

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 0RU

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year B 14th & 15th November 2015

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA: SUNDAY MASSES

Over ten years ago, the number of Sunday Masses was reduced to nine in what were then the seven parishes of Our Lady and St Edmund Backworth, Immaculate Heart of Mary West Monkseaton, St Edward's Whitley Bay, St Mary's Cullercoats, St Oswin's Tynemouth and St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's North Shields. It was also agreed that Backworth, West Monkseaton and Whitley Bay would have four Masses, and the other five were shared between Cullercoats, Tynemouth and North Shields. Since then, the number of Sunday Masses has stayed the same, but the number of parishes and priests has reduced to three. The number of those regularly attending Sunday Mass has also dropped significantly across the parishes.

You may know that the two parish priests of Cullercoats and Tynemouth and North Shields and I share a rota to cover the 6.00pm Vigil Mass and the 5.00pm Sunday Mass at Immaculate Heart. This is to ensure that I do not have to celebrate four Masses on a Sunday, and I'm grateful for their support. However, over the past two years, it has become clear that three Sunday Masses would amply serve the needs of our parish, and that due to the reduction of parishioners attending the 5.00pm Mass, that this Mass should be dropped.

I am therefore recommending that our Sunday Masses should be the 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton, the 9.30am Mass at Our Lady and St Edmund, Backworth, and the 11.00am Mass at St Edward's, Whitley Bay. Although there is no other Sunday evening Mass in the Cluster or Deanery, Mass is available at St Andrew's, Newcastle, at 6.00pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, at 6.30pm and St Dominic's Priory, Newcastle, at 7.00pm.

The clergy of the Deanery have agreed to this change, and our church and parish councils are now discussing it. I would be grateful to receive any comments from parishioners either directly or through their church council or the parish council over the next 3 weeks. Subject to the approval of the Bishop, the final 5.00pm Sunday Mass would be celebrated on 27th December 2015, with the new arrangement starting the following weekend, 2nd/3rd January 2016. Mgr Andrew Faley.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday 22nd November is a Day of Special Prayer for Youth and a second collection will be taken for the Youth Ministry Trust.

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 WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Friday 20th November when John Charlton will lead a 5 mile walk from Newburn through Tyne Riverside Park to Heddon on the Wall. Please be aware that it could be very muddy in places! Meet in Immaculate Heart of Mary car park 9.30am. For further information, ring John on 0191 2522008.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

At St Edward's on 16th November we're having a morning of "Musical Favourites", bring along a CD with a favourite piece of music (or song!) to share. Everyone is very welcome.

PARISH HYMN BOOKS

We are looking for a few volunteers to help stamp the new hymn books and stick in the dedication labels. Please contact Janet in the office if you can help. Don't forget there are still envelopes at the back of church if you would like to dedicate a hymn book in memory of a friend or family member.

TOMBOLA AT OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND

We will be having a Christmas Tombola in 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.

FAIR TRADE STALL

There will be a Fair Trade stall at St Edward's this Sunday 15th November. This will be the last one before Christmas and your support will be very much appreciated.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE OF PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED AT ST EDWARD'S, WHITLEY BAY

This year's celebration of prayer and readings for those who have died over the past year will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday, 19th November 2015 in St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay. The names of those whose funerals were celebrated in the Parish will be included automatically. Please let your parish office know if you have any other names to be included.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CARDS AND CALENDARS

Christmas cards and calendars for CAFOD and St Oswald's Hospice will be on sale at Saturday and Sunday evening Masses during the weekends of the 14th & 15th, 21st & 22nd and 28th & 29th November. We look forward to your usual support.

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 x jars of coffee (St Edward's), 50 x 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 4 weekends for your contributions. Many thanks for your continued support. Sheila Clapperton and Ann Garland.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION, 2015-2016

Our children started their preparation on 3rd October, supported by the parish catechists and helpers. These sessions take place at St Edward's Church, and they will be meeting again on the following Saturdays over the next months: 28th November, 16th January, 6th February, 12th March, 16th April and 11th June. There will be no morning Mass or Confessions on these dates. The children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on 3rd December at St Edward's, and First Holy Communion on the weekend of 7th and 8th May 2016. Please continue to keep the children, their parents and families, and our catechists in your prayers.

ST EDWARD'S J&P

The Justice and Peace Group will be holding their Christmas 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.

PARISH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thank you to all those who came along to the planning meeting for the Parish Birthday Party which is to take place after Mass on Saturday 12th December. All offers of help were gratefully received! If you were unable to come along but are willing to provide food for the party, there will be sign up lists at the back of each church from next weekend. Please put your name against any food item you would be willing to contribute so that we can provide a good selection of party goodies. Fr. Andrew has, very generously said, that once again, the parish will provide the drinks. For further information contact Chris Gunning 0191 2535135.

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 further details will be in next week's bulletin. Contact Jim Gunning 0191 2535135.

OTHER NOTICES

ARCH & SPUC EDUCATIONAL TRUST

An evening with Friar Alessandro, 'A voice from Assisi', at St Joseph's RC Church North Shields on Friday 27th November 2015, 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Tickets £5.00. Telephone Mary Lewellyn on 0191 2581721 or Ann Donnelly on 0191 2584454.

ST ANDREW'S URC MONKSEATON

St Andrew's Church is in need of a Guider to lead their Girl Guides. The group meet on Friday evenings. For more information telephone Valerie Taylor on 0191 2526172.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Have you ever longed to make a difference to society? Do you believe healthy relationships can lead to a better society? Would you like to gain skills and experience whilst helping others build better relationships? Then Marriage Care has the opportunities you are looking for! Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation that draws on its Catholic Christian tradition and contemporary research to help couples in both good times and bad. We provide marriage preparation courses and relationship counselling for couples across England and Wales. For more information see poster in Narthex for further details, or to apply visit www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

CHILLING TALES IN THE HALL

St Peters Church are holding a Frights by Candlelight evening, read by Joe James, on Friday 20th November at starting 7.00pm in Crosskeys Hall, Elmwood Road, Monkseaton tickets £5.00 to include a light supper.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 14th November	9.30am Word & Communion No Confessions	6.00pm Lily Leddy	NO SERVICE
Sunday 15th November	11.00am Forgotten Souls	5.00pm People of the Parish	9.30am Tom Witheridge (TW)
Monday 16th November ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	NO SERVICE
Tuesday 17th November ST HILDA OF WHITBY	7.00pm Word & Communion	10.00am Alfred Hodson (EH)	NO SERVICE
Wednesday 18th November SS PETER AND PAUL	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Welfare of Maria Gonzalez (J&DJ)	9.30am Theresa Carney
Thursday 19th November	9.30am Lily & Albert Riley (EW) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Deceased Members of the Harwood Family (EH)	NO SERVICE
Friday 20th November ST EDMUND, KING	9.30am Kathleen Keeler (MQ)	10.00am E.F.Maria	NO SERVICE
Saturday 21st November PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.30am Jean Moran (MS) 10.00am Confessions	6.00pm Maureen Dowd (NB)	NO SERVICE
Sunday 22nd November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING	11.00am Nicola & Alex Harvie (MC)	5.00pm People of the Parish	9.30am St Edmund Thanksgiving (EM)

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

BAPTISM	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
Sunday 22nd November 12.30pm (Deacon Frank)	Finley Meah Hannah Elaine Harrison

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 Forde, contact via Parish Office 0191 2527066.

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

