

# Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

St Edward, Coquet Avenue,  
Whitley Bay, NE26 1EE  
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Church Close,  
Monkseaton, NE25 9PG  
Our Lady and St Edmund, Station Road,  
Backworth, NE27 ORU

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year C 28th & 29th November 2015**

## PARISH NOTICES

### PARISH OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA: SUNDAY MASSES

Thanks to those who helpfully responded to the three-week consultation regarding the future arrangement of our Sunday Masses. It is clear that, on balance, the most realistic decision is to reduce our Masses to the 6.00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary West Monkseaton, 9.30am at Our Lady's and St Edmund's Backworth, and 11.00am at St Edward's Whitley Bay. This means that the Sunday 5.00pm Mass at Immaculate Heart would not continue. Bishop Séamus is satisfied with the consultation process and has approved the decision. The Sunday 5.00pm Mass will therefore be celebrated for the last time on Sunday 27th December 2015, and the new arrangement begin the weekend of 2nd/3rd January 2016. Mgr Andrew

### DEATHS

Requiem Mass for Agnes Hall at 11.00am, Monday 30th November at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church followed by cremation at Tynemouth Crematorium at 12.00pm. May she rest in peace. Amen.  
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Calow, whose funeral will be celebrated at Whitley Bay Crematorium on Wednesday, 2nd December at 9:45am. May she rest in peace. Amen.

### IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place before Weekday Mass during Advent beginning Tuesday 1st December. To allow for a period of silence and recollection, away from the hustle and bustle that we encounter at this time, and to allow for personal prayer in our preparation to celebrate Christmas.

### PIETY STALL

Advent calendars, candles, children's books, Christmas cards, Catholic diaries and calendars plus many other items for sale at St Edward's church at very reasonable prices. Thank you for your support.

### PARISH MONDAY CLUB

At St Edward's on 30th November we'll share memories and photographs from those of us lucky enough to be part of this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and everyone is very welcome to come and hear about this most memorable experience.

### PRAYER MEETING CANCELLATION

Please note that there will be no Prayer meeting at St Edward's this Wednesday 2nd December.

### TOMBOLA AT OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND

We will be having a Christmas tombola on 20th December and would be grateful for any unused gifts you might like to donate as prizes for our festive fundraiser. Please bring any items to church or see Ann Donnelly.

### DEPAUL UK

The churches of Whitley Bay are once again joining forces to give the clients of DEPAUL UK Christmas treats. Our parish has been asked for 60 jars of coffee (St Edward's), 50 multi-packs of KIT KAT/PENGUINS or similar (IMMACULATE HEART) and Our Lady's and St Edmund's will supply home-made jam. There will be a box at the back of the churches this weekend for your final contributions. Many thanks for your continued support. Sheila Clapperton and Ann Garland.

### ST EDWARD'S JUSTICE AND PEACE

The Justice and Peace Group will be holding their coffee/Irish coffee and mince pie and Carols event after Mass on 6th December. Everyone is welcome. We would be grateful for raffle donations of wine, chocolates or biscuits. Please leave them in the box provided in the Narthex or give to a Justice and Peace Group member. Raffle tickets will be available in the Narthex.

### JUSTICE & PEACE ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Please find, at the back of each church, Advent Reflection sheets which will be available each Advent Sunday. This resource will help us grow a deeper understanding of what Advent means, as we prepare for Christmas.

## **TIMES OF OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES**

<b>Church</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>
St Cuthbert, North Shields	8.00pm (Carols from 7.30pm)	11.00am
Our Lady and St Edmund, Backworth	No Mass	9.30am
St Edward, Whitley Bay	7.00pm (Carols from 6.30pm)	11.00am
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monkseaton	9.00pm (Carols from 8.30pm)	No Mass
St Joseph, North Shields	No Mass	9.30am
St Mary, Cullercoats	6.00pm (Carols from 5.30pm)	11.00am
Our Lady and St Oswin, Tynemouth	8.00pm (Carols from 7.30pm)	9.30am

## **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH JUSTICE AND PEACE**

This weekend the Justice and Peace Group will be 'selling' football teams from the 64 who are in the FA Cup. Teams cost £5.00 and if your team wins the FA Cup final we will give you £100.00, the losing finalist receives £50.00. Teams will be sold after Mass. Further information from Peter Weighill on 0191 2512017. Proceeds will go to Isaac's House, an orphanage in Uganda.

## **THE CHRISTMAS WALK**

This will take place on Monday 7th December and walkers will meet at West Monkseaton Metro Station at 9.30am to travel to Palmersville for a 4.5 mile walk to the Blake Arms in Seghill for a lunch. The cost will be £14.95 and the menu is displayed in the Narthex at each church (please give your menu choice to Jim Gunning by 30th November). Non-walkers please meet at The Blake Arms at 12 noon. Contact Jim Gunning 0191 2535135 or email [jwgunning1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jwgunning1@hotmail.co.uk)

## **PARISH BIRTHDAY PARTY SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER**

There will be another party planning meeting for anyone who was unable to come along last time. The meeting will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary church on Tuesday 1st December after 10.00am Mass. All welcome. For further information contact Chris Gunning 0191 2535135.

## **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

Sunday 13th December at Our Lady and St Edmund at 4.00pm followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine with the Children's Choir from Star of the Sea School.

