

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year B 1st & 2nd August 2015

PARISH NOTICES

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nicola Marie Harrison and Andrew Tonks who were married this Saturday at 1.00pm in St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay and to Carolyn Merilles and Steven Coulson who are to be married next weekend on 8th August at 2.00pm in St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Many thanks for your generosity in July. Offertory collections were:

- Standing orders: £3,201.67
- Gift Aid envelopes: £1,492.40
- Loose plate collection: £2,312.02

Second collections were:

- Apostleship of the Sea, 12th July 2015—£606.23
- Little Sisters of the Poor second collection, 18th & 19th July 2015—£1,435.16
- St Vincent de Paul—£226.67
- Day for Life, 26th July 2015—£327.98

Sister Bernard has written to express her gratitude to those who responded to The Little Sisters of the Poor appeal and to assure you that the money will be put to good use for the benefit of the residents at St Joseph's Home.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Tuesday 4th August when Peter Weighill will lead a 6.5 mile walk around Dukefield Arches and Devil's Water. Please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary church at 9.30am. If you require more info please contact Peter on 0191 2512917.

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 is welcome.

ST EDWARD'S PIETY STALL

Rotas are now ready for collection in the Narthex.

COMPLINE

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

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 May 2016.

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.

HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

During this week's pilgrimage, Fr Peter Stott will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for "The intentions of the parishioners of the parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea" also Bishop Séamus Cunningham will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for "The intentions of all benefactors to the Diocesan Pilgrimage". We will be praying for you, will you pray for us parish pilgrims. If you wish to follow our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which started on Friday 31st July you can do so by logging on to Lourdes live24/7 which streams a constant broadcast from the Domain in Lourdes. The Mass in English is usually at 7.30 am (BST) Bishop Cunningham and priests from the Diocese will be concelebrating Mass at the Grotto on Sunday 2nd August.

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!

NEW HYMN BOOKS

Monsignor Andrew and the parish council have agreed that in the autumn each church will use a new hymn book which includes the text of the Mass, and the readings for Sundays will be printed on the bulletin. This will mean that those attending Sunday Mass will have access to the same texts across the parish. Those who receive the bulletin at home, such as the sick and housebound, will be able to pray the Sunday readings for themselves. Further information will follow in September.

OTHER NOTICES

60TH ANNIVERSARY FLOWER FESTIVAL

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Wallsend Road, North Shields. Thursday 20th August opening service at 7.00pm, followed by refreshments. Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd August 10.00am—4.00pm, Sunday 23rd August 12.30pm—4.30pm with afternoon tea, Monday 24th August 60th Anniversary Mass of the opening of St Joseph's Church at 7.00pm followed by buffet.

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 1st August ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI	9.30am Mary Garborino (FJ) 10.00am Confessions 1.30pm Wedding—Nicola Marie Harrison & Andrew Tonks	6.00pm Leslie Taylder	NO SERVICE
Sunday 2nd August	11.00am Joan Imelda Parker (BP)	5.00pm People of the Parish	9.30am Joseph Convey (TW)
Monday 3rd August ST OSWALD	9.30am Anne Lafferty (MG)	10.00am Word and Communion	NO SERVICE
Tuesday 4th August ST JOHN VIANNEY	7.00pm John Doffy (JK)	10.00am Ralph & Marion Hope (MS)	NO SERVICE
Wednesday 5th August THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR	9.30am Word and Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Josie Lombardi	9.30am Christine McCotter
Thursday 6th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	9.30am William Gordon (MS)	10.00am Mary Devaney	NO SERVICE
Friday 7th August	9.30am Peter Malone (EJ)	10.00am Aidan Cook (AC)	NO SERVICE
Saturday 8th August ST DOMINIC	9.30am Word and Communion NO CONFESSIONS 1.30pm Wedding—Carolyn Merilles & Steven Coulson	6.00pm Lawrence Anastasi (JA)	NO SERVICE
Sunday 9th August	11.00am Harry Larkin (VML)	5.00pm Jim McCourt (KMCC)	9.30am People of the Parish

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, Father Michael Corbett and Michael Snowdon. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Mary Garborino.

BAPTISMS	ST EDWARD	OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND
Sunday 2nd August, 11.00am Mass	Evie Beau Willits	
Sunday 9th August, 12.30pm (Deacon Frank)		Darcey Olsen

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

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First reading

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'"

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Psalm

Psalm 77:3-4,23-25,54

Response: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
these we will not hide from their children
but will tell them to the next generation:
2. the glories of the Lord and his might
and the marvellous deeds he has done,
Yet he commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven.
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food;
So he brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won.

Second reading

Ephesians 4:17,20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

John14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
No one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into those boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.
Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'