

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year A, 15th & 16th July 2017

PARTNERSHIP PRAYER

God of all Creation, You 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 you and to model their lives on you.

Your 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.

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP:

BIDDING PRAYER FOR SUNDAYS AND OTHER OCCASIONS

That in seeking the way ahead of 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

SINCERE THANKS

The family of the late Jean Clark would like to thank the parish family of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Church of St. Edward for the many prayers and kind messages of support during our recent bereavement. It was truly comforting to hear their affectionate memories of our Mother.

FATHER MARTIN STEMPCZYK: SILVER JUBILEE - CONGRATULATIONS - 17TH JULY 2017

Our congratulations and prayers go to Fr Martin Stempczyk, Vicar General and Parish Priest of St Mary's, Cullercoats and Our Lady's and St Oswin's, Tynemouth.

PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATIONS: 20TH JULY 2017

This year's Confirmations will take place with Bishop Séamus on Thursday, 20th July at 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields. Congratulations to the candidates and their families .

OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S MASS 23RD JULY

Please note Mass will be at 12.30pm to celebrate Fr Tom's Diamond Jubilee. There is no 9.30am Mass that Sunday.

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

On 23rd July, Fr Tom will celebrate the 60th anniversary of his priestly ordination. To mark his service to the Church, he will celebrate Mass at Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church, 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. This invitation is open to all parishioners.

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Clergy and Lay representatives of the 6 parishes in the Partnership have agreed to meet each month from September onwards. Further information will be circulated following the September meeting. Please see the Diocesan website for a full explanation of Partnerships.

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

It has been suggested that the Parish present Fr Tom with a Spiritual Bouquet in recognition of his Diamond Jubilee. You are therefore invited to remember Fr Tom in your Mass and Holy Communion, Compline and visits to the Blessed sacrament. Helping in our parish community and acts of kindness to others in thanksgiving of his 60 years of priesthood in both our Diocese and as Chaplain to the Royal Air Force.

FAIR TRADE SALE

There will be a Fair Trade sale this morning 16th July in the Narthex at St Edward's Church.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 17th July in the Parish rooms at St Edward's after Mass, when Patricia Lowery will give a talk entitled 'As I came through Sandgate' - a history of the Newcastle Quayside. Patricia is a Newcastle City Guide whose talk will be both entertaining and informative and everyone is very welcome.

THE ROSARY GROUP

The Rosary is restarting on a Monday after the 9.30am Mass at St Edward's Church.

AMPLEFORTH RETREAT

Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th July. For those travelling by coach, it will leave from St Edward's Church at 9.00am this Monday. Those travelling by car should try to arrive at Ampleforth by 12 noon.

LEAVING A LEGACY TO OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Leaving a legacy in your will to Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish costs you nothing during your lifetime, but one day it will make a huge difference to the needs of the Parish. Your gift of a legacy will provide us with the vital financial stability we need to plan, develop and realise long-term projects and initiatives that will benefit parishioners in our three churches. Whatever the amount you decide to leave after safeguarding the needs of your loved ones, we'll make sure your gift works hard to support the causes that are important to the Parish. Every legacy we receive will be spent entirely on parish needs. Further information from the parish office.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Friday, 21st July. David Armstrong will lead a walk titled 'Seghill and the Waggonways'. Please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. If you require more information please call Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917.

MISSION BOXES - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The mission boxes are due to be emptied for the third quarter of the year. Would the collectors take their books, that are now ready in the Narthex at St Edward's Church, and return all monies to Mary Nugent by the 30th July, including those who bring their boxes to the church to be emptied.

OTHER NOTICES

CALLED TO THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

A day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is being held at Ushaw College on Saturday, 9th September 2017, 10.30am - 4.00pm. The cost is £7.50 per person which includes a cup of tea or coffee and a light lunch. To attend please book through your Parish Priest or contact: The Administrator, Department for Liturgy, St Vincent's Diocesan Office, St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. For further information telephone 0191 2433312 or email liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 15th July ST BONAVENTURE	9.30am Eileen Conlan (JH)	6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 16th July 15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Jean Burnett (MC)		9.30am Peter Davies (MD)
Monday 17th July	9.30am Eileen Conlan (Monday Club)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 18th July	7.00pm Eileen Conlan (FJ)	10.00am Peter Davies (MD)	
Wednesday 19th July	9.30am Jean Clark (CWL) 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Donor's Intentions	
Thursday 20th July ST APOLLINARIS	9.30am Jean Clark 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Derek Noel	
Friday 21st July ST LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI	9.30am Miriam Devereux (RD)	10.00am Geoff Leighton (J&MR)	
Saturday 22nd July ST MARY MAGDALENE	9.30am Jean Clark (J&MR) NO CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish (especially for students awaiting exam results) (Pastoral Care Team)	
Sunday 23rd July 16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Judy & Lawrie Ashton		12.30pm Fr Tom Cunningham Diamond Jubilee

BAPTISM	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S	ST EDWARD'S
Sunday 16th July, 12.30pm, Deacon Terry	Ollie James Orzel	
Sunday 23rd July, 12.30pm, Deacon Terry		Elsie O'Donnell Stead

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: Nancy Davison, George Donahue, Norma Smith, Kevin York, Tatyana Zynovieva, Norah Blewitt, Terry Martin, Peter Longstaff, Lylis Cook and Jean Burnett. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Bob Brown, Jean Clark and Eileen Conlan.

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

15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 16TH JULY 2017

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

First reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 64:10-14

Response: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

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| 1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. | 3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. |
| 2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. | 4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. |

Second reading

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you. Lord Jesus Christ.**

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.