



**The 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday of  
Lent  
10<sup>th</sup> March  
2024**

**Latest News**

## **The Catholic Parishes of Jarrow**

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***Each Sunday during Lent is a Day of special prayer for  
Candidates for the Sacraments.***



**St. Mary's:** Stations of the Cross after Mass each Friday during Lent.

**St Matthews:** Stations of the Cross after Saturday Mass during Lent.

**Penitential Services** will take place at St. Matthew's Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March and at St. Bede's South Shields Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, both at 7pm.

**"No Greater love than this"** A meditation in song on the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by David Ritson. Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm, at St Matthew's, All welcome.

### **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. If you wish to have hard copies of all or parts of the suite of documents, then please contact the parish office.

**It is with great sadness** that we have to inform you of the death of Fr John McElhone who died on Wednesday 28 February 2024, aged 77, and the death of Fr Patrick Kennedy who died on Monday 4 March 2024, aged 87. Fr John served as Parish Priest at St Matthew's, August 1997 – July 2002. Fr Paddy served St Gregory's for many years in retirement. Please pray for the repose of Fr John and Fr Paddy's souls.

**Fr John McElhone's** Mass of Reception will be on Thursday 21 March at 6pm at Our Lady and Saint Aidan's, Wallsend and his Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Friday 22 March. May he rest in peace.



**Fr Patrick Kennedy's** reception into the Chapel at The Little Sisters of the Poor, Waterford, Ireland was Wednesday 6 March and his funeral was Thursday 7 March followed by burial in his family plot. May he rest in peace.

**Fr Mark Whelehan, CP: 1926 - 2024 RIP:** The reception of Fr Mark's body into St Elizabeth's church is Thursday 14th March at 4.30 pm, and his Requiem Mass will take place Friday 15th March at 12 noon followed by a private interment in the cemetery at Minsteracres. There will be a Vigil Mass of Remembrance in church on Thursday 14th at 7pm. Please be aware that for the Requiem a significant amount of the church seating will be reserved for Fr Mark's family and religious/clergy. Some mourners may need to be accommodated in either the Chapel or Library where the service will be live streamed. Due to the expected large numbers some may want to consider attending the vigil mass of remembrance on Thursday evening. The live stream Requiem will also be available to watch at home at <https://www.youtube.com/@minsteracres/streams/live>

**In your prayers,** please also remember John Whittingham, Jean Browne, and Michael Findlay, who died recently. Michael Findlay's funeral will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at St Bede's, at 9.45am

**RCIA** continues to meet on Monday evenings at 7pm at 4 Greenbank Villas.

**First Holy Communion Parents' Meetings** in St. Joseph's on Monday 11 March and in St. Bede's on Tuesday 12 March both at 7.00pm. The First Communion children meet on Wednesday 13 March in each church.

**Singing Group for St Bede's and St Joseph's,** if you would like to join the singing during Holy Week, please come along this Monday Evening at 7pm in St Bede's for a practice.

**Thank You:** Pat Cullen and family would like to thank Fr Adrian for his words of comfort and prayers on the loss of our beloved Frankie. Thanks also for the beautiful service at St. Bede's, and to all our family, friends and parishioners for all their love, support and prayers during this difficult time, we were proud and overwhelmed by the attendance at Frankie's funeral to help us celebrate his life. We are eternally grateful, God bless you all. We raised an amazing amount at church of £500 for the SVP. Thank you.

**Fr Peter Martin: Diamond Jubilee of Priesthood 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024.** As part of his anniversary celebrations Fr Peter will be concelebrating 10am Mass at St Matthew's on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. All are welcome.

**St. Bede's: Easter Sale and Raffle** 22/24<sup>th</sup> March in Church Hall, St John's Terrace Friday 11-1pm Sat and Sunday after Mass. Proceeds for St Bede's Church and CAFOD

**Bus Trips 2024:** The next trip will be to Morpeth Gathering on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April Adults £17 and child £10. All trips will leave St Bede's at 9am all proceeds to CAFOD. Tel Annetta on 421 2876. See notice board for all details of future trips.

**St. Joseph's: Community Food Bank,** can you help? We need regular food donations. Your donations of food make a huge difference, to those in need. Please leave food donations in marked box in the Church porch.

**St. Joseph's Fundraising:** Donations are needed for the Easter raffle and tombola. Easter eggs, bottles and other items gladly accepted. Please leave donations in the Church Porch for Louise and Clare. Thank you.

**St Joseph's: Anniversaries** occurring about this time: Margaret Brown, Norah Beavan, Robert Coxon, John Mulligan, Olive Kelly, Ann Taylor, James McGurk, George Burdis, & Thomas Burdis.

**St Matthew's Parish Hall Roof:** Following a required Health and Safety Inspection the flat roof on the hall has now been replaced with Diocesan approval. Thanks to R Green Roofing and thank you to the parishioners for their patience whilst these works were

**St Matthew's Family Ceilidh - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 7- 11pm.**

St Matthew's Parish Hall, with *The Whole Shebang*. Tickets - Adults £6, Children free. Raffle- 1<sup>st</sup> prize air fryer. Please bring your own food / snacks, drinks.



