

## Adoremus and the Feast of Corpus Christi

In September, there is to be a major Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool. Many people have already booked to go but there are still places available—contact the Department for Liturgy on 0191 243 3312, or alternatively the Department for Education on 0191 243 3313, who will be happy to assist. The theme is “Adoremus” - which means “let us adore” and the hope is to encourage a renewed interest in the form of prayer we call Adoration.

The Feast of Corpus Christi which we celebrate on Sunday 3 June gives us a good opportunity to reflect on the gift Jesus gave us—his very self in



the form of bread and wine. The devotion of Adoration has a very long history in the life of the Church. It was especially important in the days when most people only received Communion once a year. Nowadays, many people receive Communion more frequently but Adoration—and Exposition (when the Host is exposed and placed in a monstrance) — offer us a different way of being in Christ’s presence.

The Eucharist is the time when we gather as the People of God and worship as a community—singing, praying and participating in the liturgy as it unfolds. It is not really a time for private prayer.

This is where Adoration comes into its own. It is an opportunity to come before the Lord in a time of deeply personal prayer. Even when we do it with others, there is plenty of time and space for prayers of the heart—private prayer between our hearts and Christ’s heart.

To prepare for the Congress—whether you are going or will be praying at home, a selection of resources has been prepared by the Liturgy Office and others. These are available at: [www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Adoremus/index.shtml](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Adoremus/index.shtml)

They include a lot of information about Adoration but you might be most interested in the ‘Preparatory material for parishes’. “How Holy This Feast” is designed for groups. It offers reflections on scripture and Church documents and leads us into a time of adoration to ponder them further. We have prepared “participant” versions which might be easier to use in parishes and other groups. They are available directly from the Department.

Also available are leaflets “Time before the Blessed Sacrament” which can be printed off and left in church for people to pick up and use for personal prayer and reflection. They cover various themes from “Adoring” to “Wrestling” - with an additional one created here on “Time before the Blessed Sacrament with Mary”. These are available at the Liturgy Office link or from the Department.



Take a look and, if you can, pop into a church for a time of peace and prayer in the presence of Christ. 

## New Partnership Prayer

To mark the first anniversary of the launch of our Partnerships, a new prayer was written. Please add it to your own prayers as we build up the life of the Diocese and prepare for the coming of a new Bishop in due course.

**Risen Christ,  
from your abundant grace,  
pour out afresh your Holy Spirit upon our Diocese.**

**As we build on the deep foundations of faith  
laid by the countless saints of these Northern lands,  
by Aidan and Cuthbert, Hilda and Bede  
(include your local saint(s) as appropriate),  
may our Partnerships continue the mission  
of building your Kingdom on the earth:  
to give living witness to your love,  
and to your compassion and hope for our world.**

**We pray in trustful confidence  
that your power working in us  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Through the same Christ our Lord,  
Amen**

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# Upcoming Events in the Diocese and Local Centres



  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle  
**DIOCESAN FESTIVAL 2018**

**COMING FACE TO FACE WITH CHRIST**

**ENCOUNTER**

With talks on the theme of encounter from  
**Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow OBE,**  
**Sr Judith Russi and Sara Bryson**  
Featuring **More Than Dance**

Including activities for families, children and young people,  
Mass, music, marketplace, adoration, ceilidh and much more

**Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June 2018**  
**Emmaus Youth Village, Consett**

£20 per person (inc both days) or £5 for Sunday only. Under 18s free.  
Booking forms available in your parish or on our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)  
For more information contact [festival@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:festival@diocesehn.org.uk) / 01207 592244  
Please book by 26 May 2018.

'Don't be afraid of sharing the journey.  
Don't be afraid of sharing hope.'  
(Pope Francis)

## Ministry of Consolation

*A course for people who have an interest,  
and would like an insight into the process people go through  
during times of loss and bereavement,  
and ideas for "walking alongside" them  
as they undertake this journey.*

*For further information about courses being held  
in your local area, please contact the department  
using the information below.*

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## St Antony's Priory

**"This is wonder without end!"**  
**Saturday 2nd June 10am—1pm.** So Rumi described sitting in the shade of an ancient tree. Come and spend some time contemplating in the garden of creation; to find in the natural world a gateway to the sacred. 10am—1pm ending with lunch.

**Tai Chi Together in Meditation.**  
**Saturday 9th June 10am - 3.00pm** with Terry Doyle who will lead Chi Gong energy work and Tai Chi. Also the normal two hours of meditation rooted in the Christian tradition at 10am and 11.30am, and shared sessions of Tai Chi and meditation in the afternoon.

**Together in Meditation. Saturday 23rd June: 10am - 12.30pm** Two separate hours of meditation rooted in the Christian tradition at 10am and 11.30am.

*For further information or to book  
please contact Paul Golightly  
0191 384 3747  
[info@stantonypriory.co.uk](mailto:info@stantonypriory.co.uk)*

## Minsteracres

**Sacred journey themed retreat**  
**Friday 8 - Sunday 10 June 7pm-2pm**

A weekend of prayer, reflection and nourishment on our life's journey led by the Minsteracres team; for groups from parishes and partnerships. Individuals are also welcome to join in.

**Quiet day**

**Wednesday 13 June 10am - 4pm**

An opportunity to step aside, listen to God in scripture and enjoy the peace and tranquility at Minsteracres. Coffee and tea are provided. Please bring a packed lunch. This quiet day will be led by Rosarie Spence RSM.

**Walking retreat**

**Saturday 16 June 10am - 5pm**

Enjoy a walk through the beautiful countryside around Minsteracres, with time for prayer, reflection and sharing of the beauty of creation. Please bring a packed lunch.

*For further information or to book  
please contact Minsteracres Retreat Centre  
01434 673248 | [info@minsteracres.org](mailto:info@minsteracres.org)*

## Centre for Prayer and Mission

**On-going Formation**  
**Tuesdays 7pm—9pm**

Following Jesus then and now as Disciples.

**Icon Workshop/Retreats**

There will be two workshops this year – (28th May—1st June) which will be a 5 day event led by Catherine Ferguson, The second led by Sister Annette, 28 July—3 August. Both workshops include tuition, demonstrations, teaching on icons and prayer. Details will be sent to all who have applied. If you have not yet applied or need further information please contact Sr. Michael.

**Craft Day led by Maureen Doyle**

**Saturday 9 June 10.30am—3.30pm**

An enjoyable day of crafts—encaustic art and alcohol art but no artistic skills required!. If you want to dabble in encaustic, please bring a travel iron.

*For further information or to book please  
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