

Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Whitley Bay, NE26 1EE
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Church Close,
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Our Lady and St Edmund, Station Road,
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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year B 9th & 10th May 2015

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR ANDREW

MAY: THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

May was dedicated to our Lady through the Rosary Encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII between 1883 and 1889. In classic western culture, May was recognised as the beginning of new life and motherhood, which may be the reason why Mother's Day is celebrated during May both in the East and the West. May marks the beginning of the spring season as this was the official beginning of spring. The connection between motherhood and May led Christians to adopt May as Mary's Month. The Jesuit priest and poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, reflects on this in his poem "May Magnificat" written in Stonyhurst, May 1878.

May is Mary's month, and I
Muse at that and wonder
Her feasts follow reason,
Dated due to season—

Candlemas, Lady Day;
But the Lady Month, May,
Why fasten that upon her,
With a feasting in her honour?

Is it only its being brighter
Than the most are must delight
Is it opportunist
And flowers finds soonest?

Ask of her, the mighty mother:
Her reply puts this other
Question: What is Spring?—
Growth in every thing—

Flesh and fleece, fur and feather,
Grass and greenworld all together;
Star-eyed strawberry-breasted
Throstle above her nested

Cluster of bugle blue eggs thin
Forms and warms the life within;
And bird and blossom swell
In sod or sheath or shell.

All things rising, all things sizing
Mary sees, sympathising
With that world of good,
Nature's motherhood.

Their magnifying of each its kind
With delight calls to
How she did in her stored
Magnify the Lord.

Well but there was more than this:
Spring's universal bliss
Much, had much to say
To offering Mary May.

When drop-of-blood-and-foam-dapple
Bloom lights the orchard-apple
And thicket and thorp are merry
With silver-surfèd cherry

And azuring-over greybell makes
Wood banks and brakes wash wet like lakes
And magic cuckoo call
Caps, clears, and clinches all—

This ecstasy all through mothering earth
Tells Mary her mirth till Christ's birth
To remember and exultation
In God who was her salvation

MGR ANDREW'S RECOVERY

I'm delighted to tell you that my recovery is progressing very well. I'm now fitted with an air-cast boot for the next six weeks, and gentle walking with crutches is possible. Thank you for your continuing prayers and greetings.

Mgr Andrew.

The following arrangements have been made to cover Monsignor Andrew's absence:

Care of the Sick & Emergency Cover - The Parish Eucharistic Ministers will continue to take Holy Communion to our sick and housebound parishioners, and contact local clergy if anyone requires the Sacrament of the Sick. If a priest is needed urgently, please contact Fr Peter Stott at St Joseph's North Shields on 0191 2575801, or Fr Martin Stempczyk at St Mary's Cullercoats on 0191 2513770.

Masses - Sunday Masses in our three churches will be celebrated either by priests from St Dominic's in Newcastle, or by the priests of the Cluster and Deanery. I know that you will make all our visiting clergy welcome. Weekday Masses are as follows:

Immaculate Heart West Monkseaton: 10.00am on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, celebrated as usual by Fr Cunningham.

St Edward's Whitley Bay: 9.30am on Thursdays from 21st May celebrated by Fr McCumiskey. Word and Communion on Monday, Tuesday (7.00pm), Wednesday & Friday. There will not be 9.30am Mass on Saturday.

Our Lady's and St Edmund's Backworth: no Wednesday Mass until further notice.

PARISH NOTICES

NETWORK LENTEN PROJECT

The amount raised over Easter at all churches along with the charity concert held for NETWORK which was organised by the J&P Group totalled £1,777. Thank you for your kind support.

CAFOD NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

The collection taken last weekend at all three churches following the appeal for help raised a massive £2,288.84. Thank you for your generosity.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

We ask you to remember in your prayers the children who will be making their First Holy Communion at all three churches this weekend.

