

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year B** 29th & 30th August 2015

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 1st September**

Pope Francis has inaugurated a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. In his letter announcing the day of prayer he writes:

*Sharing the concern of my beloved brother, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, for the future of creation (cf. Encyclical: Laudato Si', 7-9), I wish to inform you that I have decided to institute in the Catholic Church the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation which, beginning this year, is to be celebrated on 1 September, as has been the custom in the Orthodox Church for some time. The purpose of the day will be to offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live. The celebration of this Day, on the same date as the Orthodox Church, will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our Orthodox brothers and sisters. We live at a time when all Christians are faced with the same decisive challenges, to which we must respond together, in order to be more credible and effective. It is my hope that this Day will in some way also involve other Churches and ecclesial Communities, and be celebrated in union with similar initiatives of the World Council of Churches.*

**Prayer**

O Lord, good Father, who in your providence have entrusted the earth to the human race, grant, we pray, that with the fruits harvested from it we may be able to sustain life and, with your help, always use them wisely. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PARISH NOTICES**

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Hannah MacGregor & Christopher Morris who were married on Saturday, 29th August at St Edward's.

**DEATH**

Please pray for the eternal rest of Michael Snowdon, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1.00pm on 4th September at St Edward's Church, followed by cremation at Tynemouth Crematorium.

**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.

**TOMBOLA AT OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND'S**

Thank you for £130 realised from our recent tombola fundraising effort. We have been able to send £300 for our International Refugee Trust project. Thank you for bringing in gifts and prizes and also your generosity on the day. Please remember we are always looking for surplus fruit and one pound jam jars. I can collect, please ring Ann Donnelly on 0191 2584454.

**ST EDWARD'S CHURCH COUNCIL**

Although on the whole Parish activities as indicated by Mgr Andrew are running smoothly there is a need to recruit more Parishioners to serve on the Church Council which currently has only 4 members. The intention is to meet and discuss the changing role of the Church Council on Monday 7th September at 7.00pm in the Parish House. Please contact Bill Crumbley (tel. 0191 2519901) or Lawrie Ashton (tel. 0191 2525149) if you are interested.

### **YOUTH HELPER AT LOURDES**

Tom Whiting-Adams was sponsored from the parish Lourdes Helpers Fund and sends the following message: The highlight of my trip to Lourdes as a youth volunteer was helping to take care of pilgrims, with a lot of good humour and laughter. I also made friends with other young people from across the North East who I know I will keep in touch with. I had the privilege of being one of the two volunteers chosen to carry the Hexham and Newcastle banner during a torchlight procession at the grotto one evening. I will certainly return to Lourdes next year and look forward to meeting up with friends from this year's pilgrimage.

### **WALKING WITH**

Thank you to the people who bring food in regularly to Our Lady and St Edmund's but the refugees need more help. They are in need of tinned tomatoes, sweet corn, fruit, hot dogs, meat and fish, also packets of biscuits, toilet rolls and washing powder. Thank you for your support.

### **WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will be on Wednesday 2nd September when David Armstrong will lead a 7 mile walk in Redesdale starting from West Woodburn. Please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917.

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Calling all bakers, coffee drinkers and cake eaters; on Tuesday 22nd September we will be holding a coffee morning in Immaculate Heart of Mary church in support of Macmillan Cancer Care. Please put this in your diary and come along after 10.00am Mass to support this very worthwhile cause. For further information contact Chris Gunning on 0191 2535135.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **ST AIDAN'S EXHIBITION**

St Aidan's Wallsend are holding an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia celebrating 150 years of parish life this weekend from 1.00pm – 4.00pm. Photographs supplied by parishioners and their families will tell the story of St Aidan's school, class groups, football and netball teams, the drama group, parish trips as well as including family stories spanning 100 years. You might even spot a grandparent or great grandparent in a football photograph which goes back to 1907! If you or your family have any connection with St Aidan's we know you will enjoy a visit.