**St Matthew's: Gift Aid.** If you are a tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your parish donations, please contact the Parish Secretary, Marian Bradley. £4,400 was raised last year through gift aid donations.

**St. Mary's: Lenten Alms for St. Cuthbert's Care.** Marked collection box in the Narthex

**St. Mary's:** New Gift Aid and Planned Giving Envelopes are available in the Narthex. If you are not part of the scheme but would like to join, please see Brian Stenhouse.

**St. Mary's:** There are a number of leaflets, magazines and books on the shelf below the Narthex noticeboard. Please help yourself to any which take your interest. They are all free.

**St. Mary's:** Missio Magazines, Spring Issue available in the Narthex. Please take one.

**The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week in **St. Bede's** for Betty & Billy Nurse, and in **St. Joseph's** for Lawrence (Lol) Joyce.

**Newman Tyneside Circle** invites you to hear **Sue Oxley** speak about **The Five Mothers of Bernadette Soubirous and her Neglected Life**. Holy Name parish hall, Jesmond, Newcastle [*nb new venue*], Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

**Church Action on Poverty North-East AGM:** St Joseph's Gateshead Church Hall, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 5pm. Key speaker is Sue Richardson who will talk about Church Action for Tax Justice for the Common Good. All welcome, for further details please email [capnortheast@gmail.com](mailto:capnortheast@gmail.com).

**Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Job Vacancies:** **HR Adviser**, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle, full-time. Closing date: 28 March; **Cleaner**, St Cuthbert, Durham, 10 hours a week. Closing date: 15 March. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

**Sycamore - Online Sessions for Lent 2024, Thursdays during Lent 7pm to 8.15pm.** Take some time out with God during this Lenten season online (via Zoom) as we explore how we can live out our 'Ministry of Love'. 14 March "*Finding True Freedom*". 21 March "*The Meaning of Love*". **All welcome!** Each session can stand alone so there is no obligation to attend every week. To register complete the [online form](#) or call on 0191 243 3316.

**Churches Together monthly group, Dementia Empowerment and Engagement (DEEP);** for people living with dementia who would like to meet with others with dementia to share experiences and get support. The next meeting is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1pm-2.30 at St Gregory's Church Hall. For more information or a chat contact Maria Scurfield 07890910488, email [maria@ctst-nurturingdementia.org.uk](mailto:maria@ctst-nurturingdementia.org.uk)

**'The Man Who Wanted To Fly'**, author Bill Rogerson, a parishioner at St Gregory's. A bedside story published in memory of his son. Donations for the book are for the Nurturing Dementia project. If anyone is interested contact Bill on 07775309795.

**Lenten Alms Collection in support of St Cuthbert's Care** remains open during Lent. For details of their work visit: [www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk](http://www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk)

***"Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy."***

*Pope Francis*

Intentions for the Week			
<b>Sat/Sun</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>		
9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> March	St Mary's <i>Vigil</i> St Bede's St Matthew's St Joseph's	5.30pm 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>		
11 <sup>th</sup> March	St. Mary's St. Bede's	10.00am	Dec. Members of the Welsh & Donaghy Families <i>No Mass</i>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>		
12 <sup>th</sup> March	St Matthew's St Bede's	10.00am	Margaret Elaine Gaffing <i>No Mass</i>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>		
13 <sup>th</sup> March	St Matthew's St Bede's	10.00am 11.30am	Deceased members of St Matthew's Parish <i>Funeral Service: John Whittingham</i>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>		
14 <sup>th</sup> March	St Bede's	11.30am	Lina Edgar
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>		
15 <sup>th</sup> March	St Mary's	10.00am	Mary Finlay & Dec. Members of the Finlay Family
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>		
16 <sup>th</sup> March	St Bede's St Matthew's	10.00am	<i>No Mass</i> Repose of the soul of Anne Donaghy recently deceased
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>		
16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Mary's <i>Vigil</i> St Bede's St Matthew's St Joseph's	5.30pm 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish

**Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:**

**St. Bede's:** Maria Birrell, Ellen Trotter, SJ, Matthew Pimm, Hugh Kelly, a sick man, Ken Bartley, Cathy a sick person and Mgr Ronnie Brown.

**St. Joseph's:** Kathleen Maher, Lesley Brewis, S.P, Brian Race, Wendy English, Pat Huthart, Angela Smith, Christina Adamson and Sandra Leighton.

**St. Mary's:** Lawrence Rowan, a sick young man, Fr Bernard Allon, Joan Donnelly, and Clare S.

**St. Matthew's:** Amelia, BCP, Liz Jeynes, Amariye, O.H., Anne, Kath Pitman, Royston, Chloe Grace, Susan Smith, Gary Swinney, Margaret Gaffing, Jim Orange, Alan and Pauline Reynolds, John McDermottroe, Joe Haywood, Sheila Barron, Mary Rowe, Stephen & Margaret Collins, Luke Thottathill (Fr Saji's father), Sophia.



**St Matthew's: Exposition** with silent prayer Wed 7 - 8pm. Exposition 9am, Rosary 9:30am, before weekday services. Adoration with reflection and hymns, Sundays 4 - 5pm. The Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle meet Thurs 7 - 8pm, including Exposition.

**Northern Cross: March edition now on sale, price £1.50**