

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year C** 12th & 13th December 2015

**PARISH NOTICES**



**YEAR OF MERCY: CRIB PETITIONS**

To help us focus during Advent on the Year of Mercy, you are invited to write the name(s) of those you wish to pray for and other intentions on a strip of cloth provided beside the empty crib in each church, and place in the crib, as a gesture of prayer. The cribs will be blessed at the Christmas Masses, and the figure of the new-born Jesus will rest on the petitions, as a sign of God's mercy made flesh for us. Mgr Andrew.

**DEATHS**

Please pray for the following who have died recently—Edna May Greatbatch, Mary Elizabeth Younger and Father Michael Corbett.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS**

On Wednesday a team of volunteers from various Whitley Bay churches packed 140 Christmas gift bags for homeless and vulnerable young people supported by De Paul UK (formerly Churches Acting Together). Various Christmas goodies were provided from many Whitley Bay and district churches. Procter and Gamble also helped by supplying toiletries. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church was the venue for this event. Our thanks goes to all churches for their generosity. Ann Garland and Sheila Clapperton.

**PARISH MONDAY CLUB**

On 14th December at St Edward's we'll be singing carols and eating mince pies and everyone is very welcome to join us.

**PIETY STALLS—ALL CHURCHES**

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 SERVICES**

- Carols By Candlelight on 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.
- 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.

**PARISH WALKING GROUP**

On Monday 21st December the walk will be from Tynemouth, along the river to the ferry crossing, then around South Shields and back to the ferry—about 6 miles. Meet at West Monkseaton metro station for the 9.36am train to Tynemouth. Further information from Pat Kerr, 0191 2807764.

**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.
- St Edward's group would like to thank everyone who supported the Christmas coffee morning on Sunday 6th December. We raised £250.80 which will be divided between The Drop-In Centre, The Apostleship of the Sea and Night Stop. If you can help we need men's shoes from sizes 9–11 and these can be left in the Narthex near the Justice and Peace cupboard.

## **TIMES OF OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES**

<b>Church</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>
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

### **RED MISSION BOXES**

The total donated at St Edward's Church during 2015 is £3,335.76 plus a further £450 from Gift Aid. Many thanks for your generosity and support. Anyone who would like a box please contact Mary Nugent.

### **USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS**

As Christmas approaches can we remind parishioners that there is a box in the Narthex at all churches to place your used stamps. Please leave a border around the stamps to protect them.

### **PARISH BURNS SUPPER**

To be held on Friday 19th February 2016 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Three traditional courses, followed by toasts, music and song for only £12.50 a head. Tickets will be available in the New Year from Peter Weighill, Joe James and Bill Lynch. There will only be 80 tickets available, so make a note in your diary the noo.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **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.

### **MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL – CHRISTMAS TEA**

On Christmas Day St Mary the Virgin Anglican Church on Claremont Road, Whitley Bay is hosting a drop-in Christmas tea from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome - couples, families, people on their own, young and old, anyone who would like to get together on Christmas afternoon for some festive food, some good conversation, a few games, some entertainment, and some carol singing. So if you are out having a walk, or you want somewhere to come with the children for a while, or if you are sick of watching TV, or just curious, you would be very welcome. In the end it is being together that makes Christmas special. For more information please ring St Mary's Anglican Parish Office 0191 2514216 weekdays 10.00am - 12.00pm or Rev Pat Moran on 0191 2518200.

### **ST MARYS CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE**

Advent Reconciliation Service, with opportunity for Individual Confession, Saturday 19th December 2015,  
12pm – 5.00pm (*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the afternoon*)  
12noon – Service of Reconciliation with Bishop Séamus  
12.30 – 5.00pm – Individual confession  
5.00pm – Benediction

### **ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, NORTH SHIELDS**

There will be a concelebrated Mass at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd December 2015 to mark the 40th Anniversary of the church's opening.

### **DEANERY ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

The Penitential Service is at 7.00pm on Wednesday 16th December at St Cuthbert's, North Shields. All are welcome.

### **USHAW COLLEGE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

Wednesday 16th December 7.30pm Carol Service A further chance to hear readings and carols in the wonderful setting of St Cuthbert's Chapel, With Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Choir – directed by Philip Robinson. FREE however booking required. Please phone 0191 3345119 or email [tickets@ushaw.org](mailto:tickets@ushaw.org) Monday – Friday 10.00am – 2.00pm

**MASS INTENTIONS**

DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 12th December <b>OUR LADY OF GUADALOUPE</b>	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
Monday 14th December <b>ST JOHN OF THE CROSS</b>	9.30am Jean Moran (MC)	10.00am Word & Communion	NO SERVICE
Tuesday 15th December	7.00pm Bob Thompson (HT)	10.00am Agnes Hall (J&DJ)	NO SERVICE
Wednesday 16th December	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Josie Lombardi	9.30am Word & Communion
Thursday 17th December	9.30am Word & Communion 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Billy & Pauline Lombardi	NO SERVICE
Friday 18th December	9.30am Betty Rutherford (TP&MS)	10.00am Fiona Bennett (SB)	NO SERVICE
Saturday 19th December	9.30am Deceased Members of the CWL (CWL) 10.00am Confessions	6.00pm Our mother Nancy Lynch (VL)	NO SERVICE
Sunday 20th December <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	11.00am Geoff Stephen (AC)	5.00pm People of the Parish	9.30am Deceased Members of The Watson Family (AW)

**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, , 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 Agnes Hall, Anne Calow, Edna May Greatbatch, Mary Elizabeth Younger and Father Michael Corbett.

**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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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 [parishofficeo1ss@btconnect.com](mailto:parishofficeo1ss@btconnect.com)**  
**Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 12 noon on Thursdays.**

## READINGS AT MASS

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 13TH DECEMBER 2015

#### First reading

**Zephaniah 3:14-18**

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

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

#### The Psalm

**Isaiah 112 (Hymn 692)**

*Response: Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

1. Truly, God is our salvation,  
we trust, we shall not fear.  
For the Lord is our strength,  
the Lord is our song;  
he became our saviour.  
With joy you will draw water
2. Give thanks, O give thanks to the Lord;  
give praise to his holy name!  
Make his mighty deeds known  
to all of the nations,  
Proclaim his greatness.
3. Sing a psalm, sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds.  
Make known his works to all of the earth!  
People of Zion, sing for joy,  
for great in your midst, great in your midst  
is the Holy One of Israel.

#### Second Reading

**Philippians 4:4-7**

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

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

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Is61:1(Lk4:18)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel

**Luke 3:10-18**

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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

#### Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world,

for by your Cross and Resurrection

you have set us free.