

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, Year A, 25th & 26th 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.

Please note that there is a change to the earlier announcement for this year's celebration of the Easter Triduum. Maundy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8.00pm and Good Friday's Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will be celebrated at 3.00pm both at St Edward's. The Easter Vigil will now be celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary at 8.00pm, which replaces the 6.00pm Vigil Mass. This is to ensure that an Easter Mass will be celebrated in each of our three churches on the Easter weekend. If the Chancellor of the Exchequer can make a u-turn, so can I!
Mgr Andrew

ST THOMAS MORE STUDENTS: STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST EDWARD'S

We are delighted to host these contemporary Stations of the Cross designed and written by students from St Thomas More Academy. Please take time to look at them and pray with them.

	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 (2nd & 9th April)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please note there will be no Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's and St Edmund's this weekend. These will resume next weekend.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Snowdon of Whitley Bay, who died on 17th March. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on 27th March at 10.00am at St Edward's Church followed by Cremation at Tynemouth Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

THANKS

- Macmillan Coffee Day - A big thank you to all who helped, donated monies, gifts and attended the Macmillan Coffee Day at June Houldershaw's home. The total raised so far is £1,100. Many thanks to all.
- Traidcraft Sale - Thank you for your support at last weekend's Traidcraft sale at St Edward's which raised £90.30 through sale of goods and a further £15.75 in donations.
- To all those who give foodstuffs to the refugees each week at Our Lady's and St Edmund's, a big thank you from St Lukes, Wallsend. If anyone can, as an extra Easter gift, please donate a tin of meat or fish. The box is at the back of church.

CAFOD: EAST AFRICA HUNGER CRISIS

The collection taken last weekend for the East Africa Hunger Crisis raised £1,501.30. Thank you for your generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Adele Nichol-Wilson. (Flautist at Immaculate Heart) who has been awarded The Queens Guide award, the highest award attainable in the Guiding Association. Adele received her award at a ceremony at Westminster Cathedral on the weekend of 11th/12th March.

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 MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

On 27th March we're having a Coffee Morning and Raffle in aid of the SVP, we'll start at the later time of 11.00am after the Requiem Mass and everyone is very welcome.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

This month's Luncheon Club is next Wednesday, 29th March at 12.00 noon. We are looking forward to seeing all the 'regular members' and would love to hear from any new people who would like to come along. If you haven't joined us before and would like some information about Luncheon Club, please contact Chris on 0191 2535135 or Deirdre on 0191 2513740.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

On Tuesday 4th April 2017, Gerry Latimer will lead a walk covering some of the Hill Forts in the Breamish Valley. This six mile walk will begin at Bulby's Wood, going up Brough Law then on to Ewe Hill, Middle Dene Burn and Turf Knowe. There are some ascents involved - they are Hill Forts after all. Views are excellent and wildlife abounds. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary at 9.30am. Further details from Gerry on 0191 2516989 or gerrylatimer@btinternet.com

MOBILE PHONES

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

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

PLEASE collect your Gift Aid envelopes from the back of Church to be used from 2nd April 2017. Any queries please contact Mike Cosgrove 0191 2686006 or Michael Reynolds 0191 2902340.

RED MISSION BOXES - IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

It is time for our spring collection. Please leave your boxes to be emptied at the back of Church/Reception Area.

THE WAY WE SEE IT: A RESPONSE

As we move into new partnerships, an important emerging priority is our relationship with young people. The report of the young people's survey 'The Way We See It', and Pope Francis' call for a Synod on Youth invite us to reflect on this relationship. All adult parishioners and young people of sixth form age are invited to a diocesan conference at the Newcastle Assembly Rooms on Saturday 13th May. Further details are in the booking form available from the parish priest or from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org Details also on YMT website www.ymt.org

PIETY STALL

Rotas are now available in the Narthex for the Piety Stall at St Edward's.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 25th March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	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 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am Marian Di Mascio (LDM)		9.30am Jim Daniels (MR)
Monday 27th March	10.00am Requiem Mass, Joan Snowdon	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 28th March	7.00pm Tim Conway (RC)	10.00am Dick Turner	
Wednesday 29th March	9.30am Jimmy Gilboy (CWL) 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Private Intention	
Thursday 30th March	9.30am Cheryl Bridgeland (JH) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Doris Maud Emmonds (EH) 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	
Friday 31st March	9.30am Jimmy Gilboy (MS)	10.00am Dec'd Members of The Wilkinson Family (LS)	
Saturday 1st April	9.30am Special Intention (PB) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Nancy & Robert Tulip (JT)	
Sunday 2nd April 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am People of the Parish		9.30am Mary Holmes (ML)

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, Fr Seamus Doyle, James Gilboy, Colin Walker and Joan Snowdon.

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

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

READINGS AT MASS
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, 26TH MARCH 2017

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

First reading

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 22:1-6

*Response: **The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want***

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| 1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. | 3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. |
| 2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. | 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. |

Second reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel

John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him. 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.