

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, Year A, 4th & 5th March 2017

PARISH NOTICES

LENT & HOLY WEEK 2017 - TO BE A PILGRIM: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

The Diocesan Department for Spirituality resources 'To be a Pilgrim: in the Footsteps of Jesus', would be one focus, and the praying of the Stations of the Cross in our three churches, organized by the parish Justice and Peace Group, and other parishioners, would be another. A third focus would be to join a meditation group offering 'A Mindful Way for Lent' during the season.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available throughout Lent on Saturdays at St Edward's Church, 10.00am - 10.30am (not 4th March) and by appointment. The Sacrament is also available at regular times posted in the churches of our new Partnership of Parishes.

The children being prepared for First Holy Communion will make their First Confession at St Edward's at 6.00pm on 5th April. Children's Stations of the Cross will be held on Good Friday at 10.00am at Our Lady's and St Edmund's.

This year, the Easter Triduum from Maundy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, through Good Friday's Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and on to Holy Saturday's Easter Vigil will be celebrated at St Edward's Church, with ministers from all three churches participating in the celebrations with their usual care and efficiency. This is to develop closer cooperation between parishioners across the Parish, and also to focus on St Edward's as the mother church of our Parish. In the near future, it may well be that the main churches in our 6-parish Partnership will be called on to become the main centres for Sunday Mass as the numbers of clergy and Sunday Masses decline.

Lent 2017: Opportunities for Prayer and Reflection

	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S & ST EDMUND'S
Mondays in Lent		7.00pm in the Upper Room: To Be a Pilgrim	
Tuesdays in Lent	7.00pm: Stations of the Cross & Mass (in church)		
Wednesdays in Lent	8.00pm - 9.00pm in the Parish Rooms: Prayer Group	7.00pm in the Upper Room: A Mindful Way for Lent	
Thursdays in Lent	7.00pm Compline	7.30pm, Stations of the Cross (9th March - Upper room)	
Fridays in Lent	Family Fast, 10th March	Family Fast, 10th March	Family Fast, 10th March
Saturdays in Lent	10.00am, Confessions		
Sundays in Lent		12th March, 4.00pm, Justice & Peace: Stations of the Cross	5.00pm, Stations of the Cross (apart from 12th March)

THANKS AND WELCOME TO FR MICHAEL HICKEY

Mgr Andrew is recovering well, but will be off for another 3 weeks. He thanks everyone for their best wishes and prayers. Fr Hickey, retired priest living at St Cuthbert's, North Shields, has kindly agreed to celebrate the Sunday Masses for the next weekends.

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE NEEDY AND HUNGRY OF THE WORLD

Please support Family Fast Day on Friday 10th March. There will be a second collection taken next weekend. CAFOD envelopes are available at the back of church if you would like to Gift Aid your donation.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of James Gilboy of Whitley Bay, who died on 22nd February. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on 6th March at 9.30am at St Edward's Church followed by burial at Preston Cemetery, North Shields. May he rest in peace. Amen.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

St. Edward's Church Council meets on 6th March at 7.00pm and the next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is on 20th March at 7.00pm. If anyone has any issues they wish to raise would they mention them to a church council member or a PPC member.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

- As well as doing something for Lent this year what about just *Being?* A Mindful Way for Lent group is meeting at 7.00pm in the Upper Room at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church each Wednesday in Lent. We will explore how mindful meditation can be linked with prayer and the practices of mindfulness. All welcome. Please contact Ali Hain on 07954 591608.
- A Parish Lenten Group will meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in the Upper Room on Mondays at 7.00pm during Lent. We will follow the Diocesan Lent Course '*To be a Pilgrim: In the Footsteps of Jesus*' taking us to a different location that Jesus visited, with the Gospel to help us reflect on our own life journey. Each session is backed up with Daily Reflections which will be available at the back of each church for private prayer. The first session will be on Monday 6th March and will last 1 hour. Everyone is welcome to share their Lenten Journey.

THURSDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

Lay-led Stations of the Cross will take place on six Thursday evenings during Lent at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The Church Council would love to hear from any 'new faces' who would like to lead one evening. Support is available. Please contact Chris Gunning on 0191 2535135 or Joe James on 0191 2513740 or jjames9241@aol.com.

JUSTICE & PEACE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

4.00pm on Sunday, 12th March at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. As we follow Jesus on his road of suffering we will be praying for groups and organisations that strive to establish peace and justice in this world here and now, eg. CAFOD, SVP. Invite a friend or bring the family and enjoy a cuppa, cake and chat afterwards.

PARISH CHOIR FOR EASTER 2017

We would like to have a choir which represents all 3 Churches in the Parish for the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. You are warmly invited to come along to the meeting room at St. Edward's on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm to practise the music. No auditions – just come along and join in!

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

On 6th March we'll talk about our 'Favourite Authors' and everyone is very welcome to come and contribute their ideas. Please remember that we'll be starting at 10.30am this week because there is a Requiem Mass on Monday.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Monday, 6th March when Peter Weighill will lead a 6 mile route. 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 Waldrige Fell back to Chester Moor. If you require more information please telephone Peter on 0191 2512917.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The St Edward's Justice and Peace Group will meet at 6.00pm on Tuesday, 14th March in the parish rooms.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Just a reminder that the next parents evening for the First Holy Communion Programme is on Thursday, 9th March at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 7.30pm - 9.00pm. The next children's' session for the Programme will take place on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th March. The theme of the session will be 'Gifts we offer - The Offertory'.

OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND TOMBOLA

Easter Egg Tombola - It's that time of year again, and we already have donations of eggs. The tombola will run as usual and any more Easter eggs will be gratefully received. Thank you.

SAINSBURYS SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Star of the Sea school are collecting Sainsburys school vouchers. They all count towards free educational resources, so if you would like to donate your vouchers please hand them into the parish office and they'll be passed on.

OTHER NOTICES

LENTEN SERVICE MONDAY 13TH MARCH

St Mary's Church, Great Lime Road, Forest Hall NE12 7AB. The service will consist of Taize Chants, Prayers and Reflection led by NE12 Choir. Please join us if you can. All are welcome. Tea and coffee will be served in the church hall afterwards.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 4th March ST CASIMIR	9.30am Word & Communion NO CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Laurie Anastasi (JA)	
Sunday 5th March 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am In Thanksgiving		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday March 6th March	9.30am Requiem Mass, James Gilboy	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 7th March SS PERPETUA & FELICITY	7.00pm Bernard McGrath (MEAPS)	10.00am Marian DiMascio (PO)	
Wednesday 8th March ST JOHN OF GOD	9.30am Joyce Turner (AM) 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Margaret Hollings (JP)	
Thursday 9th March ST FRANCES OF ROME	9.30am Alf Louvre (LL) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Sr Margaret (Sr P) 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	
Friday 10th March	9.30am Fr Charlie Flaherty (TL)	10.00am Holland & Maguire Families (PM)	
Saturday 11th March	9.30am Cheryl Bridgeland (AG) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 12th March 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am Sr Margaret & Sr Catherine (Sr P)		9.30am Vincent Cain (DC)

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, Pat Southwell, Norah Blewitt, Colin Walker and Vera Larkin. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Kevin Tanney, Fr Charles Flaherty SSC, Fr Leo Coughlin, Rita Allison, Fr Seamus Doyle and James Gilboy.

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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Priests' telephone numbers

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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 - 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
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, 5TH MARCH 2017

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

First reading

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death." ' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 50:3-6,12-14,17

Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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| 1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin | 3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit |
| 2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done | 4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. |

Second reading

Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: *Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: *He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.*' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: *You must not put the Lord your God to the test.*' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: *You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.*' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him. 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.