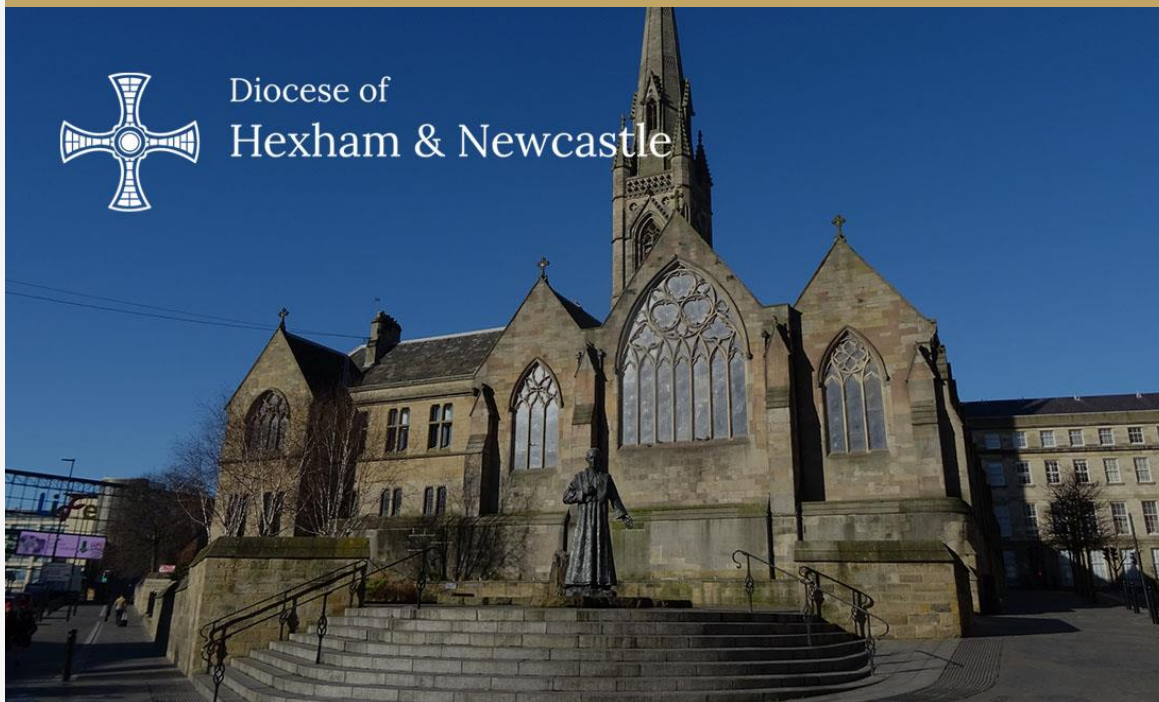




Diocese of
Hexham & Newcastle



NEWS FROM OUR VICARIATES

VICARIATE FOR CARITAS



Refugee Week

Our Home

"stretch your tents curtains wide" Isaiah 54: 2

An event to welcome and celebrate refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to our Diocese at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Tuesday 18 June at 6.30pm.

This event will celebrate the richness of our Diocesan family by bringing together people of different nationalities who make their home here in the North East of England.

We will have the opportunity to listen to people's stories, celebrate their talents and recognise that we are better off when we welcome the strangers and make them our friends.

We will hear what the Diocese has to offer and also see the gifts and talents of our new neighbours.

During the event Bishop Stephen will receive, on behalf of the whole Diocese, a Lampedusa Cross donated by CAFOD. This will then be housed in the cathedral as a sign of our commitment and welcome to those who are enriching life in our Diocese.

Everyone is welcome to join in this celebration organised by the Vicariate for Caritas.

View our event listing by [clicking here](#).



Update from the Justice & Peace Co-ordinating Council



This month's update from the J&P Co-ordinating Council includes details of the next Interfaith Prayer Vigil, the Justice & Peace newsletter (Spring) and the Annual General Meeting and Open Networking Day of the National Justice & Peace Network 2024.

