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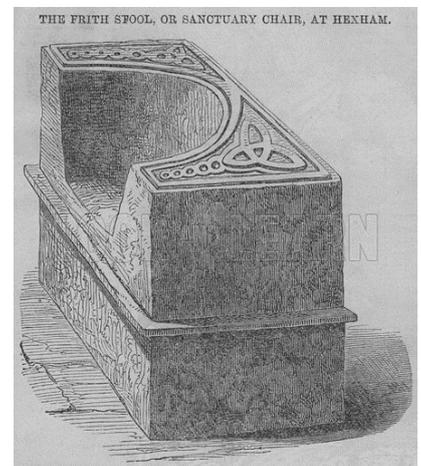
HISTORIC MASS CELEBRATED IN HEXHAM ABBEY

On a very balmy July afternoon, our new Bishop Robert Byrne gathered with our Diocesan seminarians and priest members of the Vocations Team for their Summer Reunion. With our students returning from seminaries in Rome and Birmingham, the Bishop likes to spend time with our future priests to hear their experiences, to share a meal and celebrate Holy Mass.

Father Christopher, our Partnership Dean and Diocesan Director of Vocations, organised with the authorities at Hexham Abbey to have Mass in the Saxon Crypt. It was an intimate yet powerful celebration of Mass in a place where former bishops of Hexham would have prayed and perhaps celebrated Mass themselves. The ancient See of Hexham, which was re-established in 1850 at the Restoration of the Catholic Hierarchy of England and Wales, has Saints Cuthbert, John of Beverley and Wilfrid as former bishops. Bishop Robert is quite literally walking in the footsteps of the giants of our Faith. During the Mass, for the feast of the Blessed Martyrs of the Diocese, we sang chants from Mass XVIII and a modern hymn in honour of Saint Andrew and the English Martyrs. During the procession back to the Abbey Vestry, Bishop Robert stopped to pray at the *Frith Stool*, which dates back to 674 and was probably Saint Wilfrid's 'cathedra' or throne and the symbol of his authority as Bishop of Hexham.

Afterwards, parishioners from St. Mary's kindly prepared a supper for the seminarians and bishop at the presbytery. A wonderful evening was had by all!

Please pray for our diocesan seminarians; Jonathan, Luke and Paul at Oscott, Joe in Rome and Ben and Jamie in Valladolid, Spain. Also, please pray for Hexham man, Christopher Broly who is training for the Jesuits in Paris where he is studying Philosophy.



NEWS FROM THE PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP: (Meeting held on 17th July 2019. A set of the minutes of this meeting is available from Saint Mary's Parish Office. A summary of each forthcoming meeting will be provided in the Partnership Bulletin issued after each individual meeting.)

At our July meeting we had two items for discussion, both of which concern our planning for the future. Over the last six months we have been working with the Diocese on studying our communities and looking closely at how we make best use of our physical resources, particularly our buildings. We are in the later stages of putting together a proposal to the Diocese which will detail how we intend to use these buildings into the future. This proposal will be completed and submitted during the Summer. It has involved input from all our partnership parishes and we intend it to be a comprehensive plan for the future.

Alongside the property plan, we also considered a revised draft of our Development Plan. This is a means of helping us to build on all the activities that we currently have in place, and to help us create new ways of understanding, developing and sharing our faith. The recent Ministries meeting that we had early in July was a part of this process and has been very helpful in filling out the necessary detail in our planning. The PDG has now adopted this development plan as our way of moving forward, and we hope that you'll all see the fruits of this over the next few months.

The PDG also said it's goodbye to Fr. Peter who is moving on to new pastures early in September. Over the coming weeks we will consider if any changes to our liturgical provision are necessary once he has left us.

Joe Ronan

Chair, Heavenfield Partnership Development Group

BISHOP ROBERT TO VISIT HEAVENFIELD ...

Bishop Robert Byrne will visit Heavenfield Partnership on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

Bishop Robert will meet the Partnership clergy in the afternoon and then will celebrate **Mass at Saint Mary's, Hexham at 7:00pm**. This sung Mass is open to all, so it is hoped that as many Partnership parishioners as possible will be able to attend.

After Mass we will have some social time together in Saint Mary's Parish Centre, where there will be a **"shared table" reception**. So, please bring along some food for us all to share! The reception will be very informal and represents a good chance for you all to come along and meet our new Shepherd. It is hoped that transport will be able to be offered from Haltwhistle, via Haydon Bridge, and from Bellingham. This will depend upon uptake.

Do please try to come along and support your Clergy and Partnership – it will be great to see as many as possible of you there!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS WITHIN THE PARTNERSHIP:

Saturday 10th August – Saint Oswald's History Society (BEL) will host a guided tour of Hexham Abbey. If you are interested in attending, please meet at the Abbey at 11:00am.

