

Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year C 6th & 7th February 2016

LENT 2016 – A PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY



Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. We are marked on our foreheads with blessed ashes with the sign of the cross. The ashes are a public sign of our faith and penance, and of our desire to enter the penitential season of forty days full of hope that God will pour out his mercy and grace upon us. This year, we are especially aware of wanting to grow and deepen our grasp of the depth of God's mercy and compassion, and we resolve to devote time to prayer, reading the scriptures and committing ourselves to fasting and almsgiving.

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 on 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 Sacrament of Mercy – Confession - is available during Lent at St Edward's Church each Saturday at 10.00am, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church each Saturday at 5.15pm, and by appointment. The Sacrament is also available at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats each Saturday at 10.00am, and at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields each Saturday at 5.00pm. A Deanery Lent Penitential Service will be arranged soon.

The strips of cloth, on which people wrote their 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			
Ash Wednesday, 10th February	10.00am Mass & Distribution of Ashes	7.00pm Mass & Distribution of Ashes	
	Stations of the Cross Tuesdays at 7.00pm & Mass & Sunday, 13th March at 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross Thursdays at 7.00pm & Mass & Sunday, 28th February 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

BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISIT

Bishop Séamus Cunningham will be visiting our Parish and celebrating Mass at each church on the weekend of 13th/14th February 2016.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

For those that aren't aware, there is a children's liturgy running during the 9:30am Mass at Our Lady and St Edmund Church throughout term time.

SVP THANKS

Members of St Edward's SVP wish to thank the Monday Club organisers and parishioners who supported the SVP Annual National Coffee Morning on 1st February. This raised £120 for which we are very grateful.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk is on Wednesday 17th February. Please meet at West Monkseaton Metro for the 9.35am train to Shiremoor. Walking to Holywell through Holywell Dene to Seghill and return to Shiremoor, a distance of 6 -7 miles. Further information from walk leader John Charlton 0191 2522008.

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

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

On 8th February, the Monday Club at St Edward's will be sharing Christmas Memories and everyone is very welcome.

PIETY STALL

The Piety stall rota for St Edward's is now ready for collection in the Narthex.

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.

ECUMENICAL LINKS

There is an 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?

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.

READINGS AT MASS
SUNDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY 2016

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

First reading

Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 137:1-5,7-8

Response: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

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| 1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. | 3 All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' |
| 2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. | 4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. |

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Mt4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you into fishers of men.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.