Inter Faith Prayer Vigil

The next Interfaith Prayer Vigil at the barrier to Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre (Corbridge Road, Medomsley DH8 6QY) will be held at 3.00pm on Sunday 5 May. Please join us to pray for the women detained there.

For more information email: lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com.

[Read more.](#)

Justice and Peace newsletter

Our most recent newsletter can be [read here](#). It includes details of this year's annual National Justice and Peace conference at the Hayes Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. The topic "*Just Politics*" is particularly relevant this year with a general election looming. Please email:

lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com, if you want more information.

Several people from the Diocese are intending to be there and there are possibilities for car sharing to make travelling there easier and more affordable.

National Justice and Peace network (NJPN) AGM and Open Networking Day

The National Justice and Peace Network AGM and open networking day will be held in London at Romero House, on Saturday 11 May. Margaret-Ann Fiskin, former chair of CARJ, will be speaking on the new legal definition of extremism and what it will mean in practice. Please download the [poster here](#) for more details or visit our [event listing here](#).

[Read More](#)



Update from Justice & Peace Refugee Project



The Justice and Peace Refugee Project continues to welcome more than 500 people who use our services every month, with new clients registering each week from many places in the world. In the last month, we have registered 39 new clients, from Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Eritrea and Sudan. Your continued donations of food, toiletries and finance continue to be extremely welcome. We also continue to source fresh produce from local supermarkets, which is gratefully received by clients.

In addition to providing clients with food, toiletries, clothing and household items and English lessons, staff and volunteers signpost clients to other

useful services. We receive visits to the project from some of these services, so that clients can access the advice that they need. We are pleased that two new services will be available to our clients shortly. A representative from Schools Admissions will be visiting the project to give advice to clients on schools' admissions, which can be a difficult area to navigate even for those who are familiar with the school system. Also, a Breast Screening Service promotion officer will be visiting the project to offer advice on how to access breast screening in the area.

We are grateful for the support of local schools and continue to further develop links with these. Volunteers at the project have developed and will be showing two PowerPoint presentations to our volunteers in May to explain the work that we are doing in this area.

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VICARIATE FOR EDUCATION



Update from the Vicariate



World Day for Children 2024

On 8 December 2023, Pope Francis announced that the first “*World Day for Children*” would be held in Rome on 25 - 26 May 2024. This is so that all children can hear and live out the Gospel enabling them to meet Christ.

As a Diocese, we want as many children as possible to be part of the experience as well as being able to celebrate the day in schools. To support with the celebrations, the Diocesan Department are working with Faith and Mission and the Youth Ministry Team to develop resources which can be used in schools and parishes, allowing children to encounter Christ in many ways.

As well as the resources, we will be launching an art competition to allow children to explore their understanding of God and his kingdom. We hope that we will be able to share the winning entries in future copies of this newsletter.

[Read More](#)

VICARIATE FOR FAITH & MISSION



Update from the Vicariate

How are we to be together as Church?

When Jesus gathered his first disciples he deliberately chose people that were different to one another. None of the disciples were without fault and they all had much to learn. Jesus walked with them, teaching through word and deed how they should be. The global Church is undertaking a universal synod - a process of listening, we are invited to take part by looking at our own lives, our circles of influence in our communities and to consider the health of these relationships. As the Church continues in its synodal path, we

are invited to explore how we navigate our differences to find unity in our diversity and to hear the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

As a Diocese we are invited to continue on the journey of considering the needs of our community, to think about how we serve one another and to pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in this time and place. The Synod on Synodality is a call to grow as a synodal Church not simply through to 2024 when this particular synod will finish but to think about how the Church shifts into being one that listens first, that seeks to understand Christ present in the assembly of his people as we all search for a greater depth to living our shared vocation to holiness.

