests. Thank you for the generosity shown so far.

If you are interested and would like to become a reader at Mass on Sunday morning then please contact Paul Delplanque by email pauldelp1@yahoo.co.uk, text message or call 07743351674 or simply see me after Mass. Currently our volunteer readers are only required to read once every four months.



St Patrick's Men's Club invite you to a dance on Saturday, 11th May, 8pm-11pm. Dance or sit and listen to the music of '60's or Thereabouts.' Please bring your own food and drink, tickets £6 Please contact Ken Marr to book (01642 602336) or George Hunton (07929 924302).

Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) . . Sunday 5th May, 4pm at Ushaw, please join us for Sung Vespers in St. Cuthbert's Chapel at Ushaw. Please note that this is not a concert performance, but an opportunity to pray together the Evening Prayer of the Church for the Sixth Sunday of Easter. As the format of this service may be new to some people, we will also be offering some reflections on praying Vespers as a group. All are welcome to join us for the service. No ticket is required

Diary Date: Corpus Christ . . . The Feast of Corpus Christi falls on Sunday 2nd June. Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. There is no charge for this event, but please visit Ushaw's website to register your interest so that they have an idea of the numbers attending.

5th Sunday of Easter			
28	Sunday	9.00am	Kevin McWilliams
29	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Repose of a Soul in Purgatory Medjugorje Rosary ~ All welcome
30	Tuesday		
1	Wednesday		
2	Thursday	6.00pm	Divine Mercy & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3	Friday	9.15am	Special Intention
4	Saturday	9.15am	Anthony Ward
6th Sunday of Easter			
5	Sunday	9.00am	Dennis McGloin
Anniversaries:		Anne Marie Pilbin, Beryl Harley	
		Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Brian Lee, Kathleen Hanley, Samuel Kiberu Brian Wetherell, Joyce Thomas	
Reader for Sunday 5th May ~ Alfred McAndrew			
Feast Days: 29th April: St Catherine of Siena, 2nd May: St Athanasius, 3rd May: SS Philip & James, 4th May: The English Martyrs			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Please keep the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion, and their families, in your prayers.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

Parish Shop

New stock is now on display in Parish Shop. Cards for all occasions, Gifts, Statues and First Holy Communion Gifts. All welcome.

A Healing Mass for Survivors of Abuse is being held at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on Tuesday 30th April at 12.05pm, which is the day nominated by Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales as the National day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. It will be celebrated by Bishop Stephen and will have Safeguarding Team Members available after the Mass for anyone who wants to discuss issues. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Public Lecture: The renowned religious historian and former President of Magdalene College, Cambridge, Professor Eamon Duffy FSA FBA KSG will visit Holy Name Church, Jesmond, on Saturday 4th May to give his lecture 'Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson and the End of the World.' Professor Duffy will discuss Fr Benson's life and work, and that of his father, who was Archbishop of Canterbury. One of Fr Benson's brothers wrote "Land of Hope and Glory", while the other wrote the Mapp and Lucia novels. All are welcome at this non-ticketed event. 11:00 am for 11:30 am start, ends 12:30 pm, followed by cold refreshments

Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp . . . There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this summer please visit svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island. If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email: holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk