

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year A, 3rd & 4th December 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 www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk. 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 Mary Ridley, who died on 18th November 2016. Her Requiem Mass will be held at St Edward's Church 1.00pm Monday, 5th December, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- ◇ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Daniels, who died on 21st November 2016. His Requiem Mass will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 10.00am on Monday, 5th December, followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- ◇ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Ironside, who died on 28th November 2016. Her funeral will take place at 11.15am at Tynemouth Crematorium on Thursday, 8th December. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB—ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

On 5th December there will not be a meeting in the parish rooms as it's our Christmas lunch. Will everyone please meet at The Sandpiper for 12.00noon and we look forward to seeing you there.

ALARM AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The security system cannot be used until everyone has received their instructions and alarm fob. It is important that any keyholders who have not yet collected their fob and been shown how to use the new security system need to call in to parish office **before Friday this week** so we can begin to use the new system from Saturday, 10th December.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Welcome to Star of the Sea School, years 5 and 6, and their families who are holding their Christingle Service on Monday, 5th December at St Edward's Church at 6.00pm.

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.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP AT ST EDWARD'S

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

TIMES OF OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Church	Christmas Eve Mass	Christmas Day Mass
Our Lady and St Edmund, Backworth	No Mass	9.30am
St Edward, Whitley Bay	6.00pm (Carols from 5.30pm)	11.00am
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monkseaton	8.00pm (Carols from 7.30pm)	No Mass

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SUNDAY

Carols by Candlelight will take place at Our Lady and St Edmund's Church on Sunday, 11th December at 4.00pm to which everyone is invited. As always we will be delighted to conclude with warm mulled wine and mince pies. All most welcome. The children's choir from Star of the Sea will inspire us all in preparation for Christmas. We are most grateful for the musical support and expertise of David and Rebecca from Star of the Sea.

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. Sponsorship form and further information in the Narthex or contact Sheila Clapperton on 0191 2528935.

THANKS

- ◇ Julie Bloomfield thanks all of the parishioners at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church who very kindly purchased Raffle tickets last weekend to support St Thomas More's Lourdes fundraising. We raised £30 and the winner was Mrs Elaine Blenkinsop.
- ◇ The recent Traidcraft Sale at St Edward's raised £121.00 in the sale of goods and we received donations of £22.60. Thank you for your generous support.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Thursday during Advent at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church starting at 9.30am until the commencement of Mass at 10.00am.

OTHER NOTICES

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.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
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
Monday 5th December	9.30am Word & Communion 1.00pm Requiem Mass, Mary Ridley	10.00am Requiem Mass, Jim Daniels	
Tuesday 6th December ST NICHOLAS	7.00pm Brian Houldershaw (JH)	10.00am Marian DiMascio (LL)	
Wednesday 7th December ST AMBROSE	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Francis & Sarah Murphy (TM)	9.30am Margaret McGuigan (MA)
Thursday 8th December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.30am Michael Snowdon (MEA&PS) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Marian DiMascio (PO)	
Friday 9th December ST JOHN CUAHTLATOATZIN	9.30am Tina Coleman (AG)	10.00am Frank Black (TB)	
Saturday 10th December	9.30am Kathleen Keeler, Jack & Rita Donnelly (MQ) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	4.50pm First Holy Communion Preparation: Gathering the Word 6.00pm Mass Deceased Members of Harwood Family (EH)	
Sunday 11th December 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.50am First Holy Communion Preparation: Gathering the Word 11.00am Mass George & Monica Thrift (MT)		9.30am People of the Parish

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 Brian Houldershaw, Alice Currell, Marian DiMascio, Mary Ridley, Jim Daniels, Sean Carroll and Joan Ironside.

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:

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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 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
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 4TH DECEMBER 2016

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

First reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. and its home will be glorious. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

Response: In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails.

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| 1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. | 3. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. |
| 2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. | 4. May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. |

Second reading

Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: *For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: *A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.* This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' 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.