

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, Year A, 18th & 19th 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' and the praying of the Stations of the Cross in our three churches, organized by the parish Justice and Peace Group, and other parishioners, are available for Lent. A third focus is to join a meditation group offering 'A Mindful Way for Lent' during the season. Further details overleaf.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available throughout Lent on Saturdays at St Edward's Church, 10.00am - 10.30am 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 6.30pm 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.

	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	
Fridays in Lent			
Saturdays in Lent	10.00am, Confessions		
Sundays in Lent			5.00pm, Stations of the Cross

**THANKS**

Josie Gilboy and her family wish to thank Mgr Andrew and parishioners at St Edward's and especially Mary Storey, for their kindness, support and prayers on the death of Jimmy. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**SECOND COLLECTION—CAFOD: EAST AFRICA HUNGER CRISIS**

There will be a second collection taken this weekend for Family Fast Day for CAFOD, and especially the Hunger Crisis in East Africa. CAFOD envelopes are available at the back of church if you would like to Gift Aid your donation.

### **MOBILE PHONES**

Please remember to switch your mobile phone to “silent mode” when in church.

### **THANKS AND WELCOME TO FR MICHAEL HICKEY**

Our thanks to Fr Hickey, retired priest living at St Cuthbert's, North Shields, for having celebrated the Masses for the Parish during Monsignor Andrew's incapacity. Monsignor Andrew will be back next week.

### **DAY OF PRAYER**

Today is a Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation. Please pray for James Hamilton and Aidan Woods, who will be received into Church this Easter

### **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. Everyone is welcome to share their Lenten Journey.

### **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!

### **FAIR TRADE SALE—ST EDWARD'S CHURCH**

There will be a Fair Trade sale after the 11.00am mass this weekend at St Edward's Church. This will be the last one before Easter.

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

On March 20th, our topic will be “Favourite Authors” and everyone is welcome.

### **PARISH WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will be held on Monday, 20th March. Jim Gunning will lead a 7 mile walk from Marsden Bay over the Cleadon Hills via Whitburn and back along the coastal path. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church car park at 9.30am. Further details contact Jim on 0191 2535135.

### **GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

Please collect your Gift Aid Envelopes from the back of Church. These are used from 2 April 2017. Any queries please contact Mike Cosgrove 0191 2686006 (Our Lady and St Edmund's) Michael Reynolds 0191 2902340 (Immaculate Heart of Mary or St Edward's).

### **RED MISSION BOXES-IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH**

It is now time for our spring collection. Please leave your boxes to be emptied at the back of Church or in the Reception Area. There is a notice in the porch thanking us for 2016 collections totaling £1,125.65. Many thanks for your great generosity and continued support.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **REFUGEE FAMILIES FROM SYRIA**

Families fleeing the war in Syria are resettling in North Tyneside, with support from the churches' charity 'Walking With'. All are welcome to a talk by Carole Parkins, Walking With's Project Manager, about how we might help. St Mary the Virgin, Claremont Gardens, Whitley Bay, Sunday, 19th March, 4.30 - 5.30pm; cuppa from 4.00pm.

#### **ST CUTHBERT'S CARE**

This Lent, please support St Cuthbert's Care Hardship Fund which supports people who are unable to meet the full cost of their residential care. Information from Joanne Bulford on 0191 2280111

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH, WHITLEY BAY** Lunches are being served on the next three Saturdays from 12.00noon to 2.00pm. Soup, rolls, hot drinks and biscuits. Proceeds to charity including Northumbria Blood Bikes.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 18th March <b>ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM</b>	9.30am Joan Mildred Styles & John Styles (EF) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	4.50pm FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: THE OFFERTORY 6.00pm Maureen Ritchie (DPK)	
Sunday 19th March <b>3RD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9.50am FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: THE OFFERTORY 11.00am George & Monica Thrift (MT)		9.30am People of the Parish 5.00pm Stations of the Cross
Monday 20th March <b>ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	9.30am Malcolm Louvre (LL)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 21st March	7.00pm Private Intention (K&MC)	10.00am Angela Pollacchi (MR)	
Wednesday 22nd March	9.30am Word and Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Margaret, John & Peter Malone( EJ)	
Thursday 23rd March <b>ST TURIBIUS OF MONGROVEJO</b>	9.30am Word and Communion 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Private Intention (PO'C) 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	
Friday 24th March	9.30am Jimmy Gilboy (JC)	10.00am Private Intention	
Saturday 25th March <b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>	9.30am Emily Jones (J&MR) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish (esp the sick and housebound) (Pastoral Care Team)	
Sunday 26th March <b>4TH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	11.00am Marian Di Mascio (LDM)		9.30am Jim Daniels (MR)

**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 and Vera Larkin. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially, Rita Allison, Fr Seamus Doyle, James Gilboy and Colin Walker.

#### **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.

**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

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, 19TH MARCH 2017

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

#### First reading

**Exodus 17:3-7**

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?' The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm

**Psalm 94:1-2,6-9**

*Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us:  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

#### Second reading

**Romans 5:1-2,5-8**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!  
Lord, you are really the saviour of the world:  
give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

#### Gospel

**John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42**

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.' 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.