#### **THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL**

Durham Cathedral, Sunday 6th September 2015 at 3.30pm. Christians from around the North East are invited to join together for a service to celebrate our common call to proclaim the Gospel, and rededicate ourselves to the vital ministry of mission and evangelisation. The service will involve a 'dialogue' between the Archbishop of York, the Most Revd and Rt Hon. Dr John Sentamu, and the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Revd Malcolm McMahon. It has been inspired by the warm and positive meetings of the Archbishop of Canterbury with Pope Francis and their reflections on ecumenical mission and evangelisation in response to the Pope's apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of The Gospel). For preparatory booklets and registration please contact: Sr Michael - [marymichael.lee@googlemail.com](mailto:marymichael.lee@googlemail.com)

#### **CLUSTER JOURNEY IN FAITH**

The next cluster Journey in Faith begins at 7.30pm on 7th October at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields. Anyone who wishes to become a Catholic is invited to contact Mgr Andrew or the Parish Office.

#### **WORLD WAR ONE AND THE SISTERS OF MERCY – ILLUSTRATED TALK**

Wednesday 16th September 7.00pm – at St Cuthbert's Church hall, North Shields, NE29 0JB. Speakers: Claire Childs & Jenny Smith – Archivists of the Sisters of Mercy. In 2014, to commemorate the Centenary of the start of the First World War, the Archivists of the Sisters of Mercy, created a standing exhibition as well as an illustrated talk to recall the experiences & involvement of the Sisters, Priests and schoolchildren during WW1. This is a story of real people living through war. Not the abstract idea of thousands of soldiers in trenches, but individuals - Priests taking the Catholic Faith to the trenches, children suffering zeppelin attacks and Sisters nursing. The reactions to seeing the presentation have been very positive and have given us much encouragement. We look forward to seeing you.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 29th August <b>THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	9.30am Thanksgiving 10.00am CONFESSIONS 12.00 Noon Wedding Hannah MacGregor & Christopher Morris	6.00pm People of the Parish (Pastoral Care Team)	NO SERVICE
Sunday 30th August	11.00am Deceased Members of the Robinson Family (Raymond)	5.00pm 40th Wedding Anniversary (C&JG)	9.30am Kristina De La Fuente (TDLF)
Monday 31st August <b>ST AIDAN AND THE SAINTS OF LINDISFARNE</b>	9.30am James Dickson (MT)	10.00am Word & Communion	NO SERVICE
Tuesday 1st September	7.00pm Jimmy Thompson (BT)	10.00am Agnes Richardson (KS)	NO SERVICE
Wednesday 2nd September	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Maureen Duddy	9.30am Mona Richardson (AD)
Thursday 3rd September <b>ST GREGORY THE GREAT</b>	9.30am Mrs T Dickson (MT)	10.00am Raymond O'Shea	NO SERVICE
Friday 4th September <b>THE TRANSLATION OF ST CUTHBERT</b>	1.00pm Michael Snowdon Funeral Mass	10.00am Shirley Timmins	NO SERVICE
Saturday 5th September	9.30am Mary Veronica Gibson (CG) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Lawrence Anastasi (JA)	NO SERVICE
Sunday 6th September	11.00am Rory O'Neill (AO'N)	5.00pm People of the Parish	9.30am Deceased Members of Stewart & Hobday Families (PH)

**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, Peggy Blewitt and Daniel Stephenson, aged 7 years. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Fiona Bennett, Evelyn Walton and Michael Snowdon .

BAPTISMS	IMMACUATE HEART OF MARY	ST EDWARD'S
Sunday 30th August, 12.30pm (Deacon Frank)	Lucas Li Daglish	
Sunday 6th September, 12.30pm (Monsignor Andrew)		Oliver Costello

### 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

### Priests' telephone numbers

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## READINGS AT MASS

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , 30TH AUGUST 2015

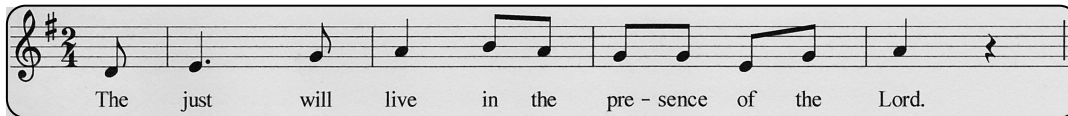
#### First reading

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8**

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

#### Psalm

Response:



**Psalm 14:2-5**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue.
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord.
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever

#### Second reading

**James 1:17-18,21-22,27**

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. So do away with all the impurities and bad habits that are still left in you – accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**James 1:18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

By his own choice the Father made us his children  
by the message of the truth,  
so that we should be a sort of first-fruits  
of all that he created.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel

**Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'