

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year C 23rd & 24th April 2016

PARISH NOTICES

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE PRAYER

Glory be to the Father – in whom we live and move and have our being.

Glory be to the Son – whose name we bear and who calls each of us to be his disciples; to build his Kingdom and to go out into the world and bear its fruit.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit – pouring out grace and guidance, forming us and renewing us. Inspire us all in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to live the Gospel, to be open to change and to move forward together in hope. Amen

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for Mary Harrison whose Requiem Mass will take place at St Edward's Church on Wednesday 27th April at 10.00am, followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

The names of the children who will receive Holy Communion for the first time during Mass on 7th - 8th May are now displayed in our churches. The confirmation programme has now begun and we pray for the young people who will be confirmed on 12th May. Please keep them, the First Holy Communion children and their families in your prayers as they continue their preparation.

THANK YOU

- A big thank you to everyone who supported the Traidcraft sale at St Edward's last weekend. The amount raised was £101.03 and donations totalling £14.35.
- The appeal for the Little Sisters of the Poor last weekend raised a total of £1,567.73, thank you to parishioners in all three churches for their generous donations.

PARISH WALK

The next walk will be on Monday 23rd May when John Charlton will lead a 7 mile walk from Stamfordham. Please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917.

PARKING AT OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND'S CHURCH, BACKWORTH

Can we remind parishioners and visitors who visit Our Lady and St Edmund's Church in Backworth that we are allowed to park in the bottom end of Sainsbury's car park on a Sunday morning. Can we also please ask those who park outside of church to think about how they park, and consider the wheelchairs and people who can't walk very far? We know this is a delicate request but the people who really do need to park outside of church can't.

PARKING AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH, MONKSEATON

When parking on the grass behind the church, could drivers please ensure they are taking up only one parking space. There is now a greater demand for parking spaces on Saturday evenings and we can only fit everyone in if people park with consideration for others. Thank you.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

On April 25th at St Edward's after Mass, Anna Griffith will share memories of her recent visit to Cuba, it's a fascinating country and everyone is very welcome to come and hear about it.

ST EDWARD KEYHOLDERS

On 12th May we are having a new front door installed to the Presbytery at St Edward's Church. All current keyholders will need to pop into the Parish Office to exchange their key for a new one on or after 13th May.

YEAR OF MERCY CELEBRATION FOR DEACONS

In their vocation and ministry, deacons are closely associated with the work of mercy in the life of the Church. At the request of Pope Francis, one of the major events for the current Year of Mercy is the **Jubilee for Deacons**. The celebration for the deacons in our diocese and those in formation – along with their wives and children - will take place at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 29th April at 7.00pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Séamus Cunningham, the homily will be preached by the Revd Dr Sean Hall and the singing will be led by the Cathedral Choir. While this celebration will offer our 30 deacons the opportunity to renew their ministry and commitment to the work of mercy, parishioners from throughout the diocese will be most welcome to take part in the celebration. We remember in our prayers Terry McGann who is preparing to be ordained deacon on 18th June by Bishop Cunningham. Terry will then minister as a permanent deacon in our Parish.

ST CUTHBERT'S & ST JOSEPH'S, NORTH SHIELDS, 24 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PENTECOST, 12TH -13TH MAY 2016

Please see the poster at the back of church, which shows details of the prayer vigil. Volunteers are needed for the hour sessions during the 24 hours of prayer. If you would like to lead one of the sessions, please sign up and let Fr Chris Hughes know on 0191 2575801 or northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk.

