

Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

St Edward, Coquet Avenue,
Whitley Bay, NE26 1EE
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Church Close,
Monkseaton, NE25 9PG
Our Lady and St Edmund, Station Road,
Backworth, NE27 ORU

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, GAUDETE SUNDAY, Year A, 10th & 11th December 2016

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME TO BISHOP PAUL MASON, AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

Welcome to Bishop Mason who will celebrate the 50th Anniversary Mass of the Teams of Our Lady Group on Saturday, 17th December in Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church. He will celebrate the 11.00am Mass at St Edward's on Sunday, 18th December.

ADVENT 2016 – HOPE ON THE HORIZON — FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: GATHERING & THE WORD



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.

This Gaudete –Rejoicing- Sunday, we welcome the children of our Parish and their families who are beginning the six sessions of preparation to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. They will join us before Mass for preparation and for our Sunday Masses at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and St Edward's Church.

We are all called to be 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. We pray for the First Holy Communion children and their families on their journey of prayer and celebration. Thanks to our catechists and everyone at our churches and Star of the Sea School who support this important work. Happy Advent!

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Collingwood , who died on 6th December 2016. Funeral details to follow.

TUESDAY 7.00PM MASS, ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

Because the number of people attending Mass on a Tuesday evening is so small, from next Tuesday onwards, Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Rooms in the Presbytery, followed by the regular choir practice. Please enter through the Presbytery main door. Mgr Andrew.

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

Carols by Candlelight will take place at Our Lady and St Edmund's Church this 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.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

A warm welcome to everyone to the Advent Carol service being held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Thursday, 15th December at 7.00 pm. Mince pies and ginger wine will be ready after the service offering an opportunity to meet and chat with old friends.

DEANERY ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: 20TH DECEMBER

The Deanery Advent Penitential Service will be celebrated at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 20th December at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields. All are welcome.

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 this Sunday 11th December.**

PARISH MONDAY CLUB—ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

On 12th December we'll have our Christmas meeting with carols and mince pies and everyone is very welcome.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB—IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

The Christmas lunch is being served on Wednesday, 14th December for all those who have already bought their tickets. There are no further tickets available.

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.

THANKS

- ◇ Many thanks to all of our family friends and fellow parishioners for their kind thoughts, actions, prayers, cards and donations following the death of our dear mum, Marian DiMascio. A special thank you to Monsignor Andrew for all of his support during mum's illness and for leading us in prayer during her Requiem Mass. Also for the thoughtful and fitting tribute which he made to mum during his homily. We are also grateful to Father Frank Graham who travelled from Liverpool to attend the Mass and to Deacon Frank who was in attendance. We also wish to thank Father Tom for his prayers and kind thoughts. A special word of thanks also to Janet in the office who helped to prepare the order of service booklets. Pat and Luisa.
- ◇ Margaret Daniels and family would like to thank Monsignor Andrew and all friends from the three churches of the parish for helping to make Jim's Requiem Mass a lovely celebration of his life. The messages of sympathy, love and kindness have helped me through these sad days.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk on Thursday, 5th January will be down Jesmond Dene and along the Quayside—6½ miles approximately. Meet at West Monkseaton metro station for the 9.35am train to South Gosforth. More information from Margaret Graham on 0191 2529569 or Pat Kerr on 0191 2807764.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

- ◇ St Edward's Justice and Peace Group wish to thank everyone who supported their Christmas coffee event, especially the Choir who came to sing carols. We raised £260 for our charities. There is one raffle prize unclaimed, Mrs M Martin. (Yellow 16 - 20)Please ring 0191 2577190. The Spectacles that were left on the day can be claimed in the Parish office.
- ◇ Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - £2,400 has been sent to Isaac's House in Uganda. Paul Howells, the Liverpoolian builder who started Isaac's House, sends a huge thank you for your great generosity. Recent photos and news about the children, Paul and his fellow builders support, are at the back of church. On behalf of Immaculate Heart of Mary Justice and Peace Group, many thanks to you all for your continued support and or giving so generously to Isaac's House over the past 18 months.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH RED MISSION BOXES

The Missio 2017 calendars are at the back of church and all are welcome to take one home. Our collection from your Mission Boxes for 2016 amounts to £1,100.65. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity for this most worthwhile cause.

OTHER NOTICES

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.

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.

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 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 4.00pm Carols by Candlelight
Monday 12th December OUR LADY OF GUADELOUPE	9.30am Lily & Albert Riley (EW)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 13th December ST LUCY	7.00pm Muriel Lavelle (MC)	10.00am Alan Watson (AW)	
Wednesday 14th December ST JOHN OF THE CROSS	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Marie Pinnington (KP)	9.30am Violet & Joseph White (AD)
Thursday 15th December	9.30am Holy Souls 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Dick Turner 7.00pm Carol Service	
Friday 16th December	9.30am Eric, Helen & Tony Riley (EW)	10.00am Ann Marie Rondeau (MA)	
Saturday 17th December	9.30am Marian DiMascio (AM) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish	11.00am Teams of Our Lady 50th Anniversary Celebration Mass
Sunday 18th December 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	11.00am Muriel Lavelle (MD)		9.30am Keith Opstad (AO)

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, Pat Southwell and Norah Blewitt. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Marian DiMascio, Mary Ridley, Jim Daniels, Sean Carroll, Joan Ironside and Jim Collingwood.

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

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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
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, GAUDETE SUNDAY, 11TH DECEMBER 2016

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

First reading

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord as ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

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

Psalm

Psalm 145:6-10

Response: Come, Lord, and save us

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| 1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free, | 3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age |
| 2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. | |

Second reading

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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.