

# Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

St Edward, Coquet Avenue,  
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Immaculate Heart of Mary, Church Close,  
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Our Lady and St Edmund, Station Road,  
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**VOCATIONS SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A, 6th & 7th May 2017**

## **PARTNERSHIP PRAYER**

God of all Creation,  
have constantly poured out your Spirit upon our Diocese  
and kindled here a light which has spread throughout the world.  
Lord Jesus, you gathered disciples to yourself to learn from and to model their lives on you.  
Holy Spirit empowered them to continue your work in the world.  
Come upon us, Holy Spirit, deepen the faith you invite us to share  
and inspire us to become faithful witnesses.  
As we begin to develop our partnerships,  
Help each one of us to use the gifts you give us to nurture one another,  
to serve the world and to live in harmony with the whole of creation.  
All of this we ask in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **PARISH NOTICES**

### **THIS WEEK'S PARISH MASSES**

Mgr Andrew is on retreat this week, so please note that there is Mass at St Edward's only on Monday. Word and Communion will be celebrated for the rest of the week. Mass is as usual at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, thanks to Father Cunningham.

### **ST EDWARD'S CHURCH KNEELERS**

The kneelers have all been repaired and now move more easily. Please take care when lowering or raising the kneelers, and try not to drop them. Many thanks.

### **PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATIONS: 20TH JULY 2017**

This year's Confirmations will take place with Bishop Séamus on Thursday, 20th July. Young people in Year 9 upwards are invited to apply, and an application form is available from the Parish Office and via email at [parishofficeolss@btconnect.com](mailto:parishofficeolss@btconnect.com). The preparation programme will be announced soon, and will take place at St Thomas More Academy, North Shields.

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

This weekend there will be a special collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor to help them continue to care for the elderly in need.

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

The Parish Monday Club will meet in the Parish Rooms after Mass on 8th May when we'll have a Newspaper Review, and everyone is very welcome

### **PARISH WALK**

The next walk will be on Wednesday 17th May, when Gerry Latimer will lead a six and a half miles walk from Blanchland through Shildon and Pennypie and across Blanchland Moor, using part of the Carriers' Way to cross Birkside Fell and Newbiggin Fell. Not strenuous, with lots of wildlife, and ending through the bluebell woods along the banks of the River Derwent. An old favourite for some; possibly something new for others. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. Further details from Gerry on 0191 2516989.

### **ST EDWARD'S JUSTICE AND PEACE**

The next meeting of the Justice and Peace group will be on Tuesday, 9th May at 6.00pm in the Parish rooms.

### **FORTY NIGHTS OF NIGHTSTOP**

Thanks to your amazing generosity we will be giving Nightstop North East £1,659, collected from your boxes and donations.

## **THANKS**

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank you for your generous support of their National Coffee Morning last Sunday, the sum of £167 was raised. Can Lyn and Julie raffle tickets 321 & 316 and M Scott ticket 351 please collect their raffle prizes this Sunday morning in the Narthex.

## **JACOB'S WELL**

There will be a small end of line sale in the Narthex at St Edward's Church next Sunday, 14th May. Jacob's Well helps vulnerable young women in India to learn a sewing trade.

## **VOLUNTEERING IN INDIA**

Joseph O'Brien, a young adult from our parish, left on Thursday to work with street children in India for nine months at a project run by the Salesians of Don Bosco, a Catholic religious order. We pray for Joe and all those who give their service to the needs of those less fortunate. We look forward to hearing from him as he embarks on this journey.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **JUSTICE & PEACE**

The Annual General Meeting of the Diocesan Justice and Peace movement takes place at St Joseph's Centre, Gateshead, NE8 1LX (a few yards from Gateshead Metro station) on Saturday 13th May 10.30am – 3.30pm. Several excellent speakers and a great opportunity to find out what is going on in the diocese regarding social issues, with a special focus on the challenges raised for Christians in the film 'I, Daniel Blake'. This is a free event but bring something for a shared lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Everyone welcome to attend. More information on church noticeboards.

### **PRAY FOR PEACE**

A joint Christian/Muslim visit to St Mary's Chapel, Reid Park Road, Jesmond Dene, will take place on Saturday 20th May at 1.30pm. This is an event for Women and young children ONLY. Refreshments afterwards in Holy Name Parish Hall, Jesmond. Please give your support to this important event.

### **CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

Bishop Séamus will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 10th June at 11.00am to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage. He has invited each parish community to be represented by at least two couples, young or old, newly married or celebrating a significant anniversary. In addition, everyone is welcome to attend. This promises to be a wonderful celebration and will provide affirmation and support for Marriage across the diocese and to the wider North-East community.

### **PEERTALK PROJECT**

A peer support group for those with mental health concerns, such as anxiety and depression, is now running in Newcastle at Brunswick Methodist Church, Brunswick Place, Newcastle, NE1 7BJ every Thursday evening, 7.00 - 8.30pm. This PeerTalk project is underpinned by the Methodist Church and offers a safe space to share without being judged. Be heard, respected and accepted, and receive peer support to help you work through mental health concerns.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO LADYWELL, NEAR PRESTON, LANCS**

(Nativity of John the Baptist) Saturday, 24th June 2017, cost £20 approx. Rosary and packed lunch required. For details please contact Jose Blay on 0191 2678693.

### **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 jumbulance. 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.

### **YOUTH, FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT**

In 2018, Pope Francis will meet Bishops and others to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering, they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and connection with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us we have created a Mega Youth Poll that you can access using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> or by searching for 'Catholic Mega Youth Poll.' If you are over this age limit but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 6th May	9.30am Donor's Intentions 10.00am CONFESSIONS	4.50pm First Holy Communion Programme: Liturgy of the Eucharist 6.00pm Patrick Quinn (G&MQ)	
Sunday 7th May <b>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	9.50am First Holy Communion Programme: Liturgy of the Eucharist 11.00am People of the Parish		9.30am Geraldine Rodgers & Deceased members of the Brady Family (KR)
Monday 8th May	9.30am Welfare of Eileen Conlan (JH)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 9th May	7.00pm Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Wednesday 10th May	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Donor's Intentions	
Thursday 11th May	9.30am Word & Communion 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Marion & Steve Murrin	
Friday 12th May <b>SS NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS</b>	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Special Intention	
Saturday 13th May <b>OUR LADY OF FATIMA</b>	9.30am Word & Communion NO CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 14th May <b>5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	11.00am Pat Claydon (JC)		9.30am Jim Donnelly (AD)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S
Sunday 14th May, 12.30pm, Mgr Andrew	Eliza Rose Sobolewski

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

#### **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](http://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.**

## READINGS AT MASS

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER , 7TH MAY 2017

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

#### First reading

**Acts 2:14,36-41**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number. 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.*

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.
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.
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.
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

**1 Peter 2:20-25**

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

**John 10:1-10**

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.' The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you. Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.