

# 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 0RU

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, Year A, 24th & 25th December 2016 and  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, Year A, 31st December 2016 & 1st January 2017**

## PARISH NOTICES

### FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: CRIB OFFERINGS

This year, with the encouragement of Bishop Cunningham, the parish will be donating the Christmas Collection to **Friends of the Holy Land**. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel with education, employment, health and housing. For further information, please see the poster on the notice board. Please keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time. [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

### RECENTLY DECEASED

- ◇ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Oliver of Shiremoor who died recently. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- ◇ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Monica Ramsay of West Monkseaton who died recently. May she rest in peace. Amen.

### TUESDAY 7.00PM MASS, ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

Because the number of people attending Mass on a Tuesday evening is so small, from 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.

### THANKS

- ◇ Fr Tom Cunningham and Mgr Andrew wish to express their grateful thanks for all the kind thoughts and wishes extended to them this Christmas.
- ◇ Teams of Our Lady - The Backworth 1 Team would like to thank Mgr Andrew and the people of Star of the Sea parish for all the help and cooperation in making their 50th Anniversary a huge success.
- ◇ DePaul's homelessness services - First it was the Chocolate Bars, the Coffee and the Home-made Jam – they went into 127 Christmas Gift packs for troubled but grateful young clients of DePaul UK. Then there were the indefatigable Grannies who you sponsored as they took part in DePaul's Sleep out at Durham Cathedral last week. Sheila and Ann deny rumours that no one could get to sleep because of the noise from their creaking joints. They report that there wasn't much sleeping at the sleep out – however, the real streets are just as hard, even colder and a lot less safe. So far just over £700 in sponsorship has been raised for DePaul's Nightstop project. It's not too late to nudge that up to £1,000! Many thanks.

### 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.

### PARISH BURNS SUPPER

There will be a Burns Supper at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, on Friday 27th January, at 7.00 pm for 7.30pm, complete with Haggis & Bashit Neeps, a Piper, a wee dram, wine & soft drinks, songs and recitations. Tickets at £18.00 each are available after Masses this weekend or from Joe James, telephone 0191 2513740.

### 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.

### ST EDWARD'S CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Church Council will be on Monday 9th January 2017 and if there are any issues which parishioners wish to raise can you please contact Bill Crumbley or Lawrie Ashton. Alternatively messages can be left with the parish office.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on 23rd January 2017. If you would like any matters raised, please contact one of you Church Council members to pass on the request.

**ST EDWARD'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA**

The New Year rota is now ready for collection in Parish kitchen.

**COMPLINE AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH**

We're taking a Christmas break and Compline will be resuming on Thursday, 12th January 2017.

**PARISH MONDAY CLUB—ST EDWARD'S CHURCH**

The Monday Club will not be meeting during the holiday period, we wish everyone all the very best for Christmas and the New Year and look forward to our return on 9th January.

**ST EDWARD'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA**

The rota for the New Year is now ready for collection in the kitchen at St Edward's.

**OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S 100 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS**

Month	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
September 2016	42 Christine Rooney	62 Lauren Stephenson	24 Janet Murphy	4 Pauline Fenton
October 2016	36 Alison Donnelly	27 Kate Fearon	65 Gina Strike	75 Kevin Riley
November 2016	82 Ann Anderson	76 Helen Jobe	37 Harry Campbell	33 Ron Lippe
December 2016	41 Mary Kelly	30 J.Donnelly	50 Pat Wheatley	68 Maureen Cave

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH - SECURITY SYSTEM**

Please can all keyholders ensure that before they depart the premises and arm the security system they check that all exterior doors are securely closed (hall fire exit and kitchen exit).

**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, Jim Collingwood, Margaret Longton and Giovanni Arnone, Richard Oliver and Monica Zita Ramsay.

**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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<b>Cluster Website</b>	<b>www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</b>	

**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 12.00 noon on Thursdays.**

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>			
<b>DAY</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>	<b>OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S</b>
Saturday 24th December	9.30am Exposition & Confessions 5.30pm Carols 6.00pm Mass - Pat O'Shea (BO'S)	7.30pm Carols 8.00pm Mass - Agnes Hall	
Sunday 25th December <b>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD</b>	11.00am People of the Parish		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 26th December <b>ST STEPHEN</b>			
Tuesday 27th December <b>ST JOHN</b>	10.00am James McPeake (AM)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Wednesday 28th December <b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b>	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am in Thanksgiving (J&IG)	
Thursday 29th December <b>ST THOMAS BECKET</b>	9.30am Marian DiMascio (PK)	10.00am Frank Black	
Friday 30th December <b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b>	9.30am Angela Allen (MAFC)	10.00am Private Intention	
Saturday 31st December	9.30am Brian Houldershaw (CWL)	6.00pm People of the Parish (especially Special Ministers to the sick & the dying) (Pastoral Care Team)	
Sunday 1st January 2017 <b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b>	11.00am Forgotten Souls (MD)		9.30am Jim Donnelly (AD)
Monday 2nd January <b>SS BASIL THE GREAT &amp; GREGORY NAZIANZEN</b>	9.30am Peter Markham (PS)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 3rd January <b>THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS</b>	7.00pm Tom Thomson (MS)	10.00am Raymond Stokes	
Wednesday 4th January	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am James & Eileen Park and Margaret Reynolds (MR)	9.30am Private Intention
Thursday 5th January	9.30am Cliff Cave (MC)	10.00am Mary Rose Lawless	
Friday 6th January	9.30am Audrey Beckwith (LL)	10.00am Private Intention	
Saturday 7th January <b>ST RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT</b>	9.30am Frank Riley ((EW) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Margaret Mary Murphy	
Sunday 8th January <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	11.00am Marian DiMascio (MM)		9.30am People of the Parish

<b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S</b>
Sunday 8th January, 12.30pm (Deacon Frank)	Teddy James Lennon Bowie

**READINGS AT MASS**  
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, 1ST JANUARY 2017**  
*The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.*

**First reading**

**Numbers 6:22-27**

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace." This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

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

**Psalm**

**Psalm 66:2-3,5,6,8**

*Response: **O God, be gracious and bless us.***

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.
2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him

**Second reading**

**Galatians 4:4-7**

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past

and in various different ways,

God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

but in our own time, the last days,

he has spoken to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Luke 2:16-21**

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

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.