

Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year A, 26th & 27th November 2016

PARISH NOTICES

ADVENT 2016 – HOPE ON THE HORIZON



This Advent, we are using the resources provided by the Diocesan Department for Spirituality. Prayer booklets are available at the back of the church for each week.

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy, many encountered God's mercy in many ways. We are also aware that many others have suffered greatly over the past year. It is a continuing challenge to help people to come to know God who is all mercy and compassion. How do we make any sense of this?

Among our faith companions in Advent is the prophet Isaiah. He lived at a time very much like our own, and did not cast his eyes down in despair. He knew that God felt the pain of his people – and saw that the consequences of sin and inhumanity weighed heavily on their shoulders. Isaiah also

knew that, unworthy though he was, he was to help to raise up heads and hearts, and to encourage the people to look towards a horizon of hope. This is also our task. We are called to be in solidarity with those who are downcast and brought low by the trials of life and, by the grace of and mercy of God, to raise their sights to the horizon of hope.

Advent lets us look back to those who looked ahead to the horizon of the coming of the Messiah – to reflect on the horizons of our own day – and to look beyond to Jesus Christ who comes to establish his kingdom of wisdom, justice, peace and truth. Happy Advent!

ST OSWIN'S DEANERY - NORTH TYNESIDE PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP

The six North Tyneside Parishes have agreed to form a partnership, and this proposal has now been sent to the Bishop for his consideration and decision.

Copies of the proposed partnership document are available at the back of each church, and also available to read on the North Tyneside Cluster website.

Thanks to all those parishioners who participated in the process. We now wait for the Bishop's decision about the shape and direction for the partnership.



RECENTLY DECEASED

◇ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marian DiMascio, who died on 18th November. Her body will be received into St Edward's Church at 4.30pm on 30th November, followed by Requiem Mass at 10.00am on 1st December, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

◇ Please also pray for Mary Ridley and Jim Daniels who also died recently. Funeral arrangements to follow.

THANKS

June, Bernard and Siobhan Houldershaw would like to offer their sincere thanks for the support of people in the parish that they received during Brian's recent illness and death. Thanks especially to Mgr Andrew for his wonderful support during this time which was appreciated by them all.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB—ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

On 21st November, could everyone please ensure that they have given us their menu choices and payment for the Christmas lunch. We'll have our Quiz and the opportunity for anyone who wishes to do so to write Christmas cards for women prisoners supported by Open Gate. Everyone is very welcome.

ALARM AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The security alarm system for the church and presbytery will be active as soon as all keyholders have collected their fob and been given instructions on how to use the system. Will all keyholders please call into the parish office this coming week to be issued with their fob accordingly.

WELCOMING AT ST EDWARD'S

Following Charlotte's fine promotion last Sunday of the enjoyment of the role of Welcoming before Sunday Mass at St Edward's, we knew there would be a surge of interest in this and the good news is that a vacancy (possibly more than one!) has arisen as one of our stalwart bunch is 'retiring'. Seriously we would, literally, 'welcome' more people. Do contact Derek Hooper on 0191 2526386 or speak to any of the Welcomers before Mass.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Wednesday 7th December - this will be our Christmas walk. Will all those who put their name down to go on the walk please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am and those for the lunch only meet at The Cannon, Earsdon at 12.30pm. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB—IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

As the new cooker is now working the menu will be cottage pie followed by apple and blackberry crumble with custard. If you wish to attend on the 30th November at 12 noon and have not already booked please telephone either Deirdre James on 0191 2513740 or Chris Gunning on 0191 2535135. Looking forward to seeing you there.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP AT ST EDWARD'S

The Justice and Peace Group Christmas Coffee morning is being held on Sunday, 4th December at St Edward's. Everyone is most welcome for coffee/Irish coffee, mince pies, carols and raffle.

DEPAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

Many churches in Whitley Bay contribute to the Gift Bags. This year we are filling 120 bags for the young people looked after by Depaul. Please place your donations in the box in the Narthex. Thank you in anticipation. Our Parish contributions are: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church—50 Multi pack biscuits eg. Penguins, Kit-Kats. St Edward's Church—60 Jars of coffee. Our Lady's and St Edmund's - Joan has donated her jars of jam for which we are most grateful. The last Sunday for collection will be Sunday 11th December.

ADVENT SLEEPOUT CHALLENGE.

Depaul Nightstop are organising this challenge on Friday 16th December in DURHAM CATHEDRAL. Sleepout is from 8.00pm Friday till 8.00am Saturday. Everybody is welcome to take part to help raise funds for Depaul's work with young homeless people. See the information in the Narthex or contact Sheila Clapperton. Telephone 0191 2528935.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FOR PRISONERS

During Advent this year we will be carrying out Christmas card signing sessions to enable us to send Christmas cards to all the female inmates of HMP Low Newton. This is to complete our *Year of Mercy* 'prayer and action'. To ensure that all three of the churches in our Parish are included in this initiative, festive boxes will be placed at the back of each church and we ask you all to donate a couple of **unsigned** religious Christmas cards. Various Parish groups will be approached to assist with the signing sessions. Thank you for your generous co-operation, in advance.

