

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year A, 11th & 12th February 2017

#### PARISH NOTICES

##### A VISION FOR PARTNERSHIPS

I spent 17th to 20th January this year with our Diocesan Board of Trustees and the Forward Together in Hope Team. It was a time of deep prayer, serious discussion and decision making. In the weeks and months ahead we will devise ways of addressing the wide range of hopes and concerns you, the people of our diocese, have voiced in many meetings, over 7,000 documents, letters and emails. We will look at extremely important questions about how worshipping communities can deepen their relationship with young people, how we support communities where there is no celebration of Mass on the Lord's Day, how we care for our sick and frail priests and many other concerns which are close to the hearts of our communities.

A partnership is a group of parishes agreeing to work together, to share resources, both human and material, to become stronger and better equipped for furthering the Kingdom of God. They offer our diocese unlimited potential as we seek to ensure viable and flourishing communities of people who want to deepen their commitment to Jesus and witness to him in our world.

There are 18 new partnerships across the Diocese, which will offer opportunities to ensure that:

- A range of formation programmes can be developed, at a more local level, to help communities provide pastoral care for many groups of people, catechesis, marriage preparation and worship.
- Support can be made available for smaller communities.
- The gifts, talents and financial resources in a wider area can be put at the service of more people.
- Responsibility for a range of services such as finance, health and safety, administration and communication can be coordinated across a wider area.
- Priests can be freed to concentrate on their essential calling to preach, call the community to worship and the celebration of the sacraments.
- A thorough and careful review of property and its uses can be carried out throughout the area.
- Opportunities can be found for people to come together across the area to celebrate and worship together.
- Leadership teams including priests, deacons and people can develop to help everyone deepen their understanding of what it means to be a witness to Jesus in our world today.

I hope that our whole diocesan family will continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us into the future with confidence, a deep sense of mission and a willingness to witness to the coming of the Kingdom of God.

**+ Séamus Cunningham, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle**

##### NEWCASTLE & NORTH TYNESIDE VICARIATE: NORTH TYNESIDE PARTNERSHIP

- Backworth, Our Lady and St Edmund
- Cullercoats, St Mary
- North Shields, St Cuthbert & St Joseph
- Tynemouth, Our Lady and St Oswin
- Wallsend, Our Lady and St Aidan, Our Lady and St Columba, St Bernadette
- West Monkseaton, Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Whitley Bay, St Edward

Further information is available via the Diocesan Website at: [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

##### SECOND COLLECTION

Today is a Day of special Prayer for Racial Justice and a collection will be taken to support the work of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice.

##### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kevin Tanney of Whitley Bay, who died on 31st January. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 14th February at 10.00am at St Edward's Church followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

## **PARISH COVER**

Following the successful surgery last Monday, I'm grateful for all your good wishes and prayers. Thanks also to Fr Peter Martin and Fr Michael Hickey who will celebrate the Sunday Masses, and to Fr Chris Hughes at North Shields and Fr Martin Stempczyk at Cullercoats who will provide emergency cover. Their phone numbers are on the back of the bulletin. Deacons Terry McGann and Frank Forde have also kindly agreed to step in as required. Mgr Andrew.

## **PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH**

On 13th February our topic will be 'Favourite Recipes'. Tell us about a recipe you particularly like - you don't have to cook it, you just have to enjoy eating the results! Everyone is very welcome.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: RECONCILIATION, 11TH & 12TH FEBRUARY**

We welcome the First Holy Communion children and families for the next preparation session on Reconciliation at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for the Vigil Mass on Saturday, 11th February, and at St Edward's for the 11.00am Mass on Sunday, 12th February. Please keep them and the Catechists in your prayers.

## **LENT 2017 PREPARATION MEETING, 15TH FEBRUARY**

There will be a meeting for all interested in planning the Season of Lent at 11.00am on Wednesday, 15th February in the Parish Rooms at St Edward's. All are welcome.