If you would like to be more involved in synodal conversations there are opportunities to come together from across the Diocese to practice the art of spiritual conversation. **Please see the ['Synodality'](#) section below.**

We are pleased to announce two faith events coming up at Ushaw. Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) on Sunday 5 May and Corpus Christi: Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday 2 June. **Please see the ['Faith Events at Ushaw'](#) below.**

In other news, Deacon Alison Rebello has been asked to co-ordinate our Diocesan attendance at **Adoremus at Oscott**, the National Faith event celebrating the Eucharist. It is hoped that the Diocese can send a coach of people to this event and if you would like to be a part of this celebration, please see contact details below.

We are also making preparations for the Year of Jubilee which will begin at Advent 2024, if you are wanting to be involved in Diocesan events or you would like to consider how this can be celebrated locally, please register your interest by email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

I would also like to draw your attention to a new event which is taking place monthly in Washington Village. I attended this event last month and it had a

feel of a 'Source Event' (which takes place in St Mary's Cathedral for our young people organised by YMT) but for adults, particularly families. It is entitled '**New Song**' and the details are below:

New Song / Sunday 12 May 2024 from 4.00pm at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Church, Washington Village.

'For I am about to do something new'

A new monthly prayer event aimed at providing a space for prayer, inspiration and connection.

[Read more.](#)

Amy Cameron, Co-ordinator for the [Vicariate for Faith & Mission](#).

[Read More](#)

Year of Prayer 2024

‘Prayer in my opinion is nothing else but a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us.’

(St Teresa of Avila)



In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year '*Pilgrims of Hope*', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis.

[Click here](#) to find a **Prayer for Our Lady**, a **Prayer for the First World's Children Day 25 - 26 May 2024** and a **Prayer for Pentecost**.

Please visit our Diocesan Year of Prayer [webpage](#) for more information and regular updates.

WE DARE TO SAY

A resource for faith-sharing groups on The Lord's Prayer



We Dare to Say: A resource for faith-sharing groups on the Lord's Prayer

We Dare To Say is a resource for small group faith-sharing and for individual meditation, featuring five sessions each based on a line from the Lord's Prayer. Each session includes scripture, prayers and a reflection with questions. The connection of the Our Father with the sacraments and the devotional life is explored, and wisdom from the saints is offered for the spiritual growth of group participants and individuals alike.

'This single short prayer of Christ has everything that needs to be said about God, his kingdom, his life, about all of us' - Fr Alexander Schmemmann.

You can access the 'We Dare to Say' resource by [clicking here](#).

Deliver Us From Evil

A set of useful prayers and supplications, humble requests for the Lord's help, that can be used by Catholics in times of fear, distress and temptation.

The Catholic Truth Society (CTS) has published a new booklet by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales offering a treasury of prayers drawn from Holy Scripture and Sacred Tradition that can be used by

Catholics to protect themselves from the powers of darkness.

Discover the new booklet [here](#).

[Read more](#).

Evangelisation



The Joy of the Gospel

"A Church which "goes forth" is a Church whose doors are open... At times we have to be like the father of the prodigal son, who always keeps his door open so that when the son returns, he can readily pass through it." [EG 46]

Evangelii Gaudium, the Joy of the Gospel, looks at the new evangelisation for the transmission of the faith and has chapters on the following subjects:

- The Church's Missionary Transformation
- The Crisis of Communal Commitment
- The Proclamation of the Gospel
- The Social Dimension of Evangelization
- Spirit-Filled Evangelizers

The full text of *Evangelii Gaudium* can be downloaded [here](#).

Quick Link: [Sharing the Faith](#).

[Read More](#)

St Bede - Priest and Doctor of the Church, 673 - 735

Feast Day - May 25

Born at Wearmouth in 673, Bede was educated at the monasteries of Wearmouth and Jarrow, where he was professed by St Benet Biscop and later ordained by St John of Beverley. He remained there as a monk for the rest of his life. He was the first historian of the English church and people, a master of the Scriptures and of the teaching of the Fathers. Known for his delight in learning, teaching and writing, he is venerated as the '*light of the Church*' in the period sometimes known as the Dark Ages, and as a forerunner of the 8th and 9th century renaissance of the Western Church. Bede died at Jarrow on this day in 735. (DHN Ordo 2024).