OTHER NOTICES

FUNDRAISER

Veronica & Austin McCarthy invite you to come to 44 Marina Drive (NE25 9NH) for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to buy homemade cakes, breads, pizzas and other goodies. Saturday, 10th December from 10.00am. Proceeds to Medecins sans Frontiere's vital work in Syria.

ST THOMAS MORE SIXTH FORM LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

At Easter, a team of sixth formers from St Thomas More (several from our Parish) are supporting a group of children with special needs on the Lourdes Pilgrimage. A festive coffee morning is being hosted by Julie Bloomfield on Sunday 18th December 2016 from 11.00am until 2.00pm at 14, Claremont Gardens, Whitley Bay NE26 3SD. Please come along for a cuppa and a mince pie. There will also be a raffle and all monies raised will go towards funding our team of young people in their endeavours. Those who attended the pilgrimage last year described their time spent with the children as life changing and some will be there again this year.

DIOCESAN EVENTS TAKING PLACE AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, NEWCASTLE

All are welcome to attend.

Advent Retreat Day, Thursday 8th December 2016

- 10.45 am Talk by Fr Paul Jenkins O Carm
- 11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 12.05 pm Solemn Sung Mass for the Immaculate Conception
- 1.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Confessions from 1.00 – 2.00pm)

Reconciliation Day, Saturday 17th December 2016

- 12.00 noon Service of Reconciliation with Bishop Séamus
- 12.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (With individual confession until 4.00pm)
- 4.00 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

BUSKING NIGHT IN AID OF CAMBODIA

Tickets are now on sale for a busking night on Friday 17th February 2017 7.00pm until 11.30pm at Rockcliff Rugby Club, Lovaine Avenue. The headline act is "DPlus" featuring special guests !! If you have a musical instrument bring it along and join in the entertainment. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for students. The price includes a chilli con carne supper with a vegetarian option. Available from Julie Bloomfield 07905246601 Julie.bloomfield2810@icloud.com. Funds raised are to support Charlotte Bloomfield to undertake voluntary work in Cambodia during Summer 2017.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT USHAW—DECEMBER

- Saturday 3rd Blessing and lighting of Christmas Tree with carols 4.00.p.m. Mastersingers Concert 7.30.p.m.
- Friday 9th The Snowman 7.30.p.m.
- Saturday 10th The Snowman 1.00.p.m. and 3.00.p.m.
- Tuesday 13th Ushaw Carol Service 7.30.p.m.
- Wednesday 14th Ushaw Carol Service 7.30.p.m.
- Saturday 17th Alan Barne's Christmas Carol 7.30.p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 26th November ST LEONARD OF PORTO MAURIZIO	9.30am Word & Communion NO CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish (those who have died in the last year) (Pastoral Care Team)	
Sunday 27th November 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	11.00am Joseph Scanlan (GR)		9.30am Terence Mason (AM)
Monday 28th November	9.30am Stan Scott (MEM)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 29th November	7.00pm Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League (CWL)	10.00am Decia Morris (KRY)	
Wednesday 30th November ST ANDREW	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Michael Jennings	9.30am Private Intention
Thursday 1st December	10.00am Requiem Mass, Marian DiMascio 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Rosaline Kelly	
Friday 2nd December	9.30am Paddy & Alan Dawson (MHD)	10.00am Raymond Stokes	
Saturday 3rd December ST FRANCIS XAVIER	9.30am Kathleen Keeler (MQ) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Margaret Mary Murphy	
Sunday 4th December 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	11.00am Deceased Members of The Scanlan Family (GR)		9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISMS	ST EDWARD'S
Saturday 26th November, 11.00am (Deacon Terry)	Rosie Kerr

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: Maureen Bell, Norma Smith, Steve Heywood, Charlie McCuigan, Kevin York, Anne Marie Gormley, Ray Blackburn, Cameron Lindsay, Judy Helmsley, Tatyana Zynovieva, Jim Ferguson, George Miller and Pat Southwell. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Emma McLaughlin, Brian Houldershaw, Alice Currell, Marian DiMascio, Mary Ridley, Jim Daniels and Sean Carroll.

Hospital Chaplaincies

North Tyneside General Hospital, Rake Lane, North Shields & Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital, Northumbria Way, Cramlington: Contact Fr Stephen Watson on 07768 3873931.

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:

Monsignor Andrew (St. Edward) stedwardsne26@btconnect.com (0191) 2528021

Star of the Sea Primary School starofthesea.primary@northtyneside.gov.uk (0191) 6432080

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 and Deacon Terry McGann 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
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 27TH NOVEMBER 2016
The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.

First reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

Psalm

Psalm 121:1-2,4-5,6-9

Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

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| 1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. | 3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace! |
| 2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. | 4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. |

Second reading

Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples, 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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.