

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, Year A, 1st & 2nd April 2017

PARISH NOTICES

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Wednesday, 5th April, 6.30pm: Children's First Confessions at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay.

Thursday, 6th April, 7.00pm: Deanery Penitential Service at St Thomas More Academy, Lynn Road, North Shields. All are welcome.

HOLY WEEK 2017

	St Edward	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Our Lady & St Edmund
Lent			
	Stations of the Cross Tuesdays at 7.00pm & Mass	Stations of the Cross Thursdays at 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross Sundays at 5.00pm
Holy Week			
Palm Sunday, 9th April	11.00am Mass	6.00pm Vigil Mass (8th April)	9.30am Mass 5.00pm Stations of the Cross
Monday, 10th April	9.30am Mass	7.00pm Upper Room: To Be A Pilgrim	
Tuesday, 11th April	7.00pm Stations of the Cross & Mass	10.00am Mass	
Wednesday, 12th April	9.30am Mass	10.00am Mass 7.00pm Upper Room: A Mindful Way for Lent	
Maundy Thursday, 13th April	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & Vigil of Prayer		
Good Friday, 14th April	3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion		10.00am Stations of the Cross led by young people
Holy Saturday, 15th April	10.00am – 11.00am Confessions	8.00pm Easter Vigil	
Easter Sunday, 16th April	11.00am Mass		9.30am Mass

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM SISTER PERLA

To all the parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea - St Edward, Immaculate Heart of Mary and Our Lady & St Edmund and St Mary, Cullercoats, St Oswin, Tynemouth, St Cuthbert and St Joseph North Shields, St Columba, St Bernadette and St Aidan, Wallsend and beyond: My heartfelt gratitude to God and to you all for being part of my life these past 16 - 17 years. Thank you for your friendship, support, encouragement and love. I thank especially my former chaplaincy team: special ministers and priests of the deanery. Now is the time for me to say goodbye, obeying God's desire for me to go to St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle. I will carry you all in my heart and in my prayers. I leave on Saturday, 8th April ... Au revoir! Sister Perla, smr.

DAY OF PRAYER

Today is a Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

- 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.

FORTY NIGHTS OF NIGHTSTOP

There will be boxes in all the churches for 2 weeks after Easter to collect the boxes/donations for Depaul.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

On 3rd April our topic will be 'Favourite Films' and everyone is very welcome to come and talk about films you have enjoyed.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

- On Tuesday 4th April, 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
- Tuesday 18th April, Kathleen Grey will lead a 6.5 mile walk. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. The walk will take us around the Roman Corbridge route. The route comprises some steep inclines with a tendency to be muddy, but with outstanding views. Further details from Kathleen Gray on 0191 2533863.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

PLEASE collect your Gift Aid envelopes from the back of Church to be used from **this weekend**. Any queries please contact Mike Cosgrove 0191 2686006 or Michael Reynolds 0191 2902340.

RED MISSION BOXES

The mission boxes are due to be emptied for the April quarter.

- **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY** Please leave your boxes to be emptied at the back of Church/Reception Area.
- **ST EDWARD** The books are now ready in the narthex for collectors. All money collected should be handed to Mary Nugent by the 30th April. This is also a reminder for those who bring their boxes to the church for emptying.

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.

ST EDWARD'S SVP CONFERENCE

Grateful thanks to Mary and Anna who organised the Monday Club coffee morning in aid of the St Vincent de Paul Society and the parishioners who supported the event which raised £100.

COLLECTIONS TAKEN IN MARCH

Loose plate	£2,152	CAFOD (East Africa Crisis)	£1,501
Envelopes	£1,335	Standing Orders	£3,197

OTHER NOTICES

CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting is at 2.15 pm on Wednesday, 5th April in St Andrew's, Worswick Street, Newcastle, when Hugh Shankland will speak about 'Out of Italy-The Italians in the North East'. Non members are welcome.

WHITLEY BAY CHURCHES TOGETHER: GOOD FRIDAY WITNESS

Whitley Bay Churches Together invite members of our churches to engage in a ministry of blessing to those out shopping or walking in the town centre this Good Friday between 11.30am and 12.30pm. Meeting at the Livingstone Hall at the rear of the Baptist Church on Park Parade, small groups will go to various points to give away mini-eggs (Divine - fairtrade) and booklets for adults on the Good Friday theme, and on the Story of Jesus for children. If you would like to help, please contact the Whitley Bay Baptist Church Office by Wednesday, 12th April on 0191 253 7561 or office@wbbc.org.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 1st April	9.30am Marian Blaszcak (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) 5.00pm Stations of the Cross
Monday 3rd April	9.30am Cheryl Bridgeland (MC)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 4th April ST ISIDORE	7.00pm Stations of the Cross & Mass Isabell Rolls & Doris Johnson	10.00am Thanksgiving (PG)	
Wednesday 5th April ST VINCENT FERRER	9.30am Fred & May Strubley 6.30pm: Children's First Confessions 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Noel Weymouth	
Thursday 6th April	9.30am Jim Collingwood (P&GR) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Special Intention 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	
Friday 7th April ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE	9.30am The Holy Souls (FW)	10.00am Doris Maud Emmonds (EH)	
Saturday 8th April	9.30am Private Intention (J&MR) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 9th April PALM SUNDAY	11.00am Harrison Hamilton (JH)		9.30am Mary Holmes (ML) 5.00pm Stations of the Cross

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, 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:

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.

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
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, 2ND APRIL 2017

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

First reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 129:1-8

Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

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| 1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. | 3. My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) |
| 2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. | 4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. |

Second reading

Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in 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.