

# Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

St Edward, Coquet Avenue,  
Whitley Bay, NE26 1EE  
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Church Close,  
Monkseaton, NE25 9PG  
Our Lady and St Edmund, Station Road,  
Backworth, NE27 ORU

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A, 20th & 21st 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.

## **BIDDING PRAYER FOR SUNDAYS AND OTHER OCCASIONS**

That in seeking the way ahead or our partnership,  
we will be open to your Holy Spirit.

We seek the intercession of our parish saints and pray:

Holy Mary, Mother of God. *Pray for us.*

St Joseph, *Pray for us.*

St Columba. *Pray for us.*

St Aidan, *Pray for us.*

St Oswin, *Pray for us.*

St Cuthbert, *Pray for us.*

St Edmund, *Pray for us.*

St Edward, *Pray for us.*

St Bernadette. *Pray for us.*

Lord, in your mercy. *Hear our prayer. / Lord Hear us. Lord,  
graciously hear us.*

## **PARISH NOTICES**

### **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.

### **PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATIONS 2017**

There will be a meeting for all those who are wanting to be catechists for the upcoming Confirmations on Thursday, 25th May at Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton at 7.00pm in the Upper Room. Please let Mgr Andrew know if you are interested in supporting the formation of our young people.

### **COFFEE MORNING**

A coffee morning is to be held in the parish rooms at St Edward's after Mass today. This is in honour of Our Lady and of Aid for the Church in Need. A tombola and raffle will be held.

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Agatha Mason, who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 31st May at Our Lady and St Edmund Church followed by burial at Earsdon Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

### **CHURCH AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

If any parishioner has anything they wish to put before either Council please contact one of your Parish representatives. The next Parish Council meeting is being held on Monday, 22nd May.

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

On 22nd May Annie Murphy will speak about the work of the Credit Unions. Her talk will be interesting in itself and also give an insight into the valuable service being offered in the community. Everyone is very welcome to listen to the talk in St Edward's Parish Rooms after Mass.

### **FAIR TRADE**

The next sale will be on Sunday 28th May in the Narthex at St Edward's Church.

### **READERS ROTA**

The readers rota for St Edward's is now ready for collection.

### **FATHER TOM CUNNINGHAM: DIAMOND JUBILEE OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD, 23RD JULY 2017**

It is a great honour for us to have Father Cunningham living in our Parish at Immaculate Heart Church, and on 23rd July, he will celebrate the 60th anniversary of his priestly ordination. To mark this wonderful celebration of his service to the Church, he will celebrate Mass at Our Lady's and St Edmund's Backworth at 12.30pm on Sunday, 23rd July, where he celebrated his first Mass 60 years ago. A reception including lunch will then be held at Immaculate Heart Church for Father Tom and his guests. To make this a parish celebration, anyone who is and has been involved in any way in ministry in the parish (including the former three parishes) is invited to join Father Tom for his celebration. Please sign one of the notices posted in the three churches if you will be attending the celebration lunch no later than 13th July. This invitation is to everyone who has been involved in any form of ministry in the parish. Mgr Andrew

### **FR TOM CUNNINGHAM'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, 23RD JULY 2017**

We would like to get a group of people from all three churches together to organise Fr Tom's Diamond Jubilee Mass. Fr Tom said his first Mass at Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church and will celebrate his Jubilee Mass there before returning to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for a reception. We would like to have readers, ministers, welcomes, servers etc from all three churches to make this a very special Mass for him. There will be a meeting for all those who would like to take part in organising this on Wednesday, 14th June at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 10.30am after morning Mass. Everyone is welcome to come along and help to make this a really memorable occasion for Fr Tom.

### **FORTY NIGHTS OF NIGHTSTOP**

The final total for the Lenten journey with the Homeless is an amazing £1,794.36. Depaul were delighted and very grateful. There are large 'Thank You' posters and letters from them, on display in each church.

### **DESTITUTE ASYLUM FUND**

'Please keep up your parish food collections, we need them' is the message from John Dowling at the Drop-In centre in Newcastle. Each month members of St Edward's Justice and Peace group deliver your food contributions. Our church has been asked to collect tins of oily fish, meat (not pork), tomatoes and any kind of toiletries. Because of the many other worthy causes you are called on to support, the food donations have dwindled recently. Can we make an appeal for a renewal of your generous offerings. There are at least four hundred refugees attending the Centre so you will appreciate the need. Food can be left in the Justice and Peace bins in the cupboards in the Narthex at St Edward's (to the left of the entrance door) or in the box at the side entrance of the church.