Kevin ABRAHAM	Fred DIXON	Rory HICKEY	Sophie POTTER
Hannah AINSCOUGH	Ellie DONOGHUE	Yuwa IGHILE	Charley ROBSON
Sophie AINSCOUGH	Max ENGLAND	Edvin JAIMON	Eve RUDD
Tristan ARENAS	Amelia FERGUS	Alex KENNAIR	Patrick SKINNER
Luke ATKINSON	Maya FINNIGAN	Jasmine LOXTON	Will SLATER
Jack BARRETT	Harry FISHER	Isabella MAY	Gabriella SMITH
Jake BEATTIE	Jack FISHER	Tommy McANULTY	Maddy SNELL
Billy BLOOMFIELD	Josie GAUKRODGER	Harry McENTEE	Mateusz SOBCZAK
Jake BORG	Isabelle GOODWIN	Julian MEDINA	Lauren STEPHENSON
Ella BROWN	Lily GORDON	Isla MORRIN	Isabelle WATLING
Daniel CAMPBELL	Robbie GOULDING	Laura NELSON	Finlay WATSON
Kinga CISZEK	Emily GOW	Dominic NOON	Caitlin WILKINSON
Oliver CUTHBERT	Lottie GRAY	Aliya OJIAKO	Georgia WILSON
Jessica DICKSON	Zara HALL	John PERELLA	Kate WOODHALL
			Hannah WORRALL

NORTH TYNESIDE CATHOLIC WEBSITE

We now have a new cluster website at <http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk> . Information for our parish will be regularly updated, including an electronic version of the weekly bulletin, along with other parish information. Congratulations to everyone who has helped prepare our new cluster website.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH: RE-WIRING

St Edward's Church has now been completely re-wired, including the Narthex. A new emergency lighting system has also been installed. Our three churches now comply with current health and safety regulations. Our thanks goes to members of the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee who supervised the work, and to the electricians of J & D Shepherd of Morpeth who carried out work so efficiently. Mgr Andrew.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Thursday 21st May when David Armstrong will lead a 7 mile walk from West Woodburn, in Redesdale, through woods and fields. Please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. If you require more information please telephone David on 2511545.

MONDAY CLUB

On 11th May we'll have a Newspaper Review and everyone is very welcome to come and share their views!

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE

Our three year journey of renewal continues with our first Parish open meeting on Thursday 14th May at 7.30 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton. A DVD will be shown and information given which will provide the focus for reflection, discussion, questions and some answers on the future challenges and opportunities faced by our Parish. We all need to be part of this very important project and your support is essential in determining the outcome. To aid our comfort and enjoyment light refreshments and a glass of wine or juice will be provided. Further information about Forward Together in Hope is available on the Diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk

FAIR TRADE

The next Fair Trade sale at St Edwards will be on Sunday 17th May.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH ROTAS

New rotas are available in the pigeon holes at the back of church. Due to a computer glitch it has not been possible to send out rotas by e-mail this time so can the recipients who normally receive them this way please collect from the pigeon hole. Many thanks.

MEETING THE RISEN LORD

Continuing each Monday until 18th May there will be a series of reflective sessions taking place in the Parish Rooms at St Edward's Church, 7.30pm – 9.00pm. These sessions will focus on meeting the risen Lord through the Scripture readings of each Sunday in Eastertide. They are particularly aimed at those making enquiries about the Catholic Faith, those who have recently been received into the Church, and completed their initiation. The sessions are also open to those who wish to deepen and renew their faith. In short, all are welcome! To help us anticipate numbers, please email or phone the Parish Office, but this isn't essential. Just come along if you feel it might be for you.

