

PARISH NOTICES

POINTING THE WAY: PARISH PARTNERSHIPS - FURTHER INFORMATION

Bishop Seamus's announcement last week regarding the 18 Parish Partnerships across the Diocese made clear to us that this was not simply about geography, and that it recognised the range of topics raised in the Forward Together in Hope 150 parish questionnaires, the 7,000 pages of documentation which came from surveys of young people, individuals and clergy, and the notes from deanery and vicariate meetings, along with emails and letters.

These topics ranged from the hospitality offered to people as they gather to celebrate Mass, to how our worshipping communities might engage more creatively with young people. They also included the fundamental need for lay formation and leadership development, ongoing support for clergy and the needs of sick and frail priests in the future. Other items included our worship and the need for much more formation for lay leaders of worship, ecumenism, interfaith relations as well as peace, justice and care for the environment.

Five Diocesan working groups are being set up to address these topics, and will look at:

- Formation;
- Practical guidance to help partnerships develop;
- How the Diocesan Councils of clergy, religious, laity and youth will help partnerships;
- Communications;
- Strategic planning to address the breadth of thinking stimulated by the voices of all who made their views heard during the time of the Forward Together in Hope consultation.

Way Forward

The Bishop told us last weekend that local formation programmes will be developed to help communities provide pastoral care for many groups of people, as well as catechesis, marriage preparation, and worship. It will be up to each partnership to decide how to meet the needs of the people it is there to serve. The Bishop told us that a partnership will ensure that:

- Support is made available for smaller communities;
- The gifts, talents and financial resources can be put at the service of more people;
- Responsibility for a range of services including finance, health and safety, administration and communication are coordinated across the partnership;
- Priests are freed to concentrate on their essential calling to preach, to call the community to worship and to celebrate the Sacraments;
- A thorough review of property and its uses will be carried out across the partnership;
- Opportunities can be found for people to come together across the partnership 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.

The clergy will meet on 22nd February for their regular Deanery Conference, at which they will begin to reflect on the way ahead. Further details of how we will proceed will be made available in the near future.

THANKS AND WELCOME TO FR MICHAEL HICKEY

Mgr Andrew thanks everyone for their get well cards, best wishes and presents and he is making good progress. We welcome Fr Hickey, retired priest living at St Cuthbert's, North Shields, who is celebrating Mass this weekend.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

On 20th February we'll have TV Reviews, everyone is very welcome to come and share comments on programmes you have (or haven't!) enjoyed.

JUSTICE AND PEACE

- **Parish Justice and Peace Meeting** to be held on Tuesday, 21st February in the ground floor meeting room at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 6.00pm – 7.00pm, to consolidate Justice and Peace Lenten initiatives. All parishioners welcome.
- The St Edward's Justice and Peace Group will be holding a Fair Trade sale today in the Narthex.

THURSDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

It is again planned to have lay-led Stations of the Cross on six Thursday evenings during Lent at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The Church Council would love to hear from any 'new faces' who feel that they would like to lead one evening. Support available. Please contact Chris Gunning on 0191 2535135 or Joe James on 0191 2513740 or email jjames9241@aol.com.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB—IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

Wednesday, 22nd February is the Parish Luncheon Club at 12.00 noon at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton. We look forward to seeing all our regular members. However, if there is anyone who has not attended before and would like to join us please ring Chris Gunning on 0191 2535135 or Deirdre James on 0191 2513740. Looking forward to seeing you there.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Monday, 6th March when Peter Weighill will lead a 6 mile route. Please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am to travel to Chester Moor, then we will take the bus to Barley Mow (don't forget your BUS PASS) to walk west to Pelton Fell then south over Walldridge Fell back to Chester Moor. If you require more information please telephone Peter on 0191 2512917.

OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND TOMBOLA

- Christmas Tombola - Joan and Ann would like to thank everyone who donated gifts for our Christmas tombola, it was as always a great success and we raised the grand sum of £150. We donated £75 to the International Refugee Trust, £75 towards the cleaning of the stations of the cross .
- Easter Egg Tombola - yes its that time of year again, and I find we already have donations of eggs so I guess we are having our usual tombola, so once again we would be very grateful for any donations of Easter eggs. Thank you.

OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND ROTAS

New rotas are now available at the back of church.

OTHER NOTICES

FATHER LEO COUGHLIN

Born 23rd March 1932, Fr Leo died peacefully in retirement in the United States of America on 24th January 2017; he was 84 years of age. Please remember him in your prayers. A Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul will be celebrated on 20th March 2017 at 12.00 noon at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. All are welcome to attend.

INVITATION TO YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING

All parishioners who are concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-workers' gathering at the Emmaus Youth Village on **SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY at 3.30pm**. (Tea, coffee and cake and a chance to chat from 2.00pm). An important aspect of the new partnerships is to explore how we can deepen our relationship with young people. There are a number of opportunities that YMT will share with you and this will also be a time to share good practice and network with other parts of the diocese. Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org

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 18th February	9.30am Word & Communion NO CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Fr Charles Flaherty SSC	
Sunday 19th February 7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Pat McGonnell (LMcG)		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 20th February	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word &	
Tuesday 21st February ST PETER DAMIAN	7.00pm Word & Communion	10.00am Marie Horsburgh (LL)	
Wednesday 22nd February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Private Intention	
Thursday 23rd February ST POLYCARP	9.30am Word & Communion 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Deacon James Richards	
Friday 24th February	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Deceased Members of The Wilkinson Family (LS)	
Saturday 25th February	9.30am Word & Communion NO CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish (Pastoral Care Team)	
Sunday 26th February 8TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Marie Johnson (JH)		9.30am Tom Witheridge (TW)

BAPTISMS	ST EDWARD
19th February, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)	Anni Louise McHugh
25th February, 11.00am (Deacon Terry)	Thomas George Middlemas
26th February, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)	Kate Araniello

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: Maureen Bell, Norma Smith, 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 Mary Greaves, Fr Charles Flaherty SSC, Kevin Tanney and Fr Leo Coughlin.

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 or telephone 0191 2527066. Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 12.00 noon on Thursdays.

READINGS AT MASS

7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 19TH FEBRUARY 2017

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

First reading

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'" The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 102:1-4,8,10,12-13

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

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| 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. | 3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. |
| 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. | 4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. |

Second reading

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: *The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are;* or again: *God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise.* So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.* But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.' 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.