

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year B 18th & 19th July 2015

MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR ANDREW

I'm very grateful for your support during my recovery from ankle replacement surgery in April, and I'm pleased to be returning to full duties. This is a good time to offer you some reflections on how I believe we are progressing as a parish. People's generosity – their gifts and time as well as charitable giving- continue to sustain the Parish to a healthy degree. This ensures that the work will be done to discern the way forward for the Parish as we move through the diocesan project: Forward Together in Hope.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), the church councils and the parish finance committee continue to manage the short and long term issues that impact on the Parish, and I am grateful for the diligence of their members for giving so willingly of themselves.

The PPC will hold its next regular meeting this Monday at 7.00pm at Immaculate Heart Church, Monkseaton. The Council will pick up on matters arising since its last meeting on 11th May and then receive reports on parish finance and buildings. The good news is that our finances are healthy and have allowed for some important building work, as well as maintaining the day-to-day running of the Parish. At St Edward's, the rewiring is complete, including a new emergency lighting system, and the church now complies with current health and safety standards. The church and house guttering and brickwork are also being restored. An extra toilet has been installed in the parish rooms next to the disabled access toilet. The church Confessional, sacristies and back corridors between the church and house have been redecorated. At Immaculate Heart Church, a new reception area is being created at the church entrance, and the former office is being turned into a priest's study and meeting area, which will also restore a space for the Sacrament of Confession. At Our Lady's and St Edmund's, the Sanctuary floor has been restored and the old oak carved communion rails will be used to build a new permanent altar.

The Council will also discuss new external information signs for our three churches and the displaying of parish and church council information in each church. Council members will also look at my proposal to change the weekly bulletin to include the Sunday readings, and to provide the same edition of a new hymn book in each church, which will include the texts for the Order of Mass.

The Council will also look at how the Parish is to handle the second stage -*Exploring the Way-* of *Forward Together in Hope*. I'm grateful to Joe James for agreeing to be the project's Parish Lay Representative, and to Julia Brachtvogel, Gerry Nelson and Terry McGann for joining him to help coordinate our parish response.

Parish Pastoral Review

The review group will next meet on 21st July to share what progress has been made. The purpose of this review is to look at the range of ministries we have in the Parish, and to see how they can be developed to affirm the life of the Parish for the enrichment of the faith of all who come to our churches, for the preaching of the Gospel, and the care of the sick and the poor for the years ahead.

So there's plenty going on in addition to the daily running of the Parish. Our thanks and blessings also go to Janet Murphy, our Parish Secretary, who has been with us now for over a year, and for her unstinting work and kindness.

Cluster Confirmations

Congratulations and prayers to John Patrick Calanog, John Ray M Calanog, Lily Mallon-Crudace, Niamh Henderson, Amber MacOscar, Osheen MacOscar, Rebecca Mould and Lucy Penhall who were confirmed by Bishop Cunningham on 10th July at St Cuthbert's, North Shields.

PARISH NOTICES

LITTLE SISTERS APPEAL

This weekend the Little Sisters of the Poor will be at all Masses to make an appeal and a retiring collection will be taken for St Joseph's Home for the Elderly.

TOMBOLA AT OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND CHURCH

St Edmund's Tombola will be held after Mass this Sunday, 19th July.

RED MISSION BOXES AT OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND

Mission money for the summer quarter is now due. Please hand in your donations or boxes this weekend, 19th July.

STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL AND ST THOMAS MORE ACADEMY

Congratulations and prayers to our pupils and students who are moving on to the next stage in their education. Congratulations also to Michael Thompson of St Edward's who has been appointed chaplain at St Thomas More.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Monday 20th July. Jim Gunning will lead a 6 mile walk from the Sun Inn, Morpeth. This walk on riverside paths through woods and meadows and mainly quiet country lanes via Mitford Village and Castle is level apart from 2 short climbs. Meet at Immaculate Heart Car Park at 9.30am. For further information phone Jim on 0191 2535135 or 07932 696795.

AMPLEFORTH RETREAT

Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd July. For those travelling by coach, it will leave from St Edward's Church at 9.00am this Monday. Those travelling by car should try to arrive at Ampleforth by 12noon.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend 26th July is a Day of Prayer for Human Life and a special collection will be taken at Masses.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Last weekend on Sea Sunday a second collection was held and £606 was raised. Thank you for your support and generosity.

OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND WELCOME

A warm welcome to Carly Harris who is to be received into church on 26th July. Please remember her in your prayers.

ST EDWARD'S TEA AND COFFEE

Just to remind you that there are refreshments served after 11.00am Mass each Sunday in the church rooms. Everyone welcome.

