

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, Year C 20th & 21st February 2016



LENT 2016

This Lent, the Parish Justice and Peace group have composed a Stations of the Cross which reflect on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. These will be prayed in Our Lady and St Edmund Church at 3.00pm this Sunday 21st February, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 3.00pm on 28th February and St Edward's Church at 3.00pm on 13th March. Members of other local Christian communities will be invited to share in these times of prayer. Refreshments will be provided afterwards. All are welcome.

The strips of cloth, on which we wrote our Advent and Christmas prayers, have been sewn together to hang over three crosses—one in each of our churches. Just as those cloths wrapped the infant Jesus in the manger, they now hang on his cross. During Lent, you are invited to write on new cloths the names and intentions you wish to bring to God's mercy, and hang them on the cross near the altar in church.

	St Edward	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Our Lady & St Edmund
Lent			
	Stations of the Cross Tuesdays at 7.00pm & Mass & Sunday, 13th March Stations at 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross Thursdays at 7.00pm & Mass & Sunday, 28th February Stations at 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross Sundays at 5.00pm, except Sunday, 21st February, at 3.00pm
Holy Week			
Tuesday, 22th March		8.00pm Passover Meal	
Maundy Thursday, 24th March		7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & Vigil of Prayer until 10.00pm	
Good Friday, 25th March	3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion		10.00am Stations of the Cross led by young people
Holy Saturday, 26th March		8.00pm Easter Vigil	
Easter Sunday, 27th March	11.00am Mass		9.30am Mass

PARISH NOTICES

EASTER TOMBOLA

We are having our usual popular Easter Egg Tombola at Our Lady and St Edmund's church this year, so will need your help again with donations of chocolate eggs please. We hope we can rely on your generosity again this year.

OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND ROTAS

New rotas are now available at the back of church.

FAIR TRADE STALL AT ST EDWARD'S

There will be a Fair Trade stall in the Narthex at St Edward's this Sunday 21st February. We would appreciate your support.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

On 22nd February, the Monday Club at St Edward's will share memories of 'Favourite Places' and everyone is very welcome.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHOIR

An invitation to anyone who would like to join the Easter choir. Practice will be after Stations of the Cross and Mass on Thursday evenings starting 25th February at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Only an hour and all are welcome.

WELCOME TO FR PETER MARTIN

Welcome to Fr Peter Martin, a retired priest of the Diocese, who will celebrate the Sunday Masses next weekend. Mgr Andrew is taking a post-Christmas break and returns on 2nd March.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk on Thursday, 3rd March will be around Stannington. There is not too much uphill walking but it could be very muddy in places. Please meet at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. More information, if needed, from Margaret on 0191 2529569 or Pat on 0191 2807764.

IMMACULATE HEART 'PETITIONS BOOK'

This is your opportunity to offer Prayers and Petitions which are brought forward each week along with the Offertory gifts. The reasons we write are many and various and can as easily be in Thanksgiving as in times of need. The book is in the Narthex. Please allow everyone to share your petitions.

INVITATION TO YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING ON 13TH MARCH

All parishioners who are concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-workers' gathering at the Emmaus Youth Village on Sunday 13th March 3.00pm – 5.00pm. (Tea, coffee and cake served from 2.15pm). 'Forward Together in Hope' asked us to reflect on how we can encourage the presence and witness of young people in our communities. There are a number of opportunities that YMT will share with you and this will also be a time to share good practice and network with other parts of the diocese. Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org

PARISH JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

Date for your diary. Sunday 10th April there is to be a Folk Night by the 'Berkley Taverners' at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. This will be the Justice and Peace group's only Lenten Fundraiser for 2016. The Taverners' have produced a CD of their repertoire and all royalties go to support the Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project in Newcastle. Further details nearer the date.

CLUSTER CONFIRMATIONS 2016

This year's Confirmation Mass with Bishop Séamus will be celebrated at 7.00pm on 12th May 2016 at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields. Any young person in Year 9 or older who wishes to be confirmed this year should contact Mgr Andrew as soon as possible to receive an application form. This year, the preparation course for Confirmations will include a residential overnight retreat at the Emmaus Village, 15th -16th April 2016 provided by the Youth Ministry Team. Early booking is essential. Further details are available at the back of each church and by email through the Parish Office parishofficeolss@btconnect.com

OTHER NOTICES

CALLING THE DIOCESE TO PRAYER

Bishop Séamus is to lead a Day of Reflection in each Vicariate for Clergy and Laity. On 23rd February at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle there will be reflections at 10.30am and 7.00pm. All are welcome and no booking is required – further details and other dates/venues can be found on the poster in the Narthex.

