

Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Immaculate Heart of Mary, Church Close,
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Year A, 7th & 8th January 2017

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME TO FR MICHAEL HICKEY

Welcome to Fr Michael Hickey, recently retired priest in residence at St Cuthbert's North Shields, who will celebrate the 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church this weekend. Mgr Andrew is celebrating Mass with the Youth Mission Team.

THE WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

This will be held this weekend to assist the work of the Society of the Unborn Child (SPUC) in protecting the sanctity of all human life. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses that weekend.

RECENTLY DECEASED

- ◇ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Howe of West Monkseaton who died on 25th December 2016. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 noon on Monday, 9th January 2017 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- ◇ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Zita Monica Mary Ramsay (known as Monica) of Monkseaton. Her funeral service is to take place on Wednesday, 11th January 2017 at 1.30pm at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- ◇ Please pray for the repose of the soul of George Waddle. His funeral service is to take place on Tuesday, 17th January 2017 at 11.15am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium at 12.00 noon. May he 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: BAPTISM, 14TH & 15TH JANUARY

We welcome the First Holy Communion children and families for the next preparation session on Baptism at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for the Vigil Mass on Saturday, 14th January, and at St Edward's for the 11.00am Mass on Sunday, 15th January. Please keep them and the Catechists in your prayers.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB—IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

The first Parish Luncheon Club of 2017 will be held on Wednesday, 25th January from 12.00 noon at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

PARISH BURNS SUPPER

There will be a Burns Supper at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, on Friday 27th January, at 7.00pm 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.

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 your Church Council members to pass on the request.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB—ST EDWARD’S CHURCH

On 9th January the Monday Club will return with a "Welcome Back" Coffee Morning and everyone is very welcome.

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).

ST EDWARD’S CHURCH MISSION COLLECTION

The collection for the first quarter of the year is now due, could collectors please pick up their books which are ready in the Narthex. All monies should be passed to Mary Nugent by 4th February. Mary and I wish you all a very Happy New Year. Liz Hickey.

OTHER NOTICES

DIOCESAN DEPARTMENT FOR LITURGY:

Courses and events for the New Year:-

New Lay Leaders of Celebrations in the absence of a Priest, starting on Monday 6th February 2017 at St. Hilda’s, Newcastle.

Lay Leaders Reunion evening for existing Lay Leaders on Monday, 27th March 2017 at St. Hilda’s, Newcastle, 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

DIOCESAN DEPARTMENT FOR SPIRITUALITY:

Resources for Lent will be available in January 2017 by contacting the Department. These resources will also be made available to download from the Diocesan website.

A date for the diary; Saturday, 21st October 2017, a Pilgrimage of Peace to Flodden Field and Crookham Peace Centre. Bishop Séamus intends to join the pilgrimage. Further information to follow.

For further information on any of these items, please contact the Department for Spirituality by email: spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk or tel: 0191 2433302.

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 07905 246601.

FLAME CONGRESS

On Saturday, 11th March a group of 1,000 young people and accompanying adults from our diocese will be travelling to Flame at Wembley Arena. Flame is a National Catholic Youth Congress with inspiring speakers and music from Matt Redman. Coaches will be leaving from every part of the diocese. There are still places left for young people Year 9 and above and for adults. If you would like to go, please contact YMT for further details. Email admin@ymt.org or 01207 592244.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 7th January ST RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT	9.30am Frank Riley ((EW) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Margaret Mary Murphy	
Sunday 8th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	11.00am Marian DiMascio (MM)		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 9th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.30am Brian Houldershaw (Monday Club)	12.00 noon Requiem Mass, Bob Howe	
Tuesday 10th January	7.00pm Holy Souls	10.00am Mass for Vocations (Catenians)	
Wednesday 11th January ST AELRED OF RIEVALUX	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am June Carroll (LC)	9.30am Edward McPhillips
Thursday 12th January ST BENET BISCOP	9.30am Marian DiMascio (St Edw CWL) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Private Intention	
Friday 13th January ST HILARY	9.30am Mary Ryan (L&JA)	10.00am Mary Rose Lawless	
Saturday 14th January	9.30am Elsie Walker (PF) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	4.50pm FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: BAPTISM 6.00pm Tom Murray & Michael Gallagher (TM)	
Sunday 15th January 2017 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.50am FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: BAPTISM 11.00am Michael Anderson (AA)		9.30am People of the Parish

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

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 Richard Oliver, Monica Ramsay, Martin Burke (former headteacher of Star of the Sea Primary School), Terence Brown, George Waddle and Bob Howe.

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.

READINGS AT MASS
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, 8TH JANUARY 2017
The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.

First reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 71:1-2,7-8,10-13

Response: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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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. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him |
| 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. 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. |

Second reading

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: *And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.*' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way. 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.