RED MISSION BOXES AT ST EDWARD

Red boxes are now due to be emptied for the summer quarter, the books are now ready in the Narthex for collectors, monies should be handed to Mary by the 31st July. Would those who bring their boxes to church to be emptied please take note.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2015/16

We will soon be starting this year's preparation programme for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. If you have a child who will be starting Year 4 in September 2015 and would like them to take part in this year's programme please contact the parish office or Monsignor Andrew for more details. The Programme will start with an initial expression of interest meeting for all parents and carers on 10th September 2015 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, starting at 7.30 pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday 3rd December 2015 and the Celebration of Holy Communion will take place on the 7th and 8th of May 2016.

COMPLINE

After a summer break Compline will resume at St. Edward's on Thursday 10th September at 7.00pm.

MONDAY CLUB AT ST EDWARD'S

The Monday Club will not be meeting during the holiday period, but we'll return on 14th September and the charity coffee mornings will be held during August. Best wishes to everyone and have an enjoyable summer.

FOOD BANK

There is a very high demand for food from the Food Bank at present—they especially need tins of meat and microwave rice. They remain very grateful for your ongoing support and generosity.

PETITIONS FOR LOURDES

If you wish to have a petition delivered to Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage, please place it in the box in front of Our Lady's statue at each church and light a candle. Your petition will be delivered to the Grotto, and a candle will be lit there during the Pilgrimage in continuation of your offering of prayer. The last date for submission of petitions is 26th July. If anyone wishes to have a candle lit or a Mass offered for their intention please place your donation/stipend in a separate envelope clearly marked 'MASS CANDLE' in the same box as above by 26th July.

JUSTICE & PEACE CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

Monday 3rd August in the Parish Rooms at St Edward's, 10.00 -11.30am. Home made cake, raffle and good company on offer. Your pre-loved 'bling' jewellery, summer scarves and ladies handbags (in good order) would be gratefully received to sell on our very popular Accessories Stall. Please leave donations in the J&P cupboard in the Narthex. Money raised will be given to the 'Walking With' project in Wallsend to support their work with refugees in the local area. All parishioners and friends are very welcome.

INVITATION TO MUSICIANS

As those who attend Saturday evening Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church are aware, we now have a small instrumental ensemble. Peter and Adele would like to invite any musicians to join them. Please either speak to them at Mass or email Adele at wilsonadele1@sky.com. They look forward to hearing from you!

OTHER NOTICES

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION NEXT TALK

All "Gas and Gaiters, Anglo-Catholicism" - a talk by Fr. David Twomey from St George's Cullercoats. At St Mary's RC Church Hall, Farringdon Road, Cullercoats, NE30 3EY on Wednesday 29th July at 7.30pm, all welcome.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website (www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the Church.

PSALMS AS SOUL-FOOD

Saturday 19th September, 11.00am—3.00pm led by Alison Adam (Member of the Iona Community). Spend a day on Lindisfarne with the power of the psalms and the potency of the island to refresh and renew you. (Causeway Open 09:55am—17:25pm.) To book, please telephone 0191 2433302 or email spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk

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 inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 12 noon on Thursdays.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 18th July	9.30am Jim Corrigan 10.00am Confessions	6.00pm Peggy Lazzari (MME)	NO SERVICE
Sunday 19th July	11.00am In thanksgiving Thomson Scott (MS)	5.00pm Jack & Tom Blaire and Michael Joe	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 20th July	9.30am Greta Looney	10.00am Word and Communion	NO SERVICE
Tuesday 21st July ST LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI	7.00pm Lennon, Mulcahy & Conroy families (TL)	10.00am John & Brenda Wilkinson and all deceased members of Wilkinson family (LS)	NO SERVICE
Wednesday 22nd July ST MAGDALENE	9.30am Word and Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am E&F Maria family	9.30am Bernadette Byrne
Thursday 23rd July ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	9.30am Joseph Patrick Moriarty (CP)	10.00am John Kennedy	NO SERVICE
Friday 24th July THE MARTYRS OF THE DIOCESE	9.30am Fred Sweeney (LL)	10.00am Bill Atkinson (G&CMcG)	NO SERVICE
Saturday 25th July ST JAMES	9.30am Maurice Moore 10.00am Confessions	6.00pm People of the Parish, especially the safety of all holidaymakers (Pastoral Care Team)	NO SERVICE
Sunday 26th July	11.00am Charles Richard Peck (RM)	5.00pm June Carroll (LC)	9.30am Margaret Barie

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill and unable to attend Mass, particularly, Mary Dalby, Maureen Bell, Norma Smith, John Jameson, Steve Heywood, Bob Howe, Charlie McCuigan, Veronica Clarke, Joan Waugh and Father Michael Corbett. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Mary Garborino.

BAPTISMS	ST EDWARD
Sunday 19th July, 12.30pm	Chloe Elizabeth Thompson
Sunday 26th July, 12.30pm	Lucia Saban

Hospital Chaplaincies

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

RVI, Freeman & Walkergate: Please phone St Mary's Cathedral on 0191 2326953

Newcastle General Hospital: Sister Teresa, 0191 2336161 ext 28465

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