DINNER DANCE

Tynemouth Catenians invite everyone to a Dinner Dance to be held at the Grand Hotel, Tynemouth on Saturday 27th February, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Dress is formal or dark suit and tie for those without. Gentle music by Neon Lights. Grand raffle. Cost £27.00 per head. All are most welcome. Contact terry.tandlmcq@blueyonder.co.uk or telephone 0191 2595259.

DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a Safeguarding Advisor, 30 hours per week, and a Finance Assistant, 37.5 hours per week. For further information and an application pack please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk The closing date for applications is 29th February.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 4th March, Acorn Community Church, Oxford Street, Whitley Bay 2.00 -3.00pm. The theme for this year is Receive Children Receive me. Praying for Cuba. Everyone is invited and all are welcome. See poster in church porch.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS) PARISH CATECHESIS MODULE

For those who may be interested, a Parish Catechesis module will take place on Saturday 12th and 19th March 2016, 9.30am to 3.30pm at St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. This module enables participants to gain an understanding of parish catechesis and to develop approaches to working within a parish setting. It offers an introduction to the theology, principles and goals of parish catechesis. This module is one of many modules that take place within the CCRS programme. The CCRS course seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. It is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools.

Booking for modules is essential. For further information and how to book please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 2433313 or at education@diocesehn.org.uk

YMCA (NORTH TYNESIDE) SLEEP EASY

Sleep rough so others don't need to! St Cuthbert's Church car park North Shields. £10 per person. Friday 18th March 7.00pm - 7.00am. Join us for a fun night of great company, great food and cardboard mattresses within a secure venue and get sponsored by friends and family to raise awareness of homeless young people in North Tyneside. Contact: laura.brewis@ymcanorthtyneside.org 0191 2575434.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 20th February	9.30am Marie Horsburgh (LL) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Roger & John Winlow (GW)	
Sunday 21st February 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am People of the Parish		9.30am Margaret Reynolds (MR) 3.00pm J&P Stations of the Cross
Monday 22nd February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER	9.30am The Doyle Family (MN)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 23rd February	7.00pm Audrey Nierzyla (CWL)	10.00am Thanksgiving (LGA)	
Wednesday 24th February	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Sid & Pat Henderson (ED)	9.30am Private Intention (Fr PO'C)
Thursday 25th February	9.30am Eric Elvin (HM) 7.00pm Compline	7.00pm Gloria Gascon (Sr Perla)	
Friday 26th February	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Thanksgiving (JT)	
Saturday 27th February	9.30am Word & Communion	6.00pm People of the Parish especially those driven out of their homes due to floods and war (PCT)	
Sunday 28th February 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am Jennifer Nicholson (Prayer Group)	3.00pm Justice & Peace Stations of the Cross	9.30am Eilish Ryan

PARISH SICK LIST

Several parishioners have spoken of their concern about the length of the bulletin sick list, especially when it seems that some of the people named are not seriously ill. The purpose of the list is to pray for those who are seriously or long-term ill, and therefore need our prayers, and are included in the Sunday Bidding Prayers. It would therefore be helpful if parishioners and those who visit the sick as ministers, would let the Parish Office know when a name should be removed from the list. Mgr Andrew.

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, Charlie McCuigan, Peggy Blewitt, Kevin York, Father David Tanner, Mary Enright, Bernie Moat, Anne Marie Gormley, Pat Riley, Mary Wade and Peter Davis. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Edward Johnson, Audrey Nierzyla, Fr Gerard Monaghan, Brian Douglas Sibbald and Thomas Graham Fitzgerald.

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

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

READINGS AT MASS
SUNDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY 2016

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

First reading

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants.' Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcases but Abram drove them off. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.' The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Psalm

Response:

Psalm 26:1,7-9,13-14

The Lord is my light and my help.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

Second reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Hymn 185

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, Word of God.

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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.