Saturday 10th August – there will be a **Rosary Rally** held at Minsteracres. The event starts at 12 noon, with celebration of the Eucharist, followed by picnic, Rosary Procession through the grounds and Benediction. The day will finish at around 4pm. All are welcome! Please bring a packed lunch; coffee and tea will be provided. For more information contact the Retreat Administrator, 01434 673248 or info@minsteracres.org.

Saturday 14th September – Partnership Baptism Preparation. Would you like to have your child Baptised? The next Baptism Preparation session for the Heavenfield Partnership will be held at 11:00am on **Saturday 14th September in the Parish Centre at Saint Mary's**. The event will last about 90 minutes and is intended to emphasise the importance of the Sacrament, as well as discussing what Baptism means and the responsibilities of parents and Godparents. Ideally, the parents of all children to be Baptised within the Heavenfield Partnership should attend one of these events before the Baptism takes place. If you would like further information, or would like to book a place for the session, please contact Saint Mary's Parish Office (01434 603119 or admin@stmaryshexham.org.uk)

Saturday 21st September – a Vintage Fashion Show, in aid of The Children's Liver Disease Foundation and Minsteracres Retreat Centre, will take place in the ballroom at Minsteracres Retreat Centre from 6:30pm. The event will feature models wearing vintage evening gowns from 1890 to 1990, including designs by Chanel and Dior. Tickets cost £15.00 per person, to include a glass of prosecco, a light buffet and the fashion show. Tickets can be purchased from Minsteracres Retreat Centre (01434 673248).

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GOODBYE FR. PETER:

Early in July, Bishop Robert announced that our Assistant Priest, Fr. Peter Stoddart, is to leave the Heavenfield Partnership and move on to pastures new. Fr. Peter will take up his role as Assistant Priest at The Cathedral Church of Saint Mary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne at the beginning of September. Fr Peter will work with the new Dean of the Cathedral, Fr. Michael McCoy, to provide pastoral care to the people of Newcastle and its surrounding environs. Fr. Peter will also have special responsibility for Saint Dominic's Church, Newcastle. We will all be very sorry to lose Fr. Peter from our Partnership Family and will miss him a great deal, but he will return for some special events in the future, so [watch this space!](#)

Good luck Fr. Peter and take with you our love and best wishes for your future roles as a priest.

CALLING ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Tuesday 17th September – the **annual meeting for all extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion** will take place at Saint Mary's, Hexham. The evening will begin with Mass at 6:30pm, followed by some time of prayer and then a meeting. It is part of the commitment made by all Eucharistic Ministers that they will attend an annual meeting and a Day of Recollection (see below), so Fr. Christopher expects to see you all at this event.

Saturday 19th October – Calling all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion! There will be a **Day of Recollection** held in Saint Mary's Parish Centre and facilitated by **Fr. Shaun Purdy**. Please **SAVE THIS DATE** because there is an expectation that **ALL** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will attend at least one day of Recollection each year. The day will begin with Mass at 10:00am, followed by tea and coffee. The Day of Recollection itself will start at 11:00am, and will end with 30 minutes of Benediction from 3:00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Names of attendees should be forwarded to Saint Mary's Parish Office (01434 603119 or admin@stmaryshexham.org.uk) before Wednesday 16th October.



SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL EVENING HELD AT SAINT WILFRID'S

During June, Veronica & Bill Dye provided another successful social evening in June at Saint Wilfrids Church Hall. Entertainment was provided by 'The New Ukes' with the group providing an excellent selection of old and modern songs. Bill's fun quiz went down really well with the crowd and really tested those brain cells! The night was rounded off by two games of playing cards bingo, both of which were won by the same person, and then a raffle. Huge thanks must go to all those present and also to those people who, although unable to attend, still gave generous donations. All together, the splendid sum of **£250 was raised for church funds**. The next event is planned for Friday 27th September – everyone is very welcome to attend, so why not come along and have some fun, as well as a good catch up with old friends and new.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP INVITE YOU TO TO STUDY 'LAUDATO SI'...

Thursday 12th September (& ongoing) – **Climate Change and the Common Good: the call to 'ecological conversion**. We know that the world is in danger because of climate change. Pope Francis called us to account in his 2015 encyclical '*Laudato si'*'. In it he links concern for the earth and concern for the poor and most vulnerable people of the world. You are invited to join a study of '*Laudato si'*'. This free programme will run for 10 Thursday evenings from 12th September, 7pm-8:30pm. For more information contact the Justice and Peace Group (justiceandpeace@stmaryshexham.org.uk or 07895 434 344). Everyone is welcome. Copies of '*Laudato si*' may be ordered from the Parish Office or downloaded free from the [Vatican website](#).

