

Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Year A, 27th & 28th 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.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY PRAYER

O God,
whose word is truth
and in whose light we see light,
guide those who tell the story
of our times
through word and image.
Make them seekers after truth
and advocates of human dignity.
Grant discernment to all
who rely on their labours,
and, as we confront the pain
and promise of this world,
awaken in us a sense of wonder
at your presence
and of longing for your peace,
Through Christ Our Lord,
Amen

PARISH NOTICES

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- Today is World Communications Day and a special collection will be taken. Catholics are encouraged to pray for those professionals who work in the field of Communications. The CCN is the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and supports the Bishops in their role as teachers both of the Catholic community and the wider world. The office is the central point for media enquiries, is a key resource for national and international media professionals and plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image.
- Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Lay Training fund.

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. The preparation programme will be announced soon, and will take place at St Thomas More Academy, North Shields.

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Agatha Mason, who died on 17th May. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 31st May at Our Lady and St Edmund Church, Backworth, followed by burial at Earsdon Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Farthing, who died on 16th May. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on Friday, 2nd June at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

FAIR TRADE

A sale will be held this Sunday, 28th May in the Narthex at St Edward's Church.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

There will not be a meeting on 29th May as it's a Bank Holiday. We hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend and look forward to our return on 5th June when we'll have a talk about 'The Origins of Nursery Rhymes'.

MINDFUL HOUR

The Mindful Hour for June will be on Wednesday, 7th June from 7.00pm to 8.00pm at St Edward's parish rooms. Our theme this month will be The Sacred Heart and Pentecost.

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 of Mary 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. The list is so that the parish have an idea of numbers for catering purposes. This invitation is to everyone who has been involved in any form of ministry in the parish. Mgr Andrew

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, welcomers, 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.

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 is on Thursday, 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. Enquiries to Jim Gunning on 0191 2535135 or 07932 696795. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church car park at 9.30am.

THANKS

Thank you for your generous support in so many ways at the Aid for Church in Need coffee morning last Sunday to raise funds to help persecuted Christians throughout the world, especially ticket sellers and choir members. We raised £186.05. Could ticket holders blue 26 -30, pink 16 -20 and pink 21 -25 please collect their prizes in the Narthex this Sunday after Mass at St Edward's Church.

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 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - APPEAL FOR NURSES

Due to increased requests from people needing nursing care and assistance on our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes we need to make an appeal for more nurses. Are you a nurse? Are you able to join us, do you know a nurse in your family, or a friend, or a nurse in your parish that you might think could help us in Lourdes? Could your parish support funding for a nurse to come to Lourdes? Are you a registered Nurse or experienced Adult Carer, who can give some time to helping sick people travel to Lourdes. If you can help please get in touch with Fr Peter J Stott on 01670 513410 www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk or contact lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 27th May ST AUGUSTINE 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)
Monday 29th May	9.30am Violet Mildred Styles (EF)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 30th May	7.00pm Darren Nugent (MN)	10.00am Donor's Intentions	
Wednesday 31st May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Mr & Mrs W Quigley	12.00 noon Requiem Mass, Agatha Mason
Thursday 1st June ST JUSTIN	9.30am Breda Wall 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Chrissie Britton	
Friday 2nd June SS MARCELLINUS & PETER	9.30am Word & Communion	11.00am Requiem Mass, Peter Farthing	
Saturday 3rd June ST CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS	9.30am Bridget Herbert 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Theresa Quaid	
Sunday 4th June PENTECOST SUNDAY	11.00am Tom Thomson (MS)		9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
Sunday 4th June, 12.30pm, Fr Andrew	Isabel & Oliver Hamilton	
Sunday 4th June, 12.30pm, Deacon Terry		Lana Emma Lowden

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

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 telephone 0191 2527066. Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 12.00 noon on Thursdays.

READINGS AT MASS
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, 28TH MAY 2017
The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.

First reading

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.' The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 46:2-3,6-9

Response: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

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| 1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. | 3. God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. |
| 2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. | |

Second reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations. I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' 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.