

# 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 ORU

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, Year C 12th & 13th March 2016

	St Edward	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Our Lady & St Edmund
<b>Lent</b>			
	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> Tuesdays at 7.00pm & Mass	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> Thursdays at 7.00pm & Mass	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> Sundays at 5.00pm
<b>Holy Week</b>			
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

#### DAY OF PRAYER

This Sunday, 13th March will be a Day of Prayer for the candidates of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS - THE WAY OF MERCY

The last Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross will be celebrated this Sunday at St Edward's Church at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

#### PARISH MONDAY CLUB

On 14th March, Gary Thompson from Age UK is coming to talk to the Monday Club at St Edward's about the work of his organisation. This should be both interesting and informative and everyone is very welcome.

#### CLUSTER CONFIRMATIONS 2016: CHANGE OF VENUE FOR OPENING SESSION ON 16 MARCH

Please note that due to the Year 9 Options Meeting taking place at St Thomas More Academy on 16th March at 6.00pm, the introduction session for Confirmation candidates, parents and sponsors will also take place at St Thomas More Academy at 7.15pm, and not at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields. Please enter the Academy through the main front entrance, and you will be directed from there to the meeting room. The Academy's address is: St Thomas More Academy, Lynn Road, North Shields NE29 8LF. I look forward to seeing you at St Thomas More's on 16th March at 7.15pm. Further details about Confirmations are available at the back of each church and by email through the Parish Office:

[parishofficeolss@btconnect.com](mailto:parishofficeolss@btconnect.com)

#### LENT DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICES

The following Penitential Services have been arranged: Saturday, 19th March at 10.30am at St Edward's, Whitley Bay and Tuesday, 22nd March at 7.00pm at St Aidan's, Wallsend. All are welcome.

#### HOLY WEEK: LITURGY PLANNING MEETING, 17 MARCH

There will be a meeting on Thursday 17th March at 10.30am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church to make sure that plans are in place for Holy week and the Easter Triduum. Everyone involved in planning and preparing the liturgies is welcome to attend.

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be Monday 21st March. We would like parishioners to have as much input into the life and churches of the Parish as possible, so if you would like a topic raised for discussion please pass on your request either via Parish Office or one of your Church Council members:

**St Edward**—Bill Crumbley, Lawrie Ashton, Fiona Wraith, Michael Reynolds

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**—Christine Gunning, Miles Walton, Carol Myers, Joe James

**Our Lady and St Edmund**— Michael Wilson, Michael Cosgrove, Keith Rodgers, Marie Rooney.

#### **PARISH WALKING GROUP**

The next Parish walk will be on Thursday 17th March when David Armstrong will lead a 7 mile walk from Stamfordham. Please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. If you require more information call Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917.

#### **PASSOVER MEAL**

Tuesday 22nd March in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, commencing at 8.00pm. Tickets available after Saturday and Sunday Mass in all the churches or from:

Mick Hetherington 0191 2514886 or email [mjhether@googlemail.com](mailto:mjhether@googlemail.com)

Deirdre James 0191 2513740

June Houldershaw 0191 2528338

#### **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](mailto:parishofficeolss@btconnect.com)

#### **PARISH JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP**

- We will be selling knitted Easter novelties at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church after the 6pm Saturday Mass. All proceeds will go to our Ugandan project—Isaac's House— a family home for orphaned and destitute children. We look forward to your support.
- 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.

#### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **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. Should you wish to sponsor St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's parishioners, donation can be left in the Parish office. Contact:

[laura.brewis@ymcanorthtyneside.org](mailto:laura.brewis@ymcanorthtyneside.org) 0191 2575434.

#### **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](mailto:admin@ymt.org)

#### **19TH WHITLEY BAY SCOUT GROUP THANKS**

Lily and Matthew Hughes and Ruth Clark would like to offer a big thank you to the very generous parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church who supported the cake sale 2 weeks ago. £215 was raised which will go towards activities during their summer Scout camp in Switzerland.

