

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, PEACE SUNDAY, Year C 16th & 17th January 2016

PARISH NOTICES

PEACE SUNDAY

This weekend, our Bishops invite us to make today a day of prayer for peace and to reflect on the theme Pope Francis has chosen for the annual World Day of Peace: ***Overcome indifference and win peace***. It's our lack of concern which is the biggest obstacle to peace in our world; that we are used to accepting distrust, discord and aggression, and that violence is an acceptable way to solve problems; that 'might is right' and that the rights of the vulnerable may be trampled on because it is more convenient for the powerful. Today, we ask Our Lord to change our hearts, so that all may share in the Wedding Feast of God's Kingdom. Further information is available at: www.paxchristi.org.uk.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, 18TH – 25TH JANUARY 2016

This year, the materials for the Week of Prayer have been prepared for worldwide use by the Christians of Latvia, based around the verses 1 Peter 2:9-10: *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.* St Peter is offering an encouragement to the newly baptised to live holy lives and to answer the calling shared by all the baptised to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord. Today, Latvia is a crossroads where Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox regions meet. Because of this unique location, it is home to Christians of many different traditions, but no single one of them is dominant. Gathered together by the Archbishop of Rīga, members of a variety of church communities and projects in Latvia were asked to reflect on the chosen theme and the experience of their work. We pray for all Christians throughout the world, and especially those facing persecution. Further information about the Week of Prayer is available at: www.ctbi.org.uk.

WELCOME TO FATHER O'CONNELL

Next Sunday, Mgr Andrew has been invited to preach in Winchester Cathedral for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Welcome and thanks to Fr O'Connell who will celebrate the Sunday Masses in his absence.

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE: PARISH REPORT

The final version of the Parish Report was sent to the Diocese before Christmas. Copies of the responses to the questions received from the Diocese are available at the back of each church. If you wish to read the full report you can do so on the North Tyneside Cluster website (www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk) under Our Lady Star of the Sea parish 'Latest News'.

COMPLINE

Compline will resume at St Edward's Church this Thursday evening at 7.00pm.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

On 18th January, Marie Rooney will make a welcome return to the Monday Club at St Edward's to update us on the Kenya Project and everyone is very welcome.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Tuesday 19th January 2016. Jim Gunning will lead a 6 mile walk along the Rothbury terraces. (The original walk along riverside walks and woodland parks from Durham City is cancelled following the bad weather which has resulted in many paths being washed away or unsuitable.) Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church car park at 9.30am. For further information contact Jim on 0191 2535135 or 07932 696795.

TEA AND COFFEE ROTA

The rota for St Edward's is ready for collection in the serving kitchen. Thank you to all our volunteers who help.

JUSTICE & PEACE

- There will be a Fair Trade stall in the Narthex at St Edward's Church this Sunday.
- The first meeting of the year for the **Parish** Justice and Peace Group will be held on Thursday 21st January in St Edward's Parish rooms at 12.30pm to create initiatives for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Parishioners are invited to join us to prepare Stations of the Cross for Lent, based on the Corporal Works of Mercy. Monsignor Andrew will be in attendance and tea, coffee and sandwiches will be available.

PARISH LENT & EASTER PREPARATION MEETING

There will be a meeting at 2.30pm on 21st January 2016 in St Edward's Parish Rooms to prepare for Lent and Easter. All are welcome. Mgr Andrew.

MISSION COLLECTION (RED BOXES)

The Mission boxes at St Edward's are due to be emptied for the first quarter of the year. The books are now ready in the narthex for collection. Please pass your boxes to Mary Nugent or bring your boxes to church if you have no collector. Mary & I wish you all a very happy and peaceful new year. Liz Hickey Telephone 0191 2525989.

BURNS SUPPER

The event planned for the 19th February has been cancelled. Thanks to those who expressed an interest.

OTHER NOTICES

CAFOD

VOLUNTEERING WITH CAFOD IN 2016

Are you looking for a new year resolution? Would you like to help some of the poorest people in the world? Do you want to learn new skills and meet new people? then read on! CAFOD relies on local volunteers to work in partnership with others based overseas. Our work is varied and fulfilling, we raise awareness about the injustice of poverty and campaign and fundraise for positive change. We offer training and on-going support, to find out more call 0191 384 4847 or email: hexhamandnewcastle@cafod.org.uk

Habari Uganda! You are warmly invited to an evening with CAFOD at St Cuthbert's Parish Hall, Albion Road West, North Shields on Tuesday 26th January, starting at 7.00pm. You will hear about CAFOD's Lent Fast Day campaign which focusses on Uganda and the provision of water, sanitation and hygiene.

DIOCESE VACANCIES:

Cleaner

St Anne's, Harlow Green requires a part-time cleaner to provide cleaning services in the parish house. The post holder will have the ability to provide a high standard of cleaning with a good understanding of basic Health and Safety Regulations, including COSHH. 4 hours per week. The closing date for applications is Monday 18th January.

Parish Secretary

The parish of St Mary and St Wilfrid, Bishop Auckland requires a part-time secretary. The post-holder will be experienced in general office and administration duties, and have excellent and up-to-date I.T. skills. 16 hours per week. The closing date for applications is Monday 25th January.

For further information and an application form please contact: Katherine Nugent, Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle ☎ 0191 243 3301 or email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk An application pack is also available at www.rcdhn.org.uk

MERCY TALK - CANON JOHN UDRIS, MERCIFUL LOVE: THE DIVINE DNA

Canon John Udris is a priest of Northampton Diocese and at present Spiritual Director at St Mary's College, Oscott. He has a Licence in Spiritual Theology from the Angelicum University in Rome where he focused his studies on St Therese. He is author of *Holy Daring: the fearless trust of St Thérèse of Lisieux* and *The Gift of Thérèse of Lisieux*. Thursday 21st January 2016, 7.00pm St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne. All Are Welcome!

BREAKFAST AT THE BAY CHURCH

The next Women's Breakfast at The Bay Church will be on Saturday 30th January from 9.00am when the speaker will be The Bay's Rachael Thomas.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Bishop Seamus Cunningham will be celebrating Mass on Thursday 4th February 2016 at 7.00pm at St Bede's Church, Westoe Road, South Shields, NE33 4LZ to commission the port chaplains and ship visitors of the Apostleship of the Sea for their work with seafarers on behalf of the Church. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to both the Mass and reception. For further information please contact Paul Atkinson (07906 212426) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924504).

READINGS AT MASS
SUNDAY, 17TH JANUARY 2016

The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from Hymn 479 (page 200)

First reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her Salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

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

Psalm

Psalm 95:1-3,7-10

Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

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| 1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. | 3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name. |
| 2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. | 4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. |

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said; 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.