## **DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD**

Congratulations to Charlotte Mapletoft of our parish who has enrolled for the John Paul II Award Scheme. Charlotte will be involved in a parish-based project as part of her work for the award. Please keep her and the other 226 young people who are involved in the scheme in your prayers. More information at [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org).

## **USE OF THE PARISH ROOMS**

Would all those people who use the St Edward's parish rooms for meetings, activities or events please ensure you clear up after yourself and leave the premises clean and tidy, as some areas have recently been left somewhat messy.

## **HYMN BOOKS**

Thank you to those who gave their help labelling all the new hymn books, this was very much appreciated.

## **APPEAL FOR WASHER/DRYER**

The St Edward SVP have been asked to help a family in desperate need of a washer/dryer machine. If anyone can help, please contact Peter Sanderson on 0191 2530218.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **MASS FOR THE SICK**

Cluster Mass for Sick and Housebound will be celebrated at St Mary's, Cullercoats on Sat 5th December at 11.00am. Please indicate if transport is required. A soup lunch will be served afterwards.

### **THE ADVENT SLEEPOUT CHALLENGE**

This challenge is to raise awareness of homelessness and raise some money for the project which launches this year. People are being asked to share the experience of 'sleeping out' in St Nicholas Cathedral in Newcastle on Friday 4th December to raise money for Nightstop North East and Church Urban Fund's 'Together Network'. Sheila Clapperton will be 'sleeping out' and is asking for sponsorship. Forms are in the Narthex at each church. Sheila can be contacted on 0191 2528935 for more details.

### **BISHOP SÉAMUS TO LAUNCH THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY IN OUR DIOCESE**

Bishop Séamus will launch the Year of Mercy at St Mary's Cathedral on 8th December. He will celebrate Mass at 7.15am and give a talk at 10.30am. Bishop Séamus and Diocesan Clergy will concelebrate Mass at 12.05pm. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day and priests to hear confessions between 8.00am and 8.00pm (except during the Mass and talk).

On Sunday 13th December 2015 Bishop Séamus will open the Holy Door to mark the beginning of the Year of Mercy at 3.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral.

### **ADVENT QUIET DAY**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am – 4.00pm - Advent is a time for reflection and preparation for the great feast of Christmas. Fr John Marsland will lead a quiet day of prayer and contemplation using the chapels and quiet spaces at Ushaw. Cost is £15.00 including a light lunch.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>	<b>OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S</b>
Saturday 28th November	First Holy Communion Programme No Mass/Confessions	6.00pm People of the Parish, especially those in our community who have no-one to pray for them (Pastoral Care Team)	NO SERVICE
Sunday 29th November <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	11.00am Private Intention (MC)	5.00pm Theresa Godber (PC)	9.30am Owen Cooper
Monday 30th November <b>ST ANDREW</b>	9.30am Paddy & Alan Dawson (MHD)	11.00am Requiem Mass, Agnes Hall	NO SERVICE
Tuesday 1st December	9.30am Celia Johnston (AC) 6.00pm Star of the Sea School Christingle Service	10.00am The Cooper Family	NO SERVICE
Wednesday 2nd December	9.30am Word & Communion <b>No Prayer Group</b>	10.00am Bill Jacob	NO SERVICE
Thursday 3rd December <b>ST FRANCIS XAVIER</b>	9.30am Chris & Antonietta Wilson (AW) 6.00pm First Holy Communion Sacrament of Reconciliation	10.00am Elmer Barrett	NO SERVICE
Friday 4th December <b>ST OSMUND</b>	9.30am May & Norma Willcock (MHD)	10.00am Jane & Peter Nixon	NO SERVICE
Saturday 5th December	9.30am Tony Araniello (MA)	6.00pm Peggy Clark (MB)	NO SERVICE
Sunday 6th December <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	11.00am Private Intention (MC)	5.00pm Jim Delaney	9.30am People of the Parish

**Please remember in your prayers** those who are ill and unable to attend Mass, particularly Mary Holmes, Kay Robson, Maureen Bell, Norma Smith, John Jameson, Steve Heywood, Bob Howe, Charlie McCuigan, Joan Waugh, Father Michael Corbett, Peggy Blewitt, Kevin York, Geraldine Hurst and Father David Tanner. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Jerry McCarthy, Agnes Hall and Anne Calow.

<b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S</b>
Saturday 28th November, 11.30am (Monsignor Andrew)	William Michael Cook

**Hospital Chaplaincies**

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

**Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital**, Northumbria Way, Cramlington:

Father David Nixon MSC 03448 118111 or 0191 6072270

**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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**Priests' telephone numbers**

Monsignor Andrew Faley 0191 2528021, Father Martin Stempczyk 0191 2513770, Father Chris Hughes 0191 2575801 Deacon Frank

**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**

## READINGS AT MASS

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 29TH NOVEMBER 2015

REFRAIN:



Christ, cir - cle round us. Christ, may your light sur -  
round us. Shine in our liv - ing. Fill our hearts  
with great thanks - giv - ing.

#### First reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

#### The Psalm

Psalm 92:1-2,5

Response:



To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.
2. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,
3. His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and law.  
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;

#### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel Acclamation

Ps84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. ‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**