Prayer to St Bede the Venerable

O God, who bring light to your Church
through the learning of the Priest Saint Bede,

mercifully grant that your servants
may always be enlightened by his wisdom and helped by his merits.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

(Source: Collect as taken from the Proper of Saints, Weekday Missal)

Synodality

Finchale Partnership: Synod Meetings 2024

The Synod on Synodality met at an Assembly in Rome in October 2023 and produced a synthesis report. They requested further discussion throughout the church to be brought together before the next Assembly in Rome in 2024. In the Finchale Partnership, we held three meetings to discuss Formation, Ministry & Structures and Decision Making.

Read the full report [here](#).

Workshop on Synodality

On Saturday 8 June, Ushaw will be holding a day workshop on what the Synod on Synodality means for us. There will be sessions on the current stage of the worldwide Synod, including an opportunity to look at some of the outputs of last October's General Assembly in Rome. The workshop will also look at some practical examples of synodality in our local parishes and church groups.

The workshop costs £10. The day starts with welcome and refreshments at 10.30am, and will finish by 4.00pm. Bring a packed lunch, or you will be able to buy lunch in Ushaw's café. You can book for the workshop on Ushaw's website at: <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/>.

For those who are new to synodality and would like to find out more about what the Synod is, and why it is important for our local church, there will be an optional introductory session starting at 9.30am. [View the event listing here](#).

Faith Events at Ushaw

Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer)

On Sunday 5 May at 4.00pm, 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. [View the event listing here](#).

Corpus Christi: Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Sunday 2 June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3.00pm in St Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the

procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction.

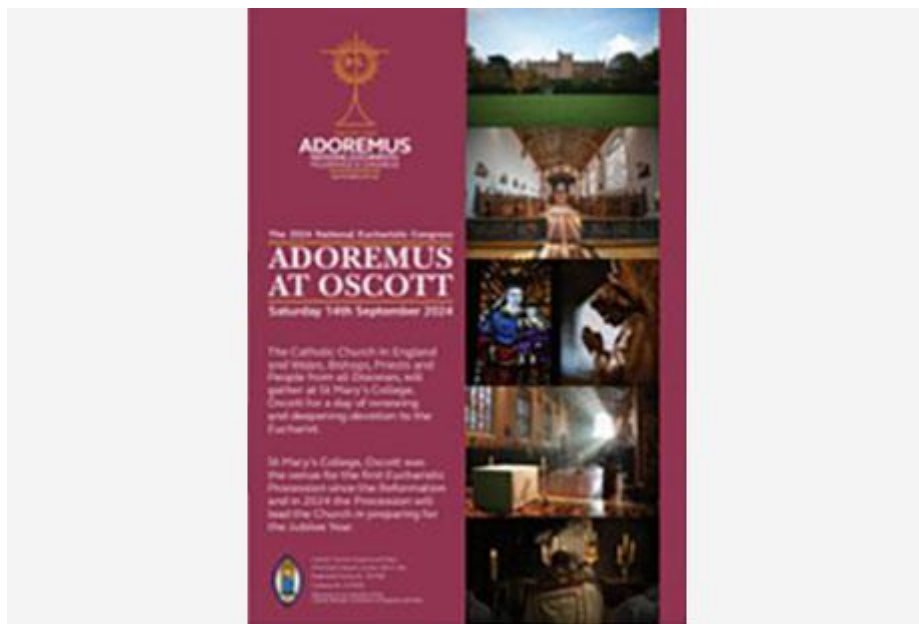
Teas and coffees will be available after the service.

You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up at:

<https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> to help Ushaw to estimate numbers.

If you are signing up on behalf of a parish group, please indicate how many cars are likely to be coming to Ushaw, or if the group will be arriving by coach: this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirements. [View the event listing here.](#)

Liturgy



Adoremus at Oscott - a national faith event.