SPONSOR A PIPE:

Music in a church is very important. As you may be aware, Saint Mary's has planned a project to replace the current pipe organ with a 1980's Wells-Kennedy instrument. This project will begin early in August. The organ is more than just an instrument, it supports the clergy and choir in the singing and liturgy, hence becoming a tool of evangelisation and outreach, and part of the vibrant welcome that Saint Mary's provides.

Would you like to **Sponsor a Pipe** on the replacement organ at Saint Mary's, and so help to fund this project? We have developed a fun, interactive way in which parishioners can participate by visiting <https://sap.stmaryshexham.org.uk/> where on-line donations may be made. Pipe prices range from as little as £5.00 up to £500.00 and any donations made can be totally anonymous. If you are unable to access or have problems in accessing this webpage, or if you would like to pay by cash or cheque instead of using the online method of payment, please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks in advance for your support.



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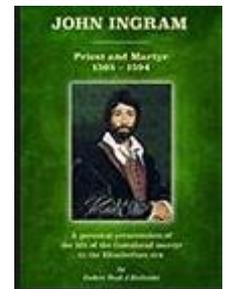
Each of the parishes in our Partnership has a representative on the Partnership Communications Group (PCG) which meets regularly and is responsible for the communications media within the Partnership including the Newsletter, website, and social media. If you have any issues/comments regarding communications within our partnership feel free to contact a PCG member.

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ST. MARY'S, HEXHAM:	Mr. Henry Winthrop
ST. OSWALD'S, BELLINGHAM:	Mr. Steve Hunneysett
ST. PETER'S, OTTERBURN:	Mr. Peter Softley
ST. WILFRID'S, HALTWHISTLE	Mrs. Veronica Yarwood

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

John Ingram was born at Stoke Edith, Herefordshire. While a student at Oxford he was reconciled or converted to Catholicism and soon after left England to study for the Priesthood under Cardinal William Allen. Following his Ordination in Rome, he spent some time in Europe before leaving for the English Mission. Bad weather forced his ship off course and he was eventually put ashore near Dunbar. It was in this Border region that he ministered. Following an outcry in Scotland against Catholics he was forced to flee across the Border into England. It was while crossing the Tweed at Norham, near Berwick, that he was arrested. From Berwick he was sent to Newcastle, then to York and eventually to the Tower of London for examination by Richard Topcliffe. He suffered grievous torture while in the Tower, yet steadfastly refused to betray his friends and associates. From London he was sent to Durham to stand trial with two other Martyrs, St. John Boste and Blessed George Swallowell. All three were convicted and condemned to be hanged, drawn and quartered. Blessed John Ingram was executed at Gateshead on Friday 26th July 1594 at a gallows near where is now the church of the Holy Trinity. He was only 29 years old. His last words to the people assembled to see him suffer were "I take God and His Holy Angels to the record that I die only for the Holy Catholic Faith and Religion, and do rejoice and thank God with all my heart that He made me worthy to testify my faith therein by the spending of my blood in this manner."

In June 2019, Fr. Paul Zielinski launched his book, '*John Ingram, Priest and Martyr 1565 – 1594*'. The book provides the background to the tempest of the Protestant Reformation in England and its impact on the spiritual, social and cultural dimensions of society, including on Tyneside. The book encourages the general reader to delve more deeply into the findings of Professor Eamon Duffy and Clare Asquith, who argue for a more multi-dimensional reading of this period in English history. Copies of the book are available from Saint Mary's Parish Office, priced at £5.99 each.



SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS AND SERVICES WITHIN THE HEAVENFIELD PARTNERSHIP

St. Elizabeth's, Minsteracres	Sunday	8:30am 10:30am	Holy Mass Holy Mass
	Confessions		By Appointment
St. John's, Haydon Bridge	Sunday	9:15am	Holy Mass
	Confessions		Before Sunday Mass
St. Mary's, Hexham	Sunday	6:00pm (Vigil)	Holy Mass
		10:00am	Holy Mass
		5:00pm	Rosary & Benediction
		6:00pm	Holy Mass
	Confessions	5:15pm – 5:45pm	Saturday
St. Oswald's, Bellingham	Sunday	11:00am	Holy Mass
	Confessions		After Sunday Mass

NOTE – the timings above are correct as of 1st January 2019, but may be liable to change. Please consult individual Parish Newsletters and/or websites for the most up to date information about service times.

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN FUTURE PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTERS SHOULD BE EMAILED TO ST. MARY'S PARISH OFFICE (admin@stmaryshexham.org.uk)

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