#### **A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN**

In partnership with the National Board of Catholic Women and the Department for Ecumenism "IF ONLY YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD AND WHO IT IS THAT IS ASKING YOU" JN 4 With Sr Anne McCarthy Saturday 9th April 2016 10.30am - 3.30pm (refreshments from 10.00am) St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle, NE15 7PY (opposite St Cuthbert's House) There is no charge for the day but booking is essential. Please book by Friday 25th March 2016. Please bring a packed lunch. To book please email [adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk) or telephone 0191 2433313

#### **REFLECTIONS ON THE YEAR OF MERCY**

- Fr Chris Hughes, Chair of the Justice and Peace Coordinating Council will offer reflection on the Corporal Works of Mercy, Wednesday 20th April 2016 11.00am, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle and at 7.00pm, St Leonard's Catholic School in Durham.
- Karen Kilby, Bede Chair of Catholic Theology at the University of Durham will offer reflection on the Spiritual Works of Mercy, Wednesday 27th April 2016 11.00am, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle and at 7.00pm, St Leonard's Catholic School in

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>	<b>OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S</b>
Saturday 12th March		6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 13th March <b>5TH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	11.00am Jim Jack (FJ) 3.00pm Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross		9.30am Ida Convey (TW)
Monday 14th March	9.30am Brian Dowsen (ED)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 15th March	7.00pm Norman Willcock (MHD)	10.00am Kathleen Jones & June Carroll (LC)	
Wednesday 16th March	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Special Intention	9.30am Jack Lynch
Thursday 17th March <b>ST PATRICK</b>	9.30am Eric Elvin (HM) 8.00pm Compline	7pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass—In Thanksgiving (BBM)	
Friday 18th March <b>ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM</b>	9.30am A 50th Wedding Anniversary (St Edward's Choir)	10.00am Private Intention (Fr PO'C)	
Saturday 19th March <b>ST JOSEPH</b>	9.30am Joan Leeder & John Styles (EF) 10.30am Lent Deanery Penitential Service	6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 20th March <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	11.00am Ann & Alan Hakin (CB)		9.30am Keith Opstad (AO)

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

**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

**Contact email addresses, numbers and website:**

Monsignor Andrew (St. Edward)                      stedwardsne26@btconnect.com                      (0191) 252 8021

Star of the Sea Primary School                      starofthesea.primary@northtyneside.gov.uk                      (0191) 643 2080

**Cluster Website**                      [www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)

**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](mailto:parishofficeolss@btconnect.com)**

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

**READINGS AT MASS**  
**SUNDAY , 13TH MARCH 2016**

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

**First reading**

**Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

**Psalm 125:1-6**

Response: *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

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| 1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,<br>it seemed like a dream.<br>Then was our mouth filled with laughter,<br>on our lips there were songs. | 3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage<br>as streams in dry land.<br>Those who are sowing in tears<br>will sing when they reap.                         |
| 2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels<br>the Lord worked for them!'<br>What marvels the Lord worked for us!<br>Indeed we were glad.          | 4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,<br>carrying seed for the sowing:<br>they come back, they come back, full of song,<br>carrying their sheaves. |

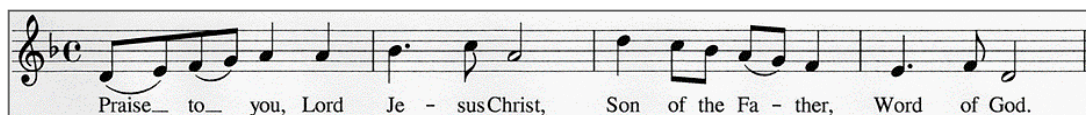
**Second reading**

**Philippians 3:8-14**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Hymn 185**



'Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, for I am all compassion.'

**Gospel**

**John 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.' The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Memorial Acclamation**

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.