

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, Year A, 8th & 9th April 2017

HOLY WEEK 2017

	St Edward	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Our Lady & St Edmund
Palm Sunday, 9th April	11.00am Blessing of Palms and Mass	6.00pm Blessing of Palms and Vigil Mass	9.30am Blessing of Palms and 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 Word & Communion	9.30am Requiem Mass: Bob Dick 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

PARISH NOTICES

PALM SUNDAY: SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

The Holy Places of our faith are eloquent witnesses of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and from those places, the Easter proclamation has spread throughout the world. Today, as we know, living the Christian faith in the Middle East is difficult. Especially in Iraq, Syria and Egypt, where Christian communities have experienced an "ecumenism of blood", individuals are daily forced to abandon their land, and even their faith. Keeping hope alive in these circumstances is vitally important. Please give whatever you can to support our brothers and sisters.

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 2537561 or office@wbcc.org.uk

PRAYERS FOR THOSE TO BE RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH

Please pray for James Hamilton and Aidan Woods who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Dick of West Monkseaton, who died on 3rd April. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 12th April at 9.30am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

FORTY NIGHTS OF NIGHTSTOP

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

CLEANER VACANCY

The parish requires a part-time cleaner to provide cleaning services in the presbyteries at St Edward's and Immaculate Heart of Mary. The post holder will be committed to achieving a high standard of cleanliness and can act on their initiative. They will also have a high level of confidentiality and integrity. 8 hours per week. For an application form visit www.rcdhn.org.uk (0191 2433301 or Email: human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk) Applications close 19th April 2017.

FIRST CONFESSIONS: CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS

Sixty children from the Parish celebrated their First Confessions last evening. Thanks to our Catechists, parents, carers and teachers who so beautifully prepared and supported them. And thanks to the priests who were present to hear confessions.

PARISH JOB VACANCY

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is also looking to appoint an Administrator at St Paul's, Alnwick (and partnership parishes). This position is 12 hours per week. 12 month fixed term contract. For further information and an application pack please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us 0191 2433301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

We will not be meeting on April 10th and 17th as it's the Easter holidays. We wish everyone a happy Easter and look forward to our return on April 24th when we'll be going to Earsdon Garden Centre. If anyone has not signed up for this and would like to come can you please let us know. Contact Mary Robinson 0191 2523134.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

On 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.

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.

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION PRESENT CENACOLO COMMUNITY 'WHO? WHAT? WHERE? AND HOW?'

All these questions answered by Fr Shaun O'Neill who will give a talk about his time spent with the Cenacolo Community in Lourdes, who welcome young people to their homes in Lourdes and the surrounding area. Most young people asking for help come from situations of distress and profound sadness, often from the world of drug addiction; others spend a period of time dedicating themselves totally to others. Whitley Bay Golf Club on Monday, 24th April, 7.30pm. Cost £10.00 to include a two-course meal. If you wish to attend please book with Mick Hetherington - 07757 785691.

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.

BABY'S PRAM AND CAR SEAT

Are you, or is someone you know, in real need of a baby's pram/pushchair or car seat? The pram is fairly old and would require a new mattress. If so, contact the parish secretary who will pass on your details.

BENEATH MY SHADE

In the narthex at St Edward's there is a box of CD's: Original songs of faith to aid prayer and well-being. Classical and folk backing - easy on the ear. Local artists and singers. Small donation to SVP appreciated.

OTHER NOTICES

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.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 8th April	9.30am Private Intention (J&MR) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 9th April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	11.00am Harris Hamilton (JH)		9.30am Mary Holmes (ML) 5.00pm Stations of the Cross
Monday 10th April	9.30am Anne Kearney		
Tuesday 11th April	7.00pm Stations of the Cross & Mass (Donor's Intentions)	10.00am Bob Dick (JT)	
Wednesday 12th April	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	9.30am Requiem Mass Bob Dick	
Thursday 13th April MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & Vigil of Prayer People of the Parish		
Friday 14th April GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion		10.00am Stations of the Cross led by young people
Saturday 15th April HOLY SATURDAY	10.00am - 11.00am CONFESSIONS	8.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 16th April EASTER SUNDAY	11.00am Geoff Welton (EW)		9.30am Ida Convey (TW)

BAPTISM	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Sunday 16th April, 9.30m Mass	Thomas Manzi

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

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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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
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, 9TH APRIL 2017

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem
The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.

Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village facing you, and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, "The Master needs them and will send them back directly".' This took place to fulfil the prophecy: Say to the daughter of Zion: Look, your king comes to you; he is humble, he rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden. So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting: 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!' And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. 'Who is this?' people asked, and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.' The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you. Lord Jesus Christ.**

First reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 21:8-9,17-20,23-24

Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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| 1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' | 3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! |
| 2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones. | 4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons. |

Second reading

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Memorial Acclamation

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