

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year A, 9th & 10th September 2017

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

The words in our first reading are from the prophet Ezekiel. They pair with the Gospel which is all about reconciliation. When any of us fail, the outcome affects the holiness of the whole Church. Ezekiel is asked to point out to the people of God their fault's but heaven forbid that we should go around telling people their faults. Jesus did not denounce sinners, he dined with them. If we can offer a healing word in some situation then it must be done in love, but if you cannot do this, then keep clear. The gospel asks us to sort out issues which arise and forgive each other in the process. In any community there are disagreements and misunderstandings but what is vital is that we remove them before they begin to fester. Prayer should be at the centre of all we do, be it personal or communal, especially during mass by believing in the prayers of intercession. As we work through all our problems there is one promise we can hold on to, and that is, that God is with us at all times.

Deacon Terry

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP: 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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Edward Simpson of Wilton Drive, West Monkseaton, who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on 15th September at 10.00am at St Edward's Church followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION

Today is a day of special prayer for those involved in education and a special collection will be taken.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

With effect from the First Sunday of Advent 2017 (3rd December), two holydays of obligation are being reinstated. This decision was made by the Bishops of England and Wales, and has been confirmed by the Holy See. The days are: the Epiphany of the Lord on 6 January (transferred to the adjacent Sunday when it falls on Saturday or Monday) and the Ascension of the Lord on the Thursday after Sixth Sunday of Easter (10th May 2018).

HOME MISSION SUNDAY - 17TH SEPTEMBER

On the third Sunday of September, the Church in England and Wales celebrates Home Mission Sunday. The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church to share the joy of the Gospel. It can seem daunting to share such a personal part of our lives as our faith in Jesus Christ. However, we can pray that the people we carry in our hearts will encounter him for themselves. Prayer cards and prayer maps for families are available from the back of the church. If you would like to pray for the spread of the Good News on a regular basis, please sign up to our newsletter via www.homemission.org.uk Please consider contributing to today's second collection. The money received from this collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The Parish Monday Club will return on 11th September after Word and Communion, with a 'Welcome Back' Coffee Morning in the parish rooms. Everyone is very welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League coffee mornings will resume after the summer break on Tuesday, 12th September at 10.00am in the parish rooms at St Edward's. All welcome.

VISIT OF SISTERS FROM ST ELIZABETH CONVENT, MINSK, BELARUS

Sister Olga from St Elizabeth's Convent, will visit the Parish at St Edward's Church at 9.30am on 16th September, to speak about the work of her community and sell icons and other items made by the people of her community. Please come along and view the items for sale and support the work of St Elizabeth's Convent.

FAIR TRADE

There will a Fair Trade sale next Sunday, 17th September in the Narthex at St Edward's Church.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Wednesday, 4th October when David Armstrong will lead a walk from Colt Crag. Please note there is no walk on 19th September. All those going to Colt Crag please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917.

JUSTICE & PEACE

A charity concert in aid of 'Walking With' is being held at 7.30pm on Saturday, 16th September at St Edward's Church. The concert features Tyneside A Capella Ladies Chorus plus guests Compass Men's Chorus. Tickets are £7.00 to include a glass of wine or juice and are on sale at our three churches.

MEETINGS

- The next meeting of the Partnership Development Group will be on Wednesday, 13th September.
- The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on Monday, 18th September.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The Our Lady Star of the Sea annual Macmillan coffee morning will take place on Tuesday, 19th September at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church after 10.00am Mass. Please come along and support this very worthwhile cause. We need; cake bakers, scone makers, fairy cake mixers, brownie fixers, traybake slicers, cupcake icers, coffee drinkers, tea sinkers and as many people as possible to come along and donate a few pennies (or pounds!) to Macmillan Cancer Care. Baked goods can be dropped off at Immaculate Heart of Mary before 10.00am Mass. If you are unable to come along, but would like to make a donation, collection boxes will be at the back of each church from this weekend. Thank you.

OTHER NOTICES

A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN WITH SR SHEILA MCNAMARA.

'Encounters with Grace'. On Saturday, 16th September 10.30am - 3.30pm at St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle NE15 7PY. Please book by email at adultformation@diocesehn.org.uk or by phone 0191 2433313.

VISIT TO THE DIOCESE OF THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA AND THE RELICS OF SS FRANCISCO AND JACINTA

On Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th September, the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima along with the Relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta will be visiting St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. Over the weekend there will be time to find out more about the work of WAF as well as the opportunity to spend time in prayer and to venerate the relics. A concelebrated Mass will take place at 12noon on Saturday 16th September where the Statue and Relics will be welcomed and the Diocese consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AOS) – MASS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Celebration of Holy Mass at 12:05pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Friday, 22nd September 2017. An opportunity to pray for seafarers and the work of the AoS in ports in your diocese. A reception will follow the Mass. For more information contact salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

As you may be aware 2017 is being commemorated as the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and a regional event to commemorate this notable anniversary is to be held at Brunswick Methodist Church, NE1 7BJ, on Saturday, 21st October from 2.00 - 5.15pm. There is no charge but if you would like to attend please email andrea.murray@diocesahn.org.uk.

NEWCASTLE MALE CHORUS - ANNUAL CONCERT

The choir are holding their annual concert at 7.00pm at the People's Theatre, Heaton on Saturday, 21st October 2017. Cost £8.00. In addition to the members of our parish who are in the choir, this year's guest soloist Ruth Jenkins-Robertsson is also a parishioner. The proceeds will enable the choir to continue their many charity concerts throughout the next year, some of which have benefited groups in our parish in the past.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 9th September ST PETER CLAVER	9.30am Neary Family 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Frank & Jean Hindmarsh (JS)	
Sunday 10th September 23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Terry Martin (MD)		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 11th September	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 12th September THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY	7.00pm Word & Communion	10.00am George Burn (HS)	
Wednesday 13th September ST JOHN CHRYSOSOTOM	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Donor's Intentions	
Thursday 14th September THE EXHALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	9.30am Word & Communion 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Kathleen Zamuner	
Friday 15th September OUR LADY OF SORROWS	10.00am Requiem Mass Edward Simpson	10.00am Pat Doherty (KY)	
Saturday 16th September SS CORNELIUS AND CYRIAN	9.30am Harry & Peggy Lazzari 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Margaret Murphy (TM)	
Sunday 17th September 24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Kathleen Zamuner		9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISMS	ST EDWARD
Sunday 17th September 12.30pm (Fr Andrew)	Alma Elizabeth Hutchinson

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: Christopher Browne, Fr Anthony Donaghue, Norma Smith, Tatyana Zynovieva, Norah Blewitt, Peter Longstaff and Maureen Langlands. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Lynn Watson, George Donohoe, John Clark, Brian Crumbley, Edward Simpson and Cardinal Murphy O'Connor.

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
23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 10TH SEPTEMBER 2017
The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.

First reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

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

Psalm

Psalm 94:1-2,6-9

*Response: **O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'***

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| 1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. | 3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' |
| 2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. | |

Second reading

Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love your neighbour as yourself*. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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.