A National Eucharistic Congress is planned for Saturday 14 September 2024 at Oscott, Birmingham. Oscott is significant as it was the place where the

first Eucharistic procession took place after the restoration of the Church in Britain.

To register your interest in attending this event please email:

adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

Liturgy Courses and Events

Liturgical formation courses will be advertised on the Diocesan website as soon as they are confirmed. Please visit our [webpage](#) for the latest information.

Holy Hour

The Association of the Eucharist will be holding their Holy Hour on Sunday 5 May at St Andrew's Church, 9 Worswick Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6UW from 2.30pm to 3.30pm, followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join.

The Eucharist: A Gift to be Nurtured

As part of our aim to promote growth and knowledge of the Eucharist, the Association of the Eucharist offer [The Eucharist: A Gift to be Nurtured](#), which gives us words from Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis to guide time before the Blessed Sacrament. This resource can be used by both individuals and groups.

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Weekend Liturgy Resources

	Bidding Prayers	
	Reflections on Sunday Readings	
	Church Music	
	Children's Liturgy of the Word	
	Cycle of Prayer	

Resources and signposts to the coming weekend's liturgy resources, kindly provided by people within our Diocese, will be available to view and access on the diocesan website from Thursday 13th April for Sunday 16th April's Liturgy.*

*Resources and signposts will be updated every Thursday for the coming Sunday.

Weekend Liturgy Resources

Suggested Prayers of the Faithful (bidding prayers) and Reflections will be updated each week.

Other resources include suggested music, Children's Liturgy of the Word and Cycle of Prayer.

Resources and signposts to the coming weekend's liturgy resources, kindly provided by people within our Diocese, will be available to view and access on the Diocesan website every Thursday for the following weekend's liturgy.

Visit our Weekend Liturgy section [here](#).

Quick Link: [Liturgy & Prayer](#)

Dialogue & Unity

Christian & Muslim Prayer Event

The Interreligious Relations team welcomes all women and young children to their annual prayers for peace event, which takes place on Saturday 8 June at 2.30pm. This event will take place in the historic Lady Chapel which is

situated in Jesmond Dene and this beautiful service provides the opportunity for women and young children from all faiths and none to pray for peace. Following on from last year's event, men are invited to attend when accompanying their family members. Catholics and Muslims have a shared devotion to Our Blessed Lady, and this is reflected in the choice of prayers and readings from the Quran and the Bible.

Refreshments are served afterwards in The Holy Name Church Hall, which is situated on North Jesmond Road, Newcastle NE2 3JX.

'Faith and Fellowship' Evening

The Interreligious Team will be holding an evening of '*Faith and Fellowship*' in support of the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year in 2025. This event will take place on Wednesday 25 September 2024, at 7.00pm. This event will take place at English Martyrs Hall, Stamfordham Road, Newcastle. More details to follow.

Quick Link: [Dialogue & Unity](#)

Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion (CDSC)

Life in the Spirit Seminars

Life in the Spirit seminars are now underway at St Mary's Church Hall, Sunderland, and we are pleased to see so many taking advantage of this opportunity to re-affirm the fundamentals of our faith: that we are loved, saved and redeemed and to let go of any obstacles to receiving all that God, through the Holy Spirit, wishes to give.

Please pray for all who experienced Baptism in the Holy Spirit on 20 March and all who attend the concluding talk by Bishop Stephen Wright (8 May) on '*Transformation in Christ*'.

Mass for Pentecost

We will be hosting a Mass for Pentecost at St Mary's Cathedral again at 1.00pm on Saturday 11 May 2024. Pope Francis, in a recent address, emphasized that CHARIS' role is to point all communities of the Charismatic Renewal, which he called a "*current of grace*" to "*communion on the path ahead*." The annual Mass for Pentecost is proving to be a blessed opportunity for sisters and brothers in Renewal to come together in communion on the path ahead for us in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle. Further details can be [found on our website here](#).