OTHER NOTICES

BULLETIN NOTICE

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for YMT's Britain's Got Talent Raffle. The winners were drawn on Wednesday evening after The Source at St Mary's Cathedral. The winning tickets were: 1st Prize: Maureen Rudd - Ticket no. 17484, 2nd Prize: Kathryn Maggs - Ticket no. 23520, 3rd Prize: Louise Monaghan - Ticket no. 21091

PIE AND PEA SUPPER FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Fr Peter Stott is celebrating his Silver Jubilee of Ordination in June. There will be a Pie and Pea Supper, Bingo and Raffle, starting at 7pm on Saturday 30th May in the Parish Hall at St Cuthberts Church, North Shields to raise funds for his Silver Jubilee Presentation Fund. Tickets cost £3.50. Bring your own drink. If you would like tickets to come along and join in the fun, contact Nora Pearson, Chair of Social Committee (0191 258 5726) or Ian Pearson, Chair of Parish Council ian_p83@yahoo.com.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

An invitation is extended to all young people in our parishes in Year 9 and above to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in July with Bishop Seamus. Forms for all who are interested are now available from the back of church or please contact Parish Office for a form or to have one emailed. All meetings at St Cuthbert's Church.

13/05/15	First Meeting with Candidates and Parents	17/06/15	Fifth Meeting with Candidates
20/05/15	Second Meeting with Candidates	24/06/15	Sixth Meeting with Candidates
03/06/15	Third Meeting with Candidates	01/07/15	Seventh Meeting / Rehearsal
10/06/15	Fourth Meeting with Candidates	05/07/15	The Rite of Election – at own Parish Mass

July 2015 Confirmation Mass with Bishop Seamus

NORTH EAST CHURCHES ACTING TOGETHER (NECAT)

This year's AGM will take place at 2pm on Thursday 4th June at The Sanctuary Artspace in Gateshead. NECAT became the intermediary body for Churches Together groups in September 2014 and at the AGM will be looking at what has happened over the last few months and what is planned for the future. It would be great to see you at the AGM, all are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 9th May	12.30pm First Holy Communion Mass	10.00am First Holy Communion Mass 6.00pm Special Intention (MAFC)	NO SERVICE
Sunday 10th May 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am Segundina Baccay (JP)	5.00pm People of the Parish	9.30am Terence Mason (AM) (Mass including First Holy Communion)
Monday 11th May	9.30am Word and Communion	10.00am Word and Communion	NO SERVICE
Tuesday 12th May	7.00pm Word and Communion	10.00am Noel Woodfine (GL)	NO SERVICE
Wednesday 13th May OUR LADY OF FATIMA	9.30am Word and Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am James Goulbourn (MG)	NO SERVICE
Thursday 14th May ST MATTHIAS	9.30am Word and Communion 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Tom Freel	NO SERVICE
Friday 15th May	9.30am Word and Communion	10.00am Pat Claydon (JC)	NO SERVICE
Saturday 16th May	NO SERVICE/CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Pat Clark (MB)	NO SERVICE
Sunday 17th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	11.00am Tess Summers (PR)	5.00pm People of the Parish	9.30am Steven Hill (MW)

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill and unable to attend Mass, particularly Ann Lafferty, Fr Hugh McCann, Mary Dalby, Sarah Larkin, Maureen Bell, Norma Smith, John Jameson, Steve Heywood, Bob Howe, Charlie McCuigan and Veronica Clarke. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Juanna Brown of Earsdon Grange Care Home, Fr Lawrence Jones and Noel Woodfine of New Hartley.

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S
Sunday 17th May, 12.30pm	Summer Eve Wedderburn

Hospital Chaplaincies

North Tyneside General Hospital, Rake Lane: Fr David Nixon MSC 03448 118111 Ext 4268 or 0191 2934268.

RVI, Freeman & Walkergate: Fr Michael Corbett at St Andrew's, Worswick St, 0191 2321892

Newcastle General Hospital: Sister Teresa, 0191 2336161 ext 28465

Priests' telephone numbers

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Parish Office opening hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10.00am—12.00noon.

For bulletin entries please contact the Parish Secretary - telephone 0191 2527066 or email to parishofficeolss@btconnect.com

Items for the bulletin should be received by 12 noon on Thursdays.