## **PARISH WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will take place on Friday 17th February when John Charlton will lead a walk setting out on foot from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church; along Wagon Ways to South Newsham and Blyth south beach. The return will be back along the coast. There will be some road walking and the paths could be muddy in places. Approx 6miles. Further information from John Charlton on 0191 2522008.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **TYNE AND WEAR CITIZENS**

This is a Community Organisation made up of institutions from Civic Society that seeks to bring about change for the Common Good. The Diocese is a Founding Member. During February there will be two meetings to introduce the idea of Community Organising and express the aims of Tyne and Wear Citizens. There will also be a 'listening exercise' based on the following question: What change would you like to see in the North East for the Common Good? We would like to know your answer to this important question. All are welcome The two meeting are at: St Joseph's Church, Wallsend Road, North Shields, NE29 7AA Wednesday, 15th February at 7.00pm St Cuthbert's Church Hall, West Albion Street, North Shields, NE29 0JB Tuesday, 21st February at 7.00pm Please see poster at back of Church. For more information please contact Fr Chris Hughes on 0191 2575801 or at northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk

### **DINNER DANCE**

Tynemouth Catenians invite everyone to a Dinner Dance to be held at the Grand Hotel, Tynemouth, on Saturday 25th February, 7.30 for 8.00pm. Dress is formal or suit and tie for those without. Gentle music by Neon Lights. Grand Raffle. Cost £27.50 per head. All are most welcome. Contact Terry tandlmcq@blueyonder.co.uk Tel: 0191 2595259.

### **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](http://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 11th February <b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b>	9.30am Word & Communion NO CONFESSIONS	4.50pm FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: RECONCILIATION 6.00pm Margaret Mary Murphy	
Sunday 12th February <b>6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	9.50am FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: RECONCILIATION 11.00am Edward Johnson (SJ)		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 13th February	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 14th February <b>SS CYRIL, MONK &amp; METHODIUS</b>	10.00am Requiem Mass, Kevin Tanney	10.00am Malcolm Louvre (LL)	
Wednesday 15th February	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Phil Kennair (GL)	
Thursday 16th February	9.30am Word & Communion 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Private Intention (KR)	
Friday 17th February <b>SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER</b>	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Theresa Pratt (JP)	
Saturday 18th February	9.30am Word & Communion NO CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Fr Charles Flaherty SSC	
Sunday 19th February <b>7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	11.00am Pat McGonnell (LMcG)		9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISMS	ST EDWARD
12th February, 12.30pm (Deacon Frank)	Lola Belle Ali & Max Beau Ali
19th February, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)	Anni Louise McHugh

**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, Norah Blewitt and James Gilboy. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Bob Howe, Mary Greaves, Fr Charles Flaherty SSC and Kevin Tanney.

**Parish Office opening hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10.00am—12.00noon.**

**For bulletin entries please contact the Parish Secretary - email [parishofficeolss@btconnect.com](mailto:parishofficeolss@btconnect.com) or telephone 0191 2527066. Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 12.00 noon on Thursdays.**

## READINGS AT MASS

6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 12TH FEBRUARY 2017

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

### First reading

**Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21**

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

**Psalm 118:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34**

*Response: They are happy who follow God's law!*

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| 1. They are happy whose life is blameless,<br>who follow God's law!<br>They are happy who do his will,<br>seeking him with all their hearts. | 3. Bless your servant and I shall live<br>and obey your word.<br>Open my eyes that I may see<br>the wonders of your law.                   |
| 2. You have laid down your precepts<br>to be obeyed with care.<br>May my footsteps be firm<br>to obey your statutes.                         | 4. Teach me the demands of your statutes<br>and I will keep them to the end.<br>Train me to observe your law,<br>to keep it with my heart. |

### Second reading

**1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.* These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Matthew 5:17-37**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not kill*; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. 'You have learnt how it was said: *You must not commit adultery*. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal*. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord*. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.' 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.