OTHER NOTICES

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 27th April 2016, 11.00am, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, 7.00pm, St Leonard's Catholic School, Durham. To book please email adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433313

PRAYER NOVENA FOR THE RE-EVANGELISATION OF OUR NATION

In response to the call of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop Sentamu of York, there will be a prayer Novena called Thy Kingdom Come from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost – 8th -15th May – for the re-evangelisation of Britain. We have been invited to take part. There are to be 6 Beacon Cathedrals in England as focal points for prayer. Durham Cathedral is one of these and the final prayer liturgy will be there on Pentecost Sunday 15th May at 7pm. This is a free event, but for planning purposes tickets do need to be booked through the website: <http://thykingdom.co.uk/>. Bishop Seamus is anxious that we are well represented so book your ticket and let us be seen to pray together. From 8th to 15th May there will be prayer spaces set apart in the Cathedral for this intention. You might be able to visit during that week or pray in your own church communities. During the Novena a prayer event will be held each day in the Cathedral Galilee Chapel focusing on the Northern Saints.

E.U.REFERENDUM 'BETTER IN OR OUT?'

Conversation to help us think about the Christian perspective. Venue—Sunderland Minster on Friday 13th May, 6.00pm—9.00pm. See church noticeboards for further information.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2016—THURSDAY 28TH JULY TO SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST

Unfortunately our pilgrimage clashes with World Youth Day so we are down on young people to help. We are also short of nurses and adult helpers as well. We rely on helpers for our outreach teams to the elderly who need wheelchairs and 'pushers'. Our Pilgrimage Nurse, Kath McTernan, President of Hospitalité Elaine Scannell and Fr Michael McCoy, Youth Coordinator, are anxious about the low numbers of helpers for this year's pilgrimage. We have the same number of sick pilgrims as previous years, as well as people in hotels needing our 'outreach service'. Sometimes, nurses say they can't go because they find it hard to find all the money they need to fund the trip ... it is difficult paying to go to work in Lourdes! I have a Nurses Fund which I sometimes use to support nurses and donations can be made to me, payable to "DHN Pilgrimage to Lourdes". A booking form for the Pilgrimage is available by contacting me on 01670 513410 or e-mail Lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk and further information is on the poster in the Narthex. Fr Peter Stott.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 23rd April ST GEORGE	9.30am The Robson Family (JJ) 10.00am Confessions	6.00pm Thanksgiving (JS)	
Sunday 24th April 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am Isabelle—A sick child (KB)		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 25th April ST MARK	9.30am Mona Page (AW)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 26th April	7.00pm Private Intention	10.00am June Carroll (LC)	
Wednesday 27th April	10.00am Requiem Mass, Mary Harrison 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Private Intention	
Thursday 28th April ST LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT	9.30am Kimmitt & Fraser Families (JK) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Noel Woodfine (RM)	
Friday 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA	9.30am Private Intention	10.00am Len Eaton (JE)	
Saturday 30th April	9.30am Private Intention 10.00am Confessions	6.00pm People of the Parish (especially the residents in our local homes) (Pastoral Care Team)	
Sunday 1st May 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am George & Monica Thrift (MT)		9.30am Mary Holmes

BAPTISMS	ST EDWARD
Sunday 24th April, 12.30pm (Deacon Frank)	Isabella Flynn
Sunday 1st May, 12.30pm (Deacon Frank)	Isaac George John Robinson

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: Kay Robson, Maureen Bell, Norma Smith, John Jameson, Steve Heywood, Charlie McCuigan, Peggy Blewitt, Kevin York, Mary Enright, Bernie Moat, Anne Marie Gormley, Peter Davis and Ray Blackburn. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Grenville Charles Bilton, Catherine Banning and Mary Harrison.

Hospital Chaplaincies

North Tyneside General Hospital, Rake Lane, North Shields & **Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital**, Northumbria Way, Cramlington: Contact Fr Lee Barrett telephone 01670 712476 until a new hospital Chaplain is appointed.
RVI, Freeman & Walkergate: Please phone Fr Andrew Shaw at St Andrew's, Worswick Street, Newcastle on 0191 2321892.
Newcastle General Hospital: Sister Teresa, 0191 2336161 ext. 28465

Contact email addresses, numbers and 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
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER , 24TH APRIL 2016

The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.

First reading

Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

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

Psalm

Psalm 144:8-13

Response: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age

Second reading

Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

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

Gospel Acclamation

Jn13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have loved you,
says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 13:31-33,34-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. 'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'
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.