News from the Emmanuel community

On 8 June, from 10.00am at St Mary's School, Newcastle, the Emmanuel community will be meeting to reflect on the input of their previous speakers, Fr Chris Thomas and David Wells. All are welcome.

The Emmanuel community will be hosting Michelle Moran again from 10.00am at St Mary's School, Newcastle on Saturday 12 October 2024.

John Wheeler, Co-ordinator Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Service of Communion.

Email: charis@diocesehn.org.uk

Quick Link: [CHARIS](#)

[Read More](#)

Diocesan Church Music Association

Quick Links: [DCMA](#)

Marriage & Family Life

Marriage Preparation Days

2024:

Saturday 18 May: St Robert of Newminster, Morpeth NE61 1QF.

Saturday 21 September: St Robert of Newminster, Morpeth NE61 1QF.

Saturday 9 November: St Mary's, Bishop Auckland DL14 6PQ.

(Other dates and venues will be notified to each Parish Priest and Deacon as arranged.)

Engaged couples can find **more information** at

<https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/marriage-preparation-2/>.

To find and **book on a course**, please visit:

<https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/find-pt-course/> or call the booking service:

0800 389 3801 (NB. In person and online courses are available).

World Day for Children

The Holy Father's message to children, "*Changing the world starts with 'please' and 'thank you'*"

Pope Francis announced that the Catholic Church will celebrate its first World Day of Children in May 2024. The event will be held on the weekend of 25 - 26 May 2024.

[Read more.](#)

World Day for Grandparents

'Loneliness' at heart of Pope's theme for 4th Grandparents Day.

On Sunday 28 July, Catholics around the world will be invited to take time to reflect on the great heritage and wisdom passed on by their grandparents and the elderly.

The Pope has chosen the theme, *"Do not cast me off in my old age"* (cf. Psalm 71: 9).

According to a press release from the Dicastery, it is meant *"to call attention to the fact that, sadly, loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly persons, so often the victims of the throw-away culture."*

Read more about this [here](#).

Deacon Rob Wareing, Diocesan Lead for Marriage and Family Life

Email: rob.wareing@diocesehn.org.uk

Mobile: 07841 530991

Quick Links: [Family & Sacraments](#) [Marriage Care](#)

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Spiritual Accompaniment

Exploring Spiritual Accompaniment

Spiritual Accompaniment has been part of the Christian tradition and a ministry in the Church since the days of the early Church. It is often called Spiritual Direction, although we prefer the term '*accompaniment*' because it suggests walking alongside someone in their spiritual/faith journey, rather than telling them what to do!

Spiritual Accompaniment is not about solving problems so much as exploring our relationship with God, through prayer and reflection on our experience of faith and life.

Maybe you feel called to this ministry or know someone who might be interested. St Antony's Priory in Durham offers training. Sr Sheila McNamara RSCJ, the Diocesan Lead on Spiritual Accompaniment, is part of the training team for the two-year course.

[Read more.](#)

Training in Spiritual Accompaniment

'Exploring Spiritual Accompaniment' is a two-year programme of formation that provides both an opportunity for personal spiritual development, as well as offering practical and experiential training in the skills applicable to accompanying others on their faith journey.

Our approach to Spiritual Accompaniment is ecumenical, drawing on a broad range of Christian wisdom and spirituality, as well as being informed by the Guidelines for Spiritual Directors, published by the Retreat Association.

Please see [St Antony's website](#) – Spiritual Direction section – for more information or email Sr Sheila: sheila.mcnamara@diocesehn.org.uk.

Quick Link: [Spiritual Accompaniment](#)

[Read More](#)

Deepening our Faith

Constitutions of Vatican II

In this section, you can find resources to help explore the four Constitutions of Vatican II: Sacrosanctum Concilium - the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Lumen Gentium - Light of the Nations, Dei Verbum - Word of God, Gaudium et spes - the Church in the Modern World.

