

## BIBLE SUNDAY , SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year C 5th & 6th December 2015

### PARISH NOTICES

#### JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: 8TH DECEMBER 2015 – 20TH NOVEMBER 2016



On Tuesday 8th December, at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, Bishop Séamus will launch the Year of Mercy in our Diocese. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day and Priests available to hear Confession between 8.00am and 8.00pm (except during the Mass and the talk).

On Sunday 13th December 2015 Bishop Séamus will open the Holy Door at 3pm at St Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome.

Dedicated Year of Mercy resources will be available shortly on the diocesan website.

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishop will be read at Masses this weekend to introduce the Year of Mercy.

#### THANKS FROM THE HALL FAMILY

Following their recent bereavement, Wilf and family thank friends and parishioners for their support, kind thoughts and prayers.

#### MARRIAGE

Congratulations to Dean Winter & Frances Cunningham who are to be married on 12th December at 4.00pm in St Edward's, Church, Whitley Bay.

#### PARISH MONDAY CLUB

There will not be a club meeting at St Edward's this week as it is our Christmas meal out.

#### PARISH SECOND BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thanks to all those who have signed up to help with this celebration, which is to be held after Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on 12th December. This will begin at 7.30pm once the hall has been set up following the 6.00pm Vigil Mass. We look forward to a great turn out for the evening.

#### 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.

#### PIETY STALL

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

#### CAROL SERVICE

This year's Carol service at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will be at 7.00pm on Thursday 17th December. Join us for an evening of readings and carols followed by ginger wine and mince pies. All are welcome.

#### TOMBOLA

We will be having a Christmas tombola at Our Lady and St Edmund Church 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.

#### 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.
- This weekend the Justice and Peace Group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church 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 PARISH 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 asap). 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)

### **TIMES OF OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Church	Christmas Eve Mass	Christmas Day Mass
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

### **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).

### **100 CLUB WINNERS FOR OCTOBER ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

PRIZE	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH
OCTOBER 2015	Jim & Margaret Daniels (89)	Mary Bennett (8)	Ann Anderson (82)	Mary Kelly (41)

Subscriptions are £12 and to join please contact Marie Rooney on 0191 2534518.

### **COLLECTIONS THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER**

CAFOD (from Millennium Fund at IHM) - £107.84    The Bay Foodbank (from Millennium Fund at IHM) - £107.84  
Loose Plate - £3,055.86    Hymn Book donations—£651.00  
Standing Orders—£3,138.67    Envelopes—£1,562.20  
Clergy Training Fund—£453.94    Youth Ministry Trust—£431.58

### **CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS**

The total for the sale of cards and calendars at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church came to £920.50. The sale of knitted Christmas novelties for the Ugandan orphanage, Isaac's House, came to £75. Many thanks for your very generous support.

### **RED MISSION BOXES**

The total donated at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church during 2015 is £1,272.62. Many thanks for your generosity and support. Please take a 2016 calendar, available at the back of church.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **FAIR TRADE SALE OF GOODS**

This Sunday 6th December after 11.00am Mass at St. Mary's, Cullercoats. The Justice and Peace Group urges people to try to buy fairly grown and produced goods where possible; any profit made from the stall goes to the foodbank at Walking With.

#### **ADVENT QUIET DAY**

Tuesday 8th 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.

#### **AN ADVENT REFLECTION**

A warm welcome is extended to all to attend this event in preparation for Christmas. 6.30-7.30pm Thursday 10th December 2015 in Our Lady & St Columba's Church Hall, Wallsend. Led by Sr Sheila McNamara, Diocesan Spirituality Department – see notice in Narthex.

#### **HOLY ISLAND SVP CAMP**

Volunteers required for kitchen staff at SVP Holy Island Camp during summer holidays and during term time camps. Work involves supporting cook in preparing and serving meals, cleaning and dining room duties. Please contact Jacinta Hetherington on 07879 463333 for more information. Thank you in anticipation!

#### **ADVENT ALMS APPEAL FROM ST CUTHBERT'S CARE**

This Advent, our 5p Bus distributes warm clothes, bedding, toys and food parcels to hundreds of needy families throughout our Diocese. Envelopes available at back of church if you wish to donate. Thank you.

**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 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
Monday 7th December <b>ST AMBROSE</b>	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	NO SERVICE
Tuesday 8th December <b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	7.00pm Living & Deceased Members of the Scanlan Family (GR)	10.00am Erlinda Arcillas (TA)	NO SERVICE
Wednesday 9th December	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Claire Moat (B&BM)	9.30am Deceased Members of the Stewart & Hobday Family (PH)
Thursday 10th December	9.30am Des Mohan (AM) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am May & Albert Arkley (AR)	NO SERVICE
Friday 11th December	9.30am James Joseph Scanlan (GR)	10.00am Alan Watson (AW)	NO SERVICE
Saturday 12th December	9.30am John Baird (PH) 4.00pm Wedding Dean Winter & Frances Cunningham	6.00pm Murray & Gallagher Family (TM)	NO SERVICE
Sunday 13th December <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	11.00am Private Intention (MC)	5.00pm Bill Atkinson & Noel Woodfine(C)	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, Father Michael Corbett, Peggy Blewitt, Kevin York, Geraldine Hurst, David Tanner and Mary Enright . Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Jerry McCarthy, Agnes Hall and Anne Calow.

**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](mailto:parishofficeolss@btconnect.com) Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 12 noon on Thursdays.**

## READINGS AT MASS

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 6TH DECEMBER 2015

#### First reading

**Baruch 5:1-9**

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

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

#### The Psalm

**Psalm 125:1-6**

*Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.

#### Second Reading

**Philippians 1:4-6,8-11**

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Lk3:4,6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

**Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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