

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A, 22nd & 23rd April 2017

PARISH NOTICES

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE: POINTING THE WAY

There are copies of the 'First Steps' guide for Parish Partnerships at the back of the church, which offers some initial ideas and direction for our North Tyneside Partnership. The contents have been endorsed by Bishop Séamus and can also be read online via the diocesan website. The Bishop has also appointed Mgr Andrew Faley to be the Partnership Dean.

Clergy and Lay Representative meetings will be arranged soon to discuss how our partnership is to be developed for all as disciples of Jesus, in this new stage of working together.

A MESSAGE FROM DEACON FRANK FORDE

It is with a heavy heart that I leave you, many thanks for the kindness and support shown to me. I ask that you hold me and mine in your prayers as I will assuredly hold you all in mine.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Mary Southwell, who died on 16th April. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on Friday, 28th April at St Edward's Church followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday and a special collection will be taken for the Northern Brethren's Fund for sick and retired priests. If you would like to make a regular donation there are forms available at the back of church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2016/17

All parents on this year's programme will soon be receiving correspondence detailing the arrangements for the Celebrations of the Sacrament of Holy Communion which will take place in June this year. All the information will be sent out in the next two weeks via email.

The dates and times will be as follows:

Saturday 10th June 10.00am at the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monkseaton

Saturday 10th June 12.30pm at St Edward's, Whitley Bay

Sunday 11th June 9.30am Our Lady's and St Edmund's, Backworth, (takes place during Sunday Mass)

FORTY NIGHTS OF NIGHTSTOP

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

MINDFULNESS

Following on from a Mindful Way for Lent, Alistair Hain will be running a Mindfulness hour on the first Wednesday of every month in the parish rooms at St Edward's from 7.00pm—8.00pm. The first session will be on Wednesday, 3rd May and will be focusing on Our Lady's Easter experience as the basis for our meditation.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

On 24th April we'll be going to Earsdon Garden Centre. We'll meet as usual in the Parish House after Mass and sort out lifts there. If anyone has not signed up for this and would like to come can you please let us know. Mary Robinson telephone: 0191 2523134.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

Our next Luncheon Club will be held next Wednesday, 26th April at 12.00 noon at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. We look forward to seeing all the regulars and are always happy to welcome new people. Anyone who hasn't been before and would like more information please contact Chris on 0191 2535135.

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

St Edward's Catholic Women's League are holding their annual coffee morning and raffle next Sunday, 30th April in the parish rooms after Mass. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

'WALKING WITH' BARN DANCE

A Barn Dance with live music and bar service is being held on Friday, 5th May from 7.30pm - 11.30pm at St Bernadette's Parish Centre in Wallsend. Tickets cost £5.00 and are available by calling Ann Donnelly on 0191 2584454.

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. Registration from 10.00am. 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

OTHER NOTICES

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR JUSTICE & PEACE

This Mass will take place in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on Saturday, 29th April at 10.00am. Celebrant will be Mgr Andrew Faley and Fr Chris Hughes will preach. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

SR LUCY KURIEN VISIT TO THE UK

A special evening being organised at St. Cuthbert's Church, North Shields on Tuesday, 16th May at 7:00pm for 7:30pm. Sr Lucy Kurien will be speaking about her work at Maher, an organisation set up 20 years ago to help women at risk of domestic violence in India. Her story and work is one of courage, inspiration and liberation. It is a powerful testimony of hope. She has been invited over as a guest speaker at St. Ethelburg's Centre for Peace and Reconciliation in London and is using the opportunity to share with others, about this work. Sr Lucy has also recently consolidated her inter-faith work by setting up an inter-faith community which models and witnesses to the integration of faiths. We would be very pleased to welcome you to this rare event and hope you will be able to join us for the evening.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2017

This year's pilgrimage will take place between Friday, 28th July and Friday, 4th August 2017. Pilgrims can travel directly to Lourdes by plane or by jumbalance. Full information about costs, details of care offered, and booking /application forms are available from Fr Peter Stott by telephone: 01670 513410 or by email or visit the dedicated pilgrimage website.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 22nd April	9.30am Dick Turner 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Bernie & Claire Moat (BM)	
Sunday 23rd April 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am People of the Parish		9.30am Marguerite Jones (BJ)
Monday 24th April ST GEORGE	9.30am Pat Southwell (MS)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 25th April ST MARK	7.00pm Donor's Intentions	10.00am Eva Hunter (KRY)	
Wednesday 26th April	9.30am Donor's Intentions 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am June Carroll (LC)	
Thursday 27th April	9.30am Donor's Intentions 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Donor's Intentions	
Friday 28th April ST LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT	11.00am Requiem Mass Pat Southwell	10.00am Bob Dick (J&MR)	
Saturday 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA	9.30am Donor's Intentions 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish (for Justice & Peace in the world) (Pastoral Care Team)	
Sunday 30th April 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am Miriam Devereux (RD)		9.30am Deceased members of the Robson, Liszka & Keegan Families (MR)

BAPTISM	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Sunday 23rd April, 12.30pm, Deacon Terry	Charlie Scott Martin	
Sunday 30th April, 9.30am Mass		Elias James Rowland

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: Maureen Bell, Norma Smith, Kevin York, Judy Helmsley, Tatyana Zynovieva, Vera Larkin and Norah Blewitt. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Colin Walker, Joan Snowdon, Bob Dick, John Shaw and Pat Southwell.

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 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

READINGS AT MASS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER , 23RD APRIL 2017

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

First reading

Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 117:2-4,13-15,22-24

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'
2. I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

Second reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you. Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.