

Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY, THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year C 23rd & 24th January 2016

PARISH NOTICES

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.

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER

Racial Justice Sunday this year focuses on the Refugee Crisis in Europe caused, in the main, by civil war and conflict in the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region. To see how the Catholic Church in England and Wales is responding to the refugee crisis, go to <http://catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/Featured/Refugee-Crisis-Open-Your-Hearts>.

Prayer:

Heavenly God, we praise your name and thank you for your glorious goodness and mercy.
Lord Jesus, we pray a blessing for all those actively engaged in the struggle for racial justice.
Holy Spirit, we beseech you to enter into the minds and hearts of all those in authority in the Church.
Grant that they may hear the voices crying out for justice, engage in developing a better understanding, act to bring about change, lead and inspire others by their good example.
We ask this through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
The love of God is greater than all evil.
We pray for racial justice: in our lives
 in our parishes
 in our dioceses
 in our land.



Amen

WELCOME TO FATHER O'CONNELL

This 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.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

On 25th January, the Monday Club at St Edward's are having TV reviews and a raffle, everyone is very welcome to come and share comments on programmes you have enjoyed - and those you haven't!

NEW YEAR 'WINE AND BITES'

We raised £503 for the Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust 2016 Pilgrims. A sincere thank you to everyone who supported the event with tickets, donations, raffle prizes and help on the night – a great team effort.

TOMBOLA THANKS

Joan Skelton would like to thank everyone who donated prizes to the Christmas tombola held at Our Lady and St Edmund. We made the grand total of £126. Together with this, we were able to donate £400 to the International Refugee Trust. The money raised is funding a milk project to the orphaned babies in Syria, so thank you all once again.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk on Wednesday 3rd February will be a six mile circular walk from Morpeth via Bothal along usually firm woodland and field paths. The going is easy mainly along level ground. The walk will take in the Morpeth viaduct over the Wansbeck, the renewed salmon ladder, Bothal Castle, and St Andrew's fine Church in Bothal village. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. Further information if required from Gerry Latimer on 0191 2516989.

OTHER NOTICES

CAFOD

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 focuses on Uganda and the provision of water, sanitation and hygiene.

CALLING THE DIOCESE TO PRAYER

Bishop Seamus is to lead a Day of Reflection in each Vicariate for Clergy and Laity. All are welcome and no booking is required – details of dates and venues can be found on the poster in the Narthex.

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.

PARISH SECRETARY VACANCY

The parish of St Mary's, Hexham requires a part-time Secretary to assist with parish administration. The post-holder will be experienced in general office and administration duties, and have excellent and up-to-date I.T. skills. 14 hrs per week. An application pack is available at www.rcdhn.org.uk. For further information please contact: Human Resources Manager, Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle on 0191 243 3301 or email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk. The closing date for applications is Monday 1st February at 3.00pm.

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).

ECUMENICAL LINKS

There is to be a day reflecting on issues emerging from Receptive Ecumenism Project sponsored by all the major denominations in the North East. This will take place on Saturday 6th February at St. Brandon's Church, Brancepeth, Durham. Please note that you need to register if you wish to attend. (Details on the poster at the back of Church). There is another ecumenical event happening on Tuesday 9th February organised by SPCK, a well-known Anglican mission agency and publisher, based on a campaign they are running to encourage more people to give some time to prayer. Part of the campaign involves adverts on public transport in London and Newcastle. The Newcastle adverts will be launched on 9th February with a 'Prayers on the Move' vigil at Grey's Monument at 4.30pm followed by pancakes at Brunswick Methodist church. You can also find out more about their national campaign at <http://www.prayersonthemove.com/>

REACH OUT

A special outreach event in our diocese will take place on Ash Wednesday 10th February in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. This is an attempt at outreach whereby volunteers will go out on the streets to invite people to come to a warm, welcoming Cathedral to light a candle, say a prayer, have a chat, receive God's mercy. Volunteers and visitors alike will be 'covered' in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed throughout the event. This is a fitting venture for the Year of Mercy because we will use the Mercy Doors in the Cathedral. The whole exercise will start with 5.30pm Mass offered by the Bishop and all the congregation will be sent out with candles to invite passers-by into the Cathedral. Music will be played throughout. Why not make this your Year of Mercy pilgrimage?

| MASS INTENTIONS | | | |
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| DAY | ST EDWARD'S | IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY | OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S |
| Saturday 23rd January | 9.30am Word & Communion NO CONFESSIONS | 6.00pm Mary Ann McNeela (J&CMcN) | |
| Sunday 24th January | 11.00am Michael Anderson (AA) | | 9.30am People of the Parish |
| Monday 25th January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL | 9.30am Word & Communion | 10.00am Word & Communion | |
| Tuesday 26th January SS TIMOTHY AND TITUS | 7.00pm Word & Communion | 10.00am Doona & Pinnington Family (KP) | |
| Wednesday 27th January ST ANGELA MERICI | 9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group | 10.00am Annie Boyle (J&CMcN) | |
| Thursday 28th January ST THOMAS AQUINAS | 9.30am Mary Ryan (J&LA) 7.00pm Compline | 10.00am Len Eaton (JE) | |
| Friday 29th January | 9.30am Bill & Mary Dynes (AW) | 10.00am Bridgie Kilbane (J&CMcN) | |
| Saturday 30th January | 9.30am Word & Communion NO CONFESSIONS | 6.00pm People of the Parish (In memory of Helen Tanner, Pastoral Care Team) | |
| Sunday 31st January | 11.00am Ann Smith (MC) | | 9.30am Mary & Pat Healy (Healy Family) |

| BAPTISMS | ST EDWARD'S |
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| Sunday 24th January , 12.30pm (Deacon Frank) | James Hall |
| Sunday 31st January , 12.30pm (Deacon Frank) | Thomas Sargent |

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill and unable to attend Mass, particularly Noreen Skelly, Mary Holmes, Kay Robson, Maureen Bell, Norma Smith, John Jameson, Steve Heywood, Bob Howe, Charlie McCuigan, Peggy Blewitt, Kevin York, Father David Tanner, Mary Enright and Bernie Moat. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Jennifer Nicholson, Peter Jameson and Fr Desmond Meagher.

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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Cluster Website www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk

Priests' telephone numbers

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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 parishofficeolss@btconnect.com

Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 12 noon on Thursdays.

READINGS AT MASS
SUNDAY, 24TH JANUARY 2016

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

First reading

Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.' The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Response: Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life

Psalm 18:8-10,15

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| 1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple | 3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. |
| 2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. | 4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! |

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you', nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.' What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them? The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Lk4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

Seeing **that** many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' 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.