

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year C 30th April & 1st May 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

SECOND COLLECTION

- **WAR VICTIMS IN EASTERN UKRAINE** Pope Francis has launched a humanitarian initiative for the people of the Ukraine. There will be a special retiring collection today to support this.
- Next weekend, The Ascension of the Lord, is World Communications Day and a special collection will be taken.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for Margaret McKenna of Beaumont Park, Whitley Bay, whose Funeral Service will take place at St Edward's Church on Thursday, 5th May at 1.30pm, followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

24 HOURS OF PRAYER—12TH/13TH MAY

Five members of our Parish Justice and Peace group are leading the 12.00 midnight - 1.00am hour of prayer for Pentecost at St Cuthbert's Church. We would love to have further support so if you are a night bird and are up for the challenge Ann Garland would love to hear from you! Tel 0191 2965358.

BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISITATION

Bishop Cunningham will visit our Parish on the weekend of 4th—5th June, and celebrate the Sunday Masses. The Bishop has instructed that Sunday Mass on 5th June at Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church, Backworth, will start at **9.00am** that morning, to allow for the dedication of the new altar.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

The names of the children who will receive Holy Communion for the first time during next weekend's Masses are displayed in our churches. The confirmation programme has 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.

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.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

There will be no Monday Club meeting on 2nd May as it's a Bank Holiday. We hope everyone has a good weekend and look forward to our return on 9th May.

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.

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.

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.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH, JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP - FA CUP DRAW.

We now know that the FA Cup Final will be between Crystal Palace and Manchester United so well done to Elizabeth McSally and Denise Pearie who own these teams in the draw. But who will be the eventual winner, we will not know that until the final on 21st May. Watch this space. Peter Weighill.

CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS

Pope Francis has appointed Fr Paul Mason as Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Southwark. Bishop-Elect Paul was baptised, made his first Holy Communion, was confirmed and ordained priest in Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church, Backworth. We assure him and his family of our prayers as he prepares himself for his episcopal ordination on 31st May in St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

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. 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.

OTHER NOTICES

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting is at 2.15pm on Wednesday 4th May at St Andrew's Church, Worswick Street, Newcastle when Sheridan Gilley will speak about "Monsignor Ronald Knox as a detective writer". Non members are welcome. Also there may be places left for planned outings to Auckland Castle and Ushaw and to the Bar convent in York.

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 FESTIVAL

This year the celebration of faith for people of all ages will be held on 25th and 26th June 2016 at the Emmaus Youth Village. More information on poster and leaflets in the Narthex.

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 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
Monday 2nd May ST ATHANASIUS	9.30am Mary Harrison (MHD)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 3rd May SS PHILIP & JAMES	7.00pm Private Intention	10.00am Private Intention	
Wednesday 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Private Intention	9.30am Geraldine Rodgers (KR)
Thursday 5th May	9.30am Ellen & James Hayes (RR) 1.30pm Funeral Service, Margaret McKenna 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 6th May	9.30am Mary Harrison (MS)	10.00am Private Intention	
Saturday 7th May ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY	12.30pm First Holy Communion Mass NO CONFESSIONS	10.00am First Holy Communion Mass 6.00pm Private Intention	
Sunday 8th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	11.00am People of the Parish		9.30am First Holy Communion Mass (Private Intention)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD
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 Catherine Banning, Mary Harrison and Margaret McKenna.

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

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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
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER , 1ST MAY 2016

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

First reading

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.' The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 66:2-3,5-6,8

*Response: **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.***

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Second reading

Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.'
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.' 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.