

Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year C 3rd & 4th September 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*



FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE: PARISH OPEN MEETING, 7.30PM, 29TH SEPTEMBER, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

There will be a Parish Open Meeting at 7.30pm on 29th September at Immaculate Heart Church, to explore partnership with our neighbouring parishes. The meeting will begin with prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by refreshments and discussion. Further details will be available nearer the time of the meeting. All are welcome.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for Tony Moll of Dipton Road, Red House Farm Estate, who died recently. His Funeral Service will take place at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, at 2.15pm on Tuesday 6th September followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday is a special day of prayer for those involved in education and a special collection will be taken for Catholic education. Future second collections this year will be:

- 18th September—Home Mission Sunday
- 7th October—Family Fast Day
- 9th October—Prisoners Sunday
- 23rd October—Mission Sunday
- 30th October to 27th November—Clergy Training Fund
- 20th November—Catholic Youth
- Advent 2016—Advent Alms

THANKS

A very big thank you to the Di Meo family for supplying the ice cream for the parish hog roast last weekend and to all those who helped and attended to make the event a success.

BACK TO SCHOOL

This week we welcome our pupils and students back to school, college and university following their summer holidays and wish them well in their academic year ahead.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH: CHILDREN'S LITURGY

From Saturday 10th September the 6.00pm Vigil Mass will include a Children's Liturgy of the Word. Children aged 3 to 11 years, will celebrate the Word of God with reflection, prayers, songs and activities associated with the current weeks Gospel. Pre-school age children must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling. All our helpers are DBS cleared. If you would like to help or need more information contact Sue Combe on 07954 141939. We look forward to welcoming children from across Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

We look forward to our return on 12th September in the parish rooms at St Edward's and hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer break.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will take place on Friday 16th September. Jim Gunning will lead a 7 mile walk from Wolsingham past the famous Elephant Trees. This walk is mainly on good paths with spectacular moorland views over Weardale, two short climbs at the beginning and end and the rest of the route is flat and easy going. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church car park at 9.30am. Further details from Jim on 0191 2535135 or 07932 696795.

JUSTICE AND PEACE

A note for your diary, one of the most prestigious North East choirs, the Newcastle Male Chorus, have agreed to help our Justice and Peace Group to raise funds for the Open Gate Prison Project. The concert will be held on Saturday 24th September 2016 at 7.00pm in St Edward's Church. The cost, including wine, is £6.00. It promises to be a wonderful social occasion and a great opportunity to help. Guest soloist is the very popular Kath Ireland. Tickets available from members of the Justice and Peace Group or the parish office.

GIFT AID

Thank you to everyone who Gift Aids their donations to Our Lady Star of the Sea parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. There are letters to be collected at the back of our Churches this weekend. If you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme or have any questions, please contact June Leeming (Immaculate Heart of Mary Church) on 0191 2521516; Michael Reynolds (St Edward's Church) on 0191 2902340 and Michael Wilson (Our Lady and St Edmund's Church) on 0191 2522903.

OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S 100 CLUB, OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS

The annual subscription of £12.00 is due this month. There are a few numbers available, new members would be welcome to join. The four monthly prizes are £20, £15, £10 and £5. Contact Marie Rooney, telephone 0191 2534518.

OTHER NOTICES

CAFOD

- CAFOD's Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Holy Island will take place on Saturday 10th September 2016. This year we will be focussing our pilgrimage liturgy on the plight of refugees. There will be the usual pilgrimage walk across the sands beginning at 12.30pm. There will be a liturgy in St Aidan's at 1.30pm followed by Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Chris Hughes (St Cuthbert and St Joseph's Parish) in St Mary's Church in the Priory grounds at 3.00pm. All are most welcome.
- On Wednesday 14th September, there will be a CAFOD Harvest Fast Day briefing at 7.00pm until 8.30pm at St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle. This will be an opportunity to hear about CAFOD's work in Bolivia and how we can get involved. It would be great if each parish could ask one or two people to attend but anyone is welcome to come along.

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM: FLAME SATURDAY 11TH MARCH 2017

Bookings are now open for this national gathering of Catholic young people at Wembley Arena. 20 coaches will leave from local pick-up points, based around our 20 Catholic Secondary Schools and 18 deaneries. This invitation is for Year 10 and above. The cost per person is £40.00 which includes coach travel and Wembley ticket. Booking forms and information have been sent to all parishes and schools. Further information from YMT on 01207 592244, www.ymt.org or email: admin@ymt.org.

COMING UP AT MINSTERACRES

This Autumn our retreats have an arty theme. Why not join librettist and retreat leader Euan Tait for 'Rediscovering mercy: Elgar's dream of Gerontius' 28th – 30th October, or Janette Blakemore's 'Compassion in every step' weekend of circle dancing 21st – 23rd October.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 3rd September ST GREGORY THE GREAT	9.30am Ada Keavey (M&DK) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Mary McTaffe (TM)	
Sunday 4th September 23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am People of the Parish		9.30am Matthew & Cissie Finlay (MW)
Monday 5th September	9.30am Jennifer Nicholson (LL)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 6th September	2.15pm Funeral Service, Tony Moll 7.00pm Mary Harrison (LL)	10.00am Bernie Moat (EH)	
Wednesday 7th September	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Private Intention	9.30am Jo Cox, Orlando & Holy Souls
Thursday 8th September THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.30am Carol Bisbey (LL) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Nicholas Hynan	
Friday 9th September ST PETER CLAVER	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Michael Jennings	
Saturday 10th September	9.30am Matthew Wynn England (IE) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 11th September 24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Brenda Brady (MD)		9.30am Thanksgiving (Robson Family)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD
Sunday 4th September, 12.30pm (Mgr Andrew)	Liam Michael Lawrence

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: Maureen Bell, Norma Smith, John Jameson, Steve Heywood, Charlie McCuigan, Kevin York, Anne Marie Gormley, Ray Blackburn, Cameron Lindsay, Alice Currell, Judy Helmsley, Tatyana Zynovieva, Sean Carroll and Jim Ferguson. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Frances Forster, Bernie Moat and Tony Moll.

Hospital Chaplaincies

North Tyneside General Hospital, Rake Lane, North Shields & **Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital**, Northumbria Way, Cramlington: Contact Fr Lee Barrett on 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

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

23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 4TH SEPTEMBER 2016

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

First reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 89:3-6,12-14,17

*Response: **O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.***

1. You turn men back to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like the grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

Second reading

Philemon 1:9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.' 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.