Groups may wish to organise talks/prayers/reflections on these four constitutions, and we hope you find the resources useful and helpful.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/constitutions-of-vatican-ii/>.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/dei-verbum-word-of-god/>.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/gaudium-et-spes-joy-and-hope/>.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lumen-gentium-light-of-nations/>.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/sacrosanctum-concilium-the-sacred-council/>.



Alpha

Are you thinking about running an Alpha group?

Visit: <https://alpha.org.uk/try> or email:
adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

Catechesis

Understand Your Catholic Faith with
The Catechism in a Year Podcast
with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

By listening to this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
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The Catechism in a Year

Sign up for Ascension's [Catechism In A Year](#) podcast with Fr Mike Schmitz, and you can:

- Read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- See how Church teaching is rooted in Sacred Scripture
- Absorb over 2,000 years of Sacred Tradition
- Encounter God's plan of sheer goodness
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded.

The Bible in a Year

Ascension's [Bible in a Year](#) Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes.

[Read more.](#)

Bereavement Support

People continue to request support following the death of a loved one. Most requests have come via the dedicated phone (07732 980740) and people are put in touch with a member of the Bereavement Support Team very quickly. Some people have been personally encouraged by a friend or relative to contact our service.

[Read More](#)

Reflections

Father Sean Hall continues to offer his weekly reflections on the Sunday Readings and Pat Kennedy her monthly reflections, both available to read online or download in the [Prayer Resources](#) section.

[Contact the Vicariate for Faith & Mission](#)

OTHER NEWS



Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching have their own monthly newsletter bringing a variety of information from its members of how CST has helped them and examples of CST in action around the Diocese.

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Centre for Catholic Studies (C.C.S.)

The Centre for Catholic Studies announces the following event taking place in 2024:

Early Career and Postgraduate Conference 2024

Monday 15 – Tuesday 16 July 2024

The Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS) and the Department of Theology & Religion at Durham University is pleased to announce that the Call for Papers is now open for the Early Career and Postgraduate Conference in July 2024.

The **deadline** for proposals is **Friday 5 April 2024**.

Further details can be found at:

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/research/institutes-and-centres/catholic-studies/about-us/events/early-career-and-postgraduate-conference/>.

If you have any questions, please email: ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk.



Divine Renovation



The graphic features a white compass rose logo on a dark red background. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'CATHOLIC PARISH SUMMIT' in large white letters. Below this, it says '12-14 JUNE 2024 • HARROGATE'. A white arrow points to the date. Further down, it says 'THIS FEBRUARY ONLY!' and 'SAVE £30 PER PERSON' in a white box, with 'for groups of 4 or more. Come as a parish team and save!' below it. On the right side, under the heading 'FEATURING:', there are six circular portraits of speakers: Archbishop Mark O'Toole, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, Fr. James Mallon, Dr. Hannah Vaughan-Spruce, Nicky Gumbel, and Fr. Mathias Thelen. Below the portraits, it says '...and more!'. At the bottom right, there is a QR code and a white box with the text 'Learn more & register today: catholicparishsummit.com'.

There are now under 50 days to go!

"The way we've had to think has changed totally. We wanted a parish full of families, various generations, a parish that celebrates its liturgy well, and a parish that's evangelising and making missionary disciples." – Clare Williams, Runcorn.

Is it time to dream big about your parish? Be re-inspired about what is possible.

5 reasons to join over 200 parishes from 16+ countries in Harrogate this June:

1. Hear **Sr. Miriam James Heidland** speak about the role of self-leadership and rest in mission.

2. Hear **Fr. Philip Conner and his leadership team** from West Cumbria share about their first year of leading renewal in their parish.
3. Hear **Nicky Gumbel and Fr James Mallon** in conversation about how the years towards 2033 can be a world-changing, evangelistic decade in the UK.
4. Hear parishes from Exeter to Yorkshire share about how they have shifted to **a radical new model for sacramental preparation**.
5. **Chat with the team at the Alpha Café** about how to reach those disconnected from your parish...

...and more!

