

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year C 2nd & 3rd April 2016

PARISH NOTICES



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

This weekend we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, inaugurated by St John Paul II. Divine Mercy Sunday marks the end of the Divine Mercy Novena, which begins on Good Friday every year. Christ revealed the Divine Mercy Novena to Saint Faustina on Good Friday 1937. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3.00pm this Sunday at Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church, Backworth. All are welcome to participate.

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE

Bishop Seamus has written a pastoral letter for this Sunday, in which he teaches us about the next stage in our diocesan project: Forward Together in Hope. Leaflets outlining the way ahead are available for everyone at the back of the church.

GIFT AID

Envelopes for the coming tax year 2016/17 are available for collection at all three churches. Thanks to all gift aid donors for their continued support which results in the Inland Revenue making a substantial refund to our parish funds. If any parishioner would like to join the scheme please contact June Leeming on 0191 2521516 or Michael Reynolds 0191 2902340

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Northern Brethren's Fund (Retired and sick priests).

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

On 4th April at St Edward's, the topic for our discussion will be TV Programmes. Everyone is very welcome to come and share views on programmes you have enjoyed and those you haven't!

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next parish walk will be on Friday 15th April when John Charlton will lead a 7.5ml walk from Fontburn Reservoir at Scots Gap covering farm and moorland walking. Meet Immaculate Heart of Mary car park at 9.30am. Further information if required from John 252 2008

CHARITY FOLK EVENING BY THE BERKLEY TAVERNERS on **Sunday 10th April** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Doors open at 7.15pm. Pay at the door, £5.00 a head to include first drink and nibbles. All proceeds will go to the Diocesan Centre for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Newcastle. See insert in this week's bulletin. This is the annual Parish J&P Easter fundraising event so please give your usual great support.

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.

YEAR OF MERCY: PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY ISLAND

As part of our Year of Mercy, a parish day pilgrimage to Holy Island is being arranged for Saturday, 25 June 2016. Coaches will depart from the car park opposite St Edward's Church at 9.00am, and will return following 4.00pm Mass at 5.30pm. The timings are as follows:-

11.00am Walking the Pilgrims Way— Follow in St Cuthbert's footsteps if able to do so.

2.00pm Liturgy on St Cuthbert's Beach

St Aidan's Chapel

3.00pm Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament with an opportunity for Confession

4.00pm Holy Mass

See poster in the Narthex

OTHER NOTICES

ST GEORGE'S DAY CONCERT

In aid of the Little Sisters of the Poor at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle at 7.00pm on Saturday 23rd April. Featuring Newcastle Male Chorus, The Gibside Ladies Choir and soloist Philip Tait (cornet). Tickets £5.00 available from St Joseph's Home (telephone: 0191 2731279), the Cloister Cafe within the Cathedral or telephone 0191 2521481.

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Star of the Sea School are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers. If you have any you would like to donate please drop them into the Parish Office and they will be handed over.

HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting is at 2.15 on Wednesday April 6th in St Andrew's Church, Worswick St. when Father Anthony Conlon will speak about Mary Tudor. Non-members are welcome.

WALKING WITH BARN DANCE

St Bernadette's Church Hall, Saturday 9th April at 7.30pm. Cost is £4.00—pay at the door or contact Ann Donnelly on 0191 2584454.

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 Durham To book please email adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433313.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING?

Would you like to become part of a group of individuals from across the diocese who would be willing to undertake collaborative study in Catholic Social Teaching? Perhaps you have thought at times that you would like to know more about the so-called 'best kept secret' of our Church? Would you be willing to undertake independent study online and meet regularly for discussions, say once a month, where we could serve as a support network for each other? The Diocesan Departments for Formation and Justice and Peace have funding available so no costs involved. No prior knowledge is needed. Hopefully, it would be an enjoyable undertaking too! Please contact me for any further information: Louise Harrison, parishioner of Newhouse, Esh Winning, Durham. **Phone:**07532 309745 / 0191 3757784 **email:** maryalichelouise@outlook.com .

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2016

The pilgrimage takes place between Thursday 28th July and Saturday 6th August. Further information and a booking form are available by contacting Fr Peter Stott (01670 513410) or e-mail Lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 2nd April	9.30am Jean Clancy 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Private Intention (Fr PO'C)	
Sunday 3rd April 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am People of the Parish		9.30am Gerard, Alice & Mary Brady (KR) 3.00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Monday 4th April ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	9.30am Michael Snowdon (MS & family)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 5th April ST VINCENT FERRER	7.00pm Jane Steele (G& PR)	10.00am Laurie Anastasi (JA)	
Wednesday 6th April	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Iain & Patrizia Ord (PO)	9.30am Nick Turner
Thursday 7th April ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE	9.30am Noel Weymouth 8.00pm Compline	10.00am Tony Hogan	
Friday 8th April	9.30am Colin Tuck (PF)	10.00am Tom Freel (KS)	
Saturday 9th April	9.30am Harris Hamilton 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Dick Turner	
Sunday 10th April 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am People of the Parish		9.30am Marguerite Jones (BJ)

BAPTISMS	OUR LADY & ST EDMUND	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
Sunday 3rd April, 12.30pm (Deacon Frank)	Beatrice Rita Cutler	
Sunday 10th April, 12.30pm (Deacon Frank)		Belle Makepeace

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill and unable to attend Mass, particularly, 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 and Mary Harrison. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Mary Holmes, Doreen Fitzpatrick, Mary Cordes and Maureen Ritchie.

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:

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Cluster Website 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

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

READINGS AT MASS
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, 3RD APRIL 2016

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

First reading

Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 117:2-4,22-27

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

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| 1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' | 3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. |
| 2. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. | |

Second reading

Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.' The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Jn20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.'

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name. 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