### **PARISH WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will be on 1st June when Jim Gunning will lead a 6 mile walk from Harbottle Woods to the Drakestone - a walk with an air of mystery, good paths and great views - what more can you ask for on a sunny June morning? Answers and enquiries to Jim Gunning on 0191 2535135 or 07932 696795. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church car park at 9.30am.

### **STAR OF THE SEA SPORTS EVENT AND SUMMER FAYRE**

Just imagine a sunny summer evening sipping prosecco and eating strawberries with the sound of children's laughter in the background. What could be more perfect? This could be a reality on Friday 30th June 2017, 5.00pm at Star of the Sea sports event and summer fayre . This is a big fundraising event for the school. As usual the evening will open with the Children's races. There will be a bar stall, games and plenty of entertainment!!! Any help is greatly appreciated. In particular we are looking for bakers, barbecue experts, anyone who is competent in operating a barbecue for big groups of people, prize donations for the main raffle or tombola (there will be a chocolate and a bottle tombola) and any volunteers to run stalls would be extremely welcome. Please can we all say a prayer for good weather as this is the biggest influence on the success of the event!!! If you feel able to help in any way at all please contact Julie Bloomfield on 07905 246601 or by email [julie.bloomfield2810@icloud.com](mailto:julie.bloomfield2810@icloud.com)

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **TYNESIDE CIRCLE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION**

The next talk will be by Fr Martin Morris on Medjugorje. St Mary's RC Church Hall, Farringdon Road, Cullercoats, NE30 3EY at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 31st May. All welcome.

#### **'WALKING WITH' CONCERT**

A concert to support this worthy cause in being held at St Luke's Church, Wallsend on Saturday, 3rd June 2017 at 7.00pm when Newcastle Male Chorus will be providing the entertainment. Anyone who attended their concert at St Edward's Church will know how good a night it will be. Cost only £5.00 and tickets can be bought by telephoning 0191 2521481. For 17 years 'Walking With' have provided relief for refugees, asylum seekers, those without status and others who are in a condition of need, hardship and distress. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

#### **APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY ISLAND**

It is with great pleasure that we are inviting you and your parishioners to attend Apostleship of the Sea's Annual day of prayer and pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne to be led by Apostleship of the Sea's Bishop promoter The Rt Rev Paul Mason on Saturday, 17th June 2017. Highlights include: Celtic Prayer on the beach at noon and Mass at the Church of St Mary the Virgin 3.00pm. Safe crossing times 11.15am to 7.40pm.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 20th May ST BERNADETTE OF SIENA	9.30am Word & Communion NO CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Intentions of Maria	
Sunday 21st May 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am Anne Lafferty (ML)		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 22nd May	9.30am Maud Dodd (PS)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 23rd May	7.00pm Word & Communion	10.00am Donor's Intentions	
Wednesday 24th May	9.30am Josie Lombardi 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Maureen O'Shaughnesay	
Thursday 25th May ST BEDE THE VENERABLE	9.30am Robery Conlan (JC) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Ann Hanley	
Friday 26th May ST PHILIP NERI	9.30am Patrick O'Looney	10.00am Malone Family	
Saturday 27th May ST AUGUSTIN OF CANTEBURY	9.30am Donor's Intentions 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish (especially all refugees facing dangerous journeys this summer) (Pastoral Care Team)	
Sunday 28th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	11.00am Terry Rae (MR)		9.30am Fr Noel Donelan (EM)

BAPTISM	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Sunday 21st May, 12.30pm, Deacon Terry	Joe William Yeats

**Please remember in your prayers** those who are ill: George Donahue, Norma Smith, Kevin York, Judy Helmsley, Tatyana Zynovieva, Vera Larkin, Norah Blewitt, and Terry Martin. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Jenny McIntosh, Kevin Kennair, Barbara Hunter, George Travers, Agatha Mason and Peter Farthing .

#### 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**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER , 21ST MAY 2017**

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

**First reading**

**Acts 8:5-8,14-17**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

**Psalm 65:1-7,16,20**

**Response: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.**

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| 1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,<br>O sing to the glory of his name.<br>O render him glorious praise.<br>Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! | 3. He turned the sea into dry land,<br>they passed through the river dry-shod.<br>Let our joy then be in him;<br>he rules for ever by his might.             |
| 2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;<br>shall sing to you, sing to your name!<br>Come and see the works of God,<br>tremendous his deeds among men.     | 4. Come and hear, all who fear God.<br>I will tell what he did for my soul:<br>Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer<br>nor withhold his love from me. |

**Second reading**

**1 Peter 3:15-18**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to 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.