

Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

St Edward, Coquet Avenue,
Whitley Bay, NE26 1EE
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Church Close,
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Our Lady and St Edmund, Station Road,
Backworth, NE27 0RU

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, Year C 27th & 28th February 2016

	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
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

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for **Kenneth Jeffrey Haldon** of Whitley Bay who died on 20th February, and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Edward's on 2nd March at 10.00am, followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium.

We pray for **Doreen Fitzpatrick** of West Monkseaton who died on 19th February, and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on 4th March at 10.00am, followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May they rest in peace. Amen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - THE WAY OF MERCY

54 people gathered at Our Lady's and St Edmund's last Sunday at 3.00pm, to celebrate the Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross. It was a wonderfully prayerful occasion, with parishioners from our three churches joined by members of other Christian communities. This Sunday's Stations will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart Church at 3.00pm and At St Edward's Church at 3.00pm on 13th March. All are welcome.

OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND ROTAS

New rotas are now available at the back of church.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

On 29th February, the Monday Club at St Edward's we'll have a 'Newspaper Review', perhaps we could discuss the pros and cons of leaving the European Union - or not! and everyone is very welcome.

WELCOME TO FR PETER MARTIN

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2016

The next meeting is at St Edward's Church, on 12th March and there will be no morning Mass or Confessions on this date. Please continue to keep the children, their parents and families, and our catechists in your prayers.

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

STREET PASTORS

Volunteers are urgently required to help with North Tyneside Severe Weather Emergency Provision (SWEP), based at The Network in Oxford Street, Whitley Bay. This will be a 'sit up' night shelter for homeless people 10pm - 8am from October to March and only when the weather is expected to be severely cold for 3 consecutive days (minus 2 degrees). This will serve homeless people who have been registered during the day by the Council housing team. A team of volunteers would sit up during the night and look after the homeless, providing hot drinks and breakfast. Sofas are available to enable people to sleep. There are at present 13 volunteers but they need many more to enable the scheme to work on a one to one basis. Please contact Valerie Taylor, the temporary co-ordinator, on 2526172 or 01912526172@my-inbox.net.

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting is at 2.15 on Wednesday 2nd March in St Andrew's, Worswick Street, Newcastle. Dr James Hagerty will speak about "World War I Chaplains". Non-members are welcome.

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.

THE DEVIL'S PASSION

A play by Passion Pit Theatre will be performed at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on 16th March at 7.30pm. 33 AD. Jesus enters Jerusalem to fulfill his destiny. Satan ascends from Hell to stop him. A battle begins - for the soul of humanity. "A *light sandblasting for jaded souls... timely, beautifully-written, ingenious, poignant - an impressively versatile performance*" (The Huffington Post). Tickets £10 (£8 concessions). Online bookings: <http://thedevelopassionstmaryscathedral.bpt.me>, Telephone bookings: 0800 411 8881 or at Pauline Bookshop or Cathedral Café – Newcastle.

MASS INTENTIONS

DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 27th February	9.30am Word & Communion NO CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish especially those driven out of their homes due to floods and war	
Sunday 28st February 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am Jennifer Nicholson (Prayer Group) 3.00pm Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross	3.00pm Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross	9.30am Eilish Ryan
Monday 29nd February	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 1st March ST DAVID PATRON SAINT OF WALES	7.00pm Word & Communion	10.00am Winefride Stenhouse (LS)	
Wednesday 2nd March	10.00am Funeral Kenneth Jeffrey Haldon 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Private Intention (Fr PO'C)	
Thursday 3rd March	9.30am Frs G Monaghan, J Devlin & G Sharratt 8.00pm Compline	10.00am Kevork Agabalian	
Friday 4th March (Women's World Day of Prayer)	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Funeral Doreen Fitzpatrick	
Saturday 5th March	9.30am Pat O'Shea (BO'S)	6.00pm Laurie Anastasi (JA)	
Sunday 6th March 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am Malcolm Louvre) (LL)	3.00pm Justice & Peace Stations of the Cross	9.30am People of the Parish

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, Peter Davis and Maureen Ritchie. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Edward Johnson, Audrey Nieurzyla, Fr Gerard Monaghan, Brian Douglas Sibbald, Thomas Graham Fitzgerald, Kenneth Jeffrey Haldon, Doreen Fitzpatrick and Mary Cordes.

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 parishofficeolss@btconnect.com

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