[Catholic Parish Summit](#) takes place on June 12-14, 2024 at the Harrogate Convention Centre, Harrogate. [Book your ticket today!](#)



Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal



Little Sisters of the Poor
Caring for the elderly - inspired by our faith

Appeal

The Little Sisters of the Poor are appealing as they urgently need to replace some of our kitchenettes, furnishings and the specialist flooring on the main

corridors of the care units within our Home. Over the years, our flooring has served us well, enduring the high volume of foot and wheeled traffic each day. However, it now requires essential upgrades to ensure the safety, comfort, and well-being of our residents and to maintain our required standards of infection control.

The flooring not only enhances the homeliness and comfort of our Home, but also plays a crucial role in maintaining the safety of our residents by providing a hygienic and comfortable surface, thus reducing the risk of trips and falls.

Therefore, we are appealing for urgent donations to assist us in this endeavour. Your support will help us ensure that our residents continue to live in a safe and welcoming environment.

Cheques made payable to '*Little Sisters of the Poor*' can be sent to: St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure, online donations can be made by visiting [their website](#).

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. They are extremely grateful to you for the kindness shown to them.

[Read more.](#)

Fundraising

David and Theresa O'Neill ask you to support their fundraising for the Sisters through their collections of stamps, foreign currency, old or broken gold & silver & military medals. We are delighted to say that with the help of the Diocese we have to date raised & donated over £20,450.

If you can help, contact them at:

David & Theresa O'Neill, 34 Morston Drive, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7RZ

Tel: 0191 264 5771

Email: david-oneill3@sky.com

They, and of course the Sisters, thank all who make it possible and hope that they can continue to receive support. The Sisters and residents remember all donors in their prayers & Masses.



The SVP are recruiting



St Vincent
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

SVP Work Experience Opportunities

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 7 - 13 July in London. Candidates must be aged between 20-30 years old and have a passion for social justice.

To apply, [click here](#) to download further information.

Youth Ministry Trust (YMT)



This month the Youth Ministry Team provides updates on the Significance Weekend Festival 2024, news of a new vacancy, confirmation that Internship applications are still open and they also tell us about self catering stays at the youth village.

Significance Festival Weekend - 29 June 2024:

We look forward to welcoming you to the Significance Festival Weekend this June, in particular for the main event on Saturday 29 June, from 10.00am onwards. There will be a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music, spread across the Emmaus Youth Village, which will be open for you to enjoy in the beautiful

Derwent Valley! We welcome everyone to gather for Mass for the Feast of St Peter and Paul at 3.15pm, with Bishop Stephen Wright, followed by a BBQ and Ceilidh in the evening.

Individuals, families, and parish groups are all welcome. For additional details and to book, please email Nicole at: nsalkeld@ymt.org.

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Vacancy – Assistant Internship Programme Coordinator

The Youth Ministry Trust is looking for a person who would like to be part of our ministry team, working closely with our Youth Ministry Interns! If you or anyone you know has passion for working with young adults whilst doing Youth Ministry, we are a place to be!

Please click the link for more information: <https://ymt.org/vacancies/>.

Email: admin@ymt.org for an application pack and more information or download it from the link above.

Applications are still open for Internship Opportunities:

The Youth Ministry Team (YMT) gathers young adults (18 - 30) from all over the world, from August to July, to live a community lifestyle and work as part of a team. Our Youth Ministry Interns are given training, ongoing formation, and support. At the same time, they embark on planning and carrying out school outreach, retreats, and activities for the young people of the Diocese and beyond.

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining our Youth Ministry Internship or wanting to know more about the programme, please drop us an email at: internship@ymt.org. You can check the link: <https://ymt.org/#team> for more information.

Staycation at the Emmaus Village:

If you are looking for a staycation in the Derwent Valley, whilst supporting the work that YMT do for the young people of the Diocese, the Emmaus Village is the place for you.

For more information and booking rates please email: admin@ymt.org or [click our website link](#). Please [click this link](#) to download